

New York University Prague, Department of North American Studies at the Institute of International Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, and **Forum 2000** would like to cordially invite you to the international conference

# 1989-2019: THIRTY YEARS OF CZECH AMERICAN RELATIONS

**Date:** Friday, November 1, 2019

**Venue:** The Baroque Refectory of the Dominican Monastery

**Address:** Jilská 5, Prague 1 - Old Town

9:00 – **Welcome** by **Jiří Pehe** (NYU) and **Jan Hornát** (Charles University)

9:10 – **Keynote Speech** by **Jeffrey Gedmin**, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of *The American Interest*, Washington, D.C.

9:30 – **Panel One – Coming Back Together. An Evaluation of the Three Decades:**

- ⇒ **John Glenn**, US Global Leadership Coalition, Washington, D.C.
- ⇒ **Martina Klicperová-Baker**, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague
- ⇒ **Jiří Pehe**, New York University Prague
- ⇒ **Jan Švejnár**, Columbia University, New York and CERGE-EI, Prague
- ⇒ **Mary Thompson-Jones**, US Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
- ⇒ Ambassador **Alexandr Vondra**, Member of European Parliament
- ⇒ Ambassador **Michael Žantovský**, Václav Havel Library
- ⇒ Moderated by **Jan Hornát**, Charles University

11:00 – Coffee and Refreshments

11:15 – **Interview: “Those Were the Days, My Friend...”**

**Tomáš Klvaňa** (NYU) interviews **Jolyon Naegele**, former Voice of America Correspondent on the challenges of covering Central Europe in the dying days of communism

12:00 – **Panel Two – Drifting Apart. The Looming Challenges in Transatlantic Relations:**

- ⇒ **Jamie Fly**, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague
- ⇒ **Jeffrey Gedmin**, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.
- ⇒ **Steven Kashkett**, Anglo-American University, Prague
- ⇒ **Tomáš Klvaňa**, NYU Prague
- ⇒ **Kryštof Kozák**, Charles University, Prague
- ⇒ **Josef Zieleniec**, NYU Prague
- ⇒ Moderated by **Jan Hornát**, Charles University

1:30 – Lunch

Conference ends at 2.30 p.m.

**Space is limited. Please RSVP by October 25 at [prgconference@gmail.com](mailto:prgconference@gmail.com)**

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

### Our Keynote Speaker Jeffrey Gedmin

Dr. Jeffrey Gedmin is editor-in-chief of *The American Interest* and CEO of the TAI Group. From 2015 to 2018, he was senior adviser at Blue Star Strategies. From 2011 to 2014, Gedmin was President and CEO of the London-based Legatum Institute. Prior to joining the Legatum Institute in early 2011, Gedmin served for four years as President and CEO of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) headquartered in Prague. Before RFE/RL, Gedmin served as President and CEO of the Aspen Institute in Berlin. Before that, he was Resident Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in Washington, D.C and Executive Director of the New Atlantic Initiative. He is the author/editor of several books, including *The Hidden Hand: Gorbachev and the Collapse of East Germany* (1992).

### Our Interviewee Jolyon Naegele

Mr. Naegele is a former East Europe correspondent of the Voice of America. He studied IR, focusing on Soviet bloc (BA 1976 from CCNY, MA 1978 SAIS/JHU); Czech language at SSEES/UL (1974-75). He was a VOA correspondent between 1984-94, he covered decline and collapse of Communist rule in Eastern Europe, the disintegration of the USSR and Yugoslavia and Czechoslovak's "velvet divorce". He also worked as a senior editor and analyst for West Balkan affairs at RFE/RL in Prague (1996-2003). From 2003, held political affairs posts at UNMIK, including chief political affairs officer from 2007 until his retirement from the UN in 2017. Since then, he has been researching the files of the Czechoslovak secret police (StB)

### Our Distinguished Panelists – Panel One

#### John Glenn

Dr. Glenn is Policy Director of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, a bipartisan advocacy coalition of over 500 businesses and humanitarian NGOs (“from Boeing to Bread for the World”) that advocates for American global engagement with the U.S. Congress and Executive Branch including the National Security Council, State Department, and US Agency for International Development. He teaches the graduate seminar on transatlantic relations at Georgetown University’s Walsh School of Foreign Service and serves as a member of the Halifax International Security Forum Agenda Working Group. He previously served as Director of Foreign Policy at the German Marshall Fund of the United States where he led programs to promote greater transatlantic cooperation and understanding during the crisis over the war in Iraq, and as Executive Director of the Council for European Studies. He has written numerous articles, briefs, and books on foreign policy, global development, transatlantic relations, and democratization. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from Harvard University and B.A. from Oberlin College.

#### Martina Klicperová-Baker

Dr. Klicperová-Baker is a research scholar of the Institute of Psychology, the Czech Academy of Sciences; she is also affiliated with San Diego State University in the USA. Her research focuses mainly on political psychology (psychology of democracy, political culture, democratic citizenship, transition to democracy). She strives to stress the humanistic aspect of psychology.

She has served in the Governing Council of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP in 2006-2008) and in the Executive Committee of the International Union of Psychological Science (2016-); she heads the Political Psychology section of

the Czech-Moravian Psychology Society; she is active as a convener and organizer of international congresses, e.g. as the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the upcoming International Congress of Psychology - ICP 2020 in Prague. Following the democratic Velvet Revolution of 1989, she served as the Head of Foreign Relations Office, Charles University, Faculty of Arts, Prague (1990-1991), she was active in introducing international student programs (e.g., programs for the American students in Prague by the Council on International Educational Exchange - CIEE). She has acted as the principal investigator of funded projects focusing on democratic culture and its psychological prerequisites. Her teaching experience includes Stanford University (Department of Psychology and Extended Studies), San Diego State University (Psychology, Political Science), Arizona State University (Psychology), and Charles University (Psychology and CIEE classes). She is an author and co-author of many academic publications, the most relevant to this conference is her booklet "Czech–American Relations: Shared history, compatibility of attitudes and the importance of democracy" which can be freely accessed and downloaded from the website of the Institute of Psychology at [www.psu.cas.cz](http://www.psu.cas.cz) the Publications section.

### **Jiří Pehe**

Dr. Pehe is Director of NYU Prague. From September 1997 to May 1999, he was Director of the Political Department of Czech President Vaclav Havel and later served as President Havel's adviser. Previously he served as Director of Central European Research at the Research Institute of RFE/RL in Munich, Germany He is a political analyst and the author of six books on politics as well as four novels. He has written extensively on developments in Eastern Europe for American, Czech, and German periodicals and academic journals.

### **Jan Švejnar**

Dr. Švejnar is the James T. Shotwell Professor of Global Political Economy and Director of the Center on Global Economic Governance at Columbia University. He is also a founder and Chairman of CERGE-EI in Prague. He is a Fellow of the European Economic Association and Research Fellow of the Center for Economic Policy Research (London) and Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn. From 1992 to 1997, Professor Svejnar served as the Founding Director of the Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. He also served as Co-Director of the Transition Programme at the Center for Economic Policy Research in London, President of the Association for Comparative Economic Studies, Associate Editor of the Journal of Economic Perspectives, editor of the Economics of Transition, Governing Board member of the European Economic Association, and Economic Advisor to President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic. In 2008 he was one of two presidential candidates in the Czech Republic. Prior to joining the faculty of Columbia University, Jan Svejnar was the Everett E. Berg Professor of Business Administration and Director of the William Davidson Institute at the Ross School of Business, Professor of Economics, and Professor and Director of the International Policy Center at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Before Michigan, Jan Svejnar was professor at the University of Pittsburgh and Cornell University. He received his BS from Cornell University and his MA and PhD in Economics from Princeton University.

### **Mary Thompson-Jones**

Dr. Thompson-Jones is career diplomat, professor, and published author on U.S. foreign policy and the practice of diplomacy. Her diplomatic experience spans a 23-year career as a foreign-service officer in leadership roles in the Czech Republic, Canada, Guatemala, Spain, and Washington, D.C. She retired with the rank of Minister-Counselor and is the recipient of several Superior and Meritorious Honor awards. Before coming to the U.S. Naval War College, she directed a master's program at Northeastern University.

the founding members of the Civic Forum, and later he served as a spokesman, press secretary and advisor to President Václav Havel. Ambassador Antovský also translated more than fifty works of fiction, drama and poetry, of mostly contemporary American and British writers.

### **Jan Hornát**

Dr. Hornát serves as Head of North American Studies Department of the IIS of the FSS at Charles University, Prague. He specializes in U.S. foreign policy, transatlantic relations and democratization and holds a Ph.D. in Area Studies. He is also a Research Fellow at the Institute of International Relations in Prague. Before joining academia in 2015, Mr. Hornát served as Head of Unit at the Department of European Programs of the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic. His articles have recently appeared in journals such as the Cambridge Review of International Affairs, The National Interest and Communist and Post-Communist Studies. Mr. Hornát's most recent monograph is titled *Transatlantic Democracy Assistance: Promoting Different Models of Democracy* (Routledge: 2019). He is a frequent contributor to Czech media and a member of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University.

### **Tomáš Klvaňa**

Dr. Klvaňa is a Visiting Professor at New York University Prague and Senior International Management Consultant. He served as Spokesman and Policy Adviser for President of the Czech Republic and Special Czech Government Coordinator for Communications of the Missile Defense Program. He was a Shorenstein Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Dr. Klvaňa founded Aspen Institute Prague and is a member of its International Advisory Board. He holds a Ph. D. from University of Minnesota and M.A. from Charles University in Prague. In 2012 he received Distinguished Leadership Award For Internationals from University of Minnesota. He frequently publishes commentaries and analyses in international and Czech media. He published three books: *Marina. Russian Story* (*Marina. Ruský příběh*, 2011), *The Trump Phenomenon* (*Fenomén Trump*, 2016), and *Perhaps Even Dictator Will Show Up* (*Možná přijde i diktátor*, 2017).

## **Panel Two**

### **Jamie Fly**

Mr. Fly has just been appointed as President of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Prague. Prior to his appointment, Fly served as a senior fellow, co-director of the Alliance for Security Democracy, and director of the Future of Geopolitics and Asia programs at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He served as counselor for Foreign and National Security Affairs to Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) from 2013-17, serving as his foreign policy advisor during his presidential campaign. Prior to joining Senator Rubio's staff in February 2013, he served as the executive director of the Foreign Policy Initiative (FPI) from its founding in early 2009. Prior to joining FPI, Fly served in the Bush administration at the National Security Council (2008-09) and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (2005-08). His articles and reviews have been published in a wide variety of outlets in the United States and Europe. For his work in the Department of Defense, he was awarded the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service. Fly received a B.A. in international studies and political science from American University and an M.A. in German and European studies from Georgetown University.

### **Steven Kashkett**

Mr. Kashkett's 35-year career as a senior U.S. diplomat gave him the opportunity to serve in key positions at U.S. embassies in Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as at the United Nations. His areas of specialization included counterterrorism, human rights, political reform, democracy promotion, counter-narcotics, immigration, and U.S. relations with Europe. After retiring from the diplomatic service last year, Steve moved back to Prague, where he had served as the U.S. Chargé d'Affaires until 2016. He now teaches contemporary U.S. foreign policy at Charles University and the Anglo-American University.

### **Kryštof Kozák**

Dr. Kozák is the head of the Department of North American studies at the Institute International Studies at Charles University. The main topics of his interest are US-Mexican bilateral relations, effects of North American economic integration and globalization on public policy in Mexico and the United States, issues of legal and illegal migration from Mexico to the US, drug trafficking as a problem of national and international politics or the problem of asymmetric collective memory in Mexico and the United States. He also focuses on the interrelation of law and politics in the United States, US economy in global context, transatlantic economic, political and cultural relations.

### **Josef Zieleniec**

Dr. Zieleniec currently teaches at NYU Prague. Josef Zieleniec spent the greater part of his professional career working as an economist. Prior to the political change in 1989 he worked in the Institute of Economics of the Czechoslovak Academy of Science. In 1990 Josef Zieleniec founded together with prof. Švejnar the Center of Economic Research and Education CERGE at the Charles University in Prague and was its first director. He is the co-founder of the Civic Democratic Party (ODS) and the Vice Chairman of the party since 1991. Since 1992 he acted as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, and in 1996-97 as the Deputy Prime Minister. He was politically independent member of the Senate since 2000, and member of the European Parliament in 2004 – 2009. During his political activity Josef Zieleniec focused his efforts on consolidation of the position of the newly constituted independent Czech Republic, after the division of the Czechoslovakia in the January 1993, on European Integration-related topics, transatlantic relations and fighting against corruption.