

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF RECTORS CONFERENCE

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University and the Republic: 100 years of Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic

Legacy of Democracy, Humanism and Responsibility

Date: October 24 – 25, 2018

Location: Patriotic Hall, Carolinum, Charles University

Participation: Representatives of academia from Charles University, rectors and their counterparts from partner universities, representatives of the state and public life

24 October

13:30 Registration

14:00 Opening

Prof. **Tomáš Zima**, MD., DSc., Rector of Charles University

Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

Prof. Dr. **Lenka Ravná**, Vice - Rector for European Affairs

14:10 Introduction by leaders of international university associations and networks:
UNICA, Coimbra Group, Europaeum, LERU

Prof. **Luciano Saso** – President UNICA

Prof. **Ludovic Thilly** – Chair Coimbra Group

Dr. **Hartmut Mayer** – Director EUROPAEUM

Prof. **Kurt Deketelaere** – Secretary General LERU

14:30 **100 years of Czechoslovakia in Europe and the world**

Prof. **Martin Kovář**, PhD., Vice- Rector for Public Affairs

14:45 **University, Masaryk and the state**

Doc. **Petr Pithart**, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Debate

15:30 Coffee break

I) *Legacy of Democracy*

15:50

Chair: Prof. **Aleš Gerloch**, PhD., Vice-Rector for Academic Appointments

Universities in troubled world

Prof. **Louise Richardson**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford

Universities in free market societies

Prof. **Luc Sels**, Rector, KU Leuven

Universities as a space for independent discussion

Prof. **Karol Mičieta**, PhD., Rector, Comenius University in Bratislava

Universities as speakers of truth

Prof. **Bert van der Zwaan**, Rector Magnificus, Utrecht University

Debate

19:00 Dinner

25 October

II) *Legacy of Humanism*

9:00

Chair: Prof. MUDr. **Milena Králíčková**, PhD., Vice-Rector for Education

Education towards democracy and humanism

Prof. **Sally Mapstone**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St. Andrews

Economics and Humanism

Prof. **Jean-Robert Tyran**, Vice - Rector, University of Vienna

Humans and humanism

Prof. **Zdzisław Mach**, Ph.D., Dean, Jagiellonian University

The search for truth in “post-truth” society

Prof. **Brigid Laffan**, Ph.D., Director, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute

Trustworthy science. Impact and other temptations

Prof. Dr. **Axel Freimuth**, Rector, University of Cologne

10:30 Coffee break

III) Legacy of Responsibility

10:50

Chair: Prof. Dr. **Lenka Rovníá**, Vice – Rector for European Affairs

Role of academics in politics

José Manuel Durão Barroso, Former President of European Commission

Third role of universities in the modern world

Prof. Dr. **Hans-Jochen Schiewer**, Rector, University of Freiburg

Universities and society. Leading by example

Prof. Dr. **Michael Hengartner**, President, University of Zurich

European Universities – model for others?

Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Higher Education Unit, European Commission

Debate

12:20 Closing Remarks

Prof. **Tomáš Zima**, MD., DSc., Rector

12:30 Lunch

15:00 **Festive Gathering of the Academic Community – Magna Aula**

Participants are invited to wear their academic gowns during the ceremony.

16:30 Reception

Programme - subject to change.



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