

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

- 13:15 **Registration**
- 14:00 **Opening**
Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc., Rector, Charles University
Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality
Prof. Dr. Lenka Ravná, Vice-Rector for European Affairs, Charles University
- 14:10 **Introduction by leaders of international university associations and networks: UNICA, Coimbra Group, Europaeum, LERU**
Chair: Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc., Rector of Charles University
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, Charles University
- 14:45 **University, Masaryk and the state**
Doc. Petr Pithart, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
Debate
- 15:10 **Family Photo, Aula Magna**
- 15:30 Coffee break

I) Legacy of Democracy

15:50 **Chair: Prof. Aleš Gerloch, PhD.**, Vice-Rector for Academic Appointments, Charles University

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 (registered participants)

25 October

II) Legacy of Humanism

9:00 **Chair: Prof. MUDr. Milena Králíčková, PhD.**, Vice-Rector for Education, Charles University

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. Zdzislaw 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

Debate

10:30 Coffee break

III) Legacy of Responsibility

10:50 **Chair: Prof. Dr. Lenka Rovná**, Vice-Rector for European Affairs, Charles University

Role of academics in politics

José Manuel Durão Barroso, Former President of the 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, Aula Magna**

Participants are invited to wear their academic gowns during the ceremony

16:30 **Reception**

The official language of the conference is English.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.

Programme is subject to change