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I would like to invite you to the international conference

POLITICS – INTERESTS – ENERGY
Energy crises, security and society in Central Europe in the 20th century

Date:
Thursday and Friday 14th and 15th of September 2023

Location:
National Archives, Archivní 2257/4, 149 00 Prague 4,
Congress Hall and Lecture Hall,
with the option of online entry for foreign speakers

Transport connections:
Chodovec bus stop,
buses no. 115, 125, 136, 170, 203 and 213

Conference languages:
Czech, Slovak, English, German
and Ukrainian (without translation)
## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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**BLOCK I. Energy and its contexts in Central Europe in the 20th century (Congress Hall)**
Moderator: Bohumil JIROUŠEK

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**BLOCK II. From interwar unrest to wartime devastation (Congress Hall)**
Moderator: Stanislav HOLUBEC

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Moderator: Zlatica ZUDOVÁ-LEŠKOVÁ

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13:20–13:40 David HUBENÝ — Andrej TÔTH (Prague): Development of electricity companies in Carpathian Ruthenia in the years 1938–1944

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13:50–14:10 Василь МІЩАНИН (Uzhhorod): Політико-економічні процеси розвитку електроенергетики в Закарпатській Україні (1944—1945 pp.). Political-economic processes of the development of the energy industry in Zakarpattia, Ukraine (1944—1945)


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BLOCK IV. Sources for knowledge of the energy industry (Lecture Hall)
Moderator: Pavel DUFEK

15:10–15:30 František FRŇKA (Prague): Archives of the Czech Republic, Fuel-energy bases after 1945 in the National Archives

15:30–15:50 Михайло МІСЮК (Uzhhorod): Фонди про електрифікацію та енергетику Підкарпатської Русі/Закарпаття в Державному архіві Закарпатської області. Funds for electrification and the energy industry in Carpathian Ruthenia/Zakarpattia in the State Archives of the Zakarpattia Region.

15:50–16:10 Tomáš KOWALSKI (Bratislava): Electricity and monuments: mutual relationship lines of force in the mirror of the state monument protection agenda in Slovakia

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Moderator: Naděžda KRUGLOVÁ


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Moderator: Frank HADLER

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9:25—9:50 Maximilian GRAF (Vienna): Die Schuldenkrise der DDR, die Sowjetunion und der Westen

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Moderator: Jaroslav Valkoun

12:20–12:40  Marek Krejčí (Prague): Energy crisis in Czechoslovakia after 1945

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13:00–13:20  Pavel Fousek (Prague): Franco-German Competition for Saarland, or the Battle for Black Gold

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13:50–14:10  Julia Mead (Chicago): Frozen Assets: Czechoslovakia’s 1979 Blizzard and the Energetic Social Contract of Late Socialism [online]

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BLOCK VII. Energy policy between reality and ideology – panel discussion (Congress Hall)

15:10–15:40  Panel discussion
Frank Hadler – Stanislav Holubec – Emil Voráček

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