

# Helsinki at 50.

## Human Rights, Peace, and Security in Europe in the Perspective of Political Exile as a Non-State Actor in International Politics

Date: **October 22-23, 2025, Prague**

Venue: **Archive of Parliament of the Czech Republic**

(Komunardů 1634/44, Prague 7)



Spíčkový výzkum ve veřejném zájmu

# Wednesday October 22

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## 9:30-11:00 Panel 1: Diverse Interpretations of Human Rights

Helsinki Conference As a "Funeral Ceremony for 100 Million People of Eastern Europe"

Anna Mazurkiewicz

The Network of Yugoslav 'Exiles': Intellectuals and the Interpretations of Human Rights

Una Blagojević

Human Rights and Slovak Political Emigration: Interpretations and Discussions

Michaela Lenčesová

Commentary

Kacper Szulecki

## 11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

## 11:30-13:00 Panel 2: Helsinki in the Perspective of Political Leftist Exiles

The Reflection of the Helsinki Accords by the Czechoslovak Socialist Opposition in Exile

Kristina Andělová

The Spanish Communist Exile in Czechoslovakia Between the Prague Spring and the CSCE (1968-1975)

Maroš Timko

The Czechoslovak Social Democrats in Exile and Hesitation about Policy of Human Rights

Tomáš Zahradníček

Commentary:

Jacques Rupnik

## 13:00-14:15 Lunch Break

## 14:15-15:45 Panel 3: The Role of Information Transfer Across the Iron Curtain

Slovak Broadcast in West and Human Rights After the Helsinki Final Act

Peter Jašek

What Does "Information" Mean in the Case of Human Rights Activism? Romanian Exile Actors As Knowledge Factotums

Ioana Macrea-Toma

From Sceptical Sirens of Helsinki to an Awakened Volcano: Exile (Not Only) Communication Networks and Making the Invisible Visible

Petr Orság

Commentary:

Prokop Tomek

**15:45-16:15** Coffee Break

**16:15-17:45 Panel 4: Multinational Exiles from the USSR**

The Helsinki Process and Hopes for National Revival.  
Belarusian Émigré Publishing in London After 1975

Mediating between the West and Russia as  
a Political or Humanitarian Act: Discussions  
and Practices in Pavel Litvinov's Circle

A Lifeline to the West: Exchange and Cooperation between  
Ants Kippar's Relief Centre for Estonian Prisoners of  
Conscience and the Soviet Estonian Dissident Community

Commentary:

Dinner

Tatsiana Astrouskaya

Olga Rosenblum

Lars Fredrik Stöcker

Michal Kopeček

## Thursday October 23

**9:30-10:45 Panel 5: Interpretation of the Helsinki Process in Exiles**

Fighting Goliath: Revisiting the Story of the Paris-Based  
Ligue for the Defence of Human Rights in Romania

Between Geopolitical Fantasies and Foreign Policy Blueprints:  
Central European Exilic Intellectuals and the Post-Cold War Order

Commentary:

Ana-Maria Cătănuș  
(co-author Dan Cătănuș)

Kacper Szulecki

Matěj Bílý

**10:45-11:15** Coffee Break

**11:15-12:30 Panel 6: Exile, Opposition, and Memory**

Prisons and Labor Camps Themes in Bulgarian  
Exile Literature (1970-1989): Traumatic Memory as  
a Discursive Instrument of Psychological Warfare

1956 Exiles and the Hungarian Opposition

Commentary:

Jakub Mikulecký

András Mink

Petra Loučová

**12:30-13:45** Lunch Break

**13:45-15:15** **Panel 7: Human Rights as a Tool of Political Exiles' Lobbying in the West**

The Romanian Exiles in the United Kingdom in the 1980s: The Campaigns to Defend Human Rights and Stop the Systematization of Villages

Mioara Anton

The Human Rights Issue in the anti-Communist Croatian Emigration

Bernd Robioneck

Jan Nowak-Jeziorański's Role in Shaping a Pro-Polish Lobby in the U.S. During the 1970s and 1980s

Jakub Tyszkiewicz

Commentary:

Ondřej Vojtěchovský

**15:15-16:15** **Final Debate**

Visit to **OSCE Documentation Centre in Prague**  
(Náměstí Borise Němcova 529/2, 160 00 Prague)

Dinner

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