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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
PROGRAM

SOLIDARITY, STABILITY AND SECURITY IN POST-FACTUAL TIMES

Interdisciplinary Seminar and Workshop for Czech and German Young Professionals

Thursday, 7 September – Sunday, 10 September 2017
Passau, Germany / České Budějovice, Czech Republic

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About CGYPP

The Czech-German Young Professionals Program (CGYPP) is an international network for young professionals from Germany and the Czech Republic. The program links the fields of academia, business, media, public administration bodies and NGOs. Thirteen young professionals from Germany and the Czech Republic are invited to participate in a yearly series of workshops and to collaborate on relevant economic, political and social issues. Participants have a unique opportunity to enter into discussion with distinguished experts and to acquire practical advice, ideas and stimulus for their future professional careers. CGYPP brings together people with varying professional backgrounds. By exchanging and sharing experience and perspectives, participants will not only broaden their horizons but will also increase their social capital. In 2017 the program will be held for the 8th time.

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Program

Thursday, 7 September 2017

Before 15:30	Arrival of all participants to Passau (D) & check-in *Venue: IBB Hotel Passau* *Bahnhofstrasse 24, 940 32 Passau*
15:30 – 16:45	**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAMME** **Zuzana Lizcová, Václav Bacovský**, AMO **Weronika Priesmeyer-Tkocz**, European Academy Berlin *Venue: IBB Hotel Passau*
17:00 – 18:30	**GERMAN POLITICS IN THE ELECTION YEAR** Discussion with **Christian Flisek**, MP/SPD CSU representative (TBC) *Venue: IBB Hotel Passau*
19:00 – 20:00	**WALK AROUND THE CITY CENTRE OF PASSAU** Guided by CGYPP-participants **Jürgen Gradl** **Sarah Polewsky**
20:00	Dinner *Venue: Altes Bräuhaus* *Bräugasse 5, Passau*

Friday, 8 September 2017

08:00	Transfer to Prachatice (CZ)

10:30 – 12:00

PROJECT "ŽIVÁ VILA"

On-site Visit, Guided Tour and Discussion with
Barbora Staňková, Živá Vila Association
Venue: Vila J.N. Krale
Nádražní 364, Prachatice

12:15 – 13:00

Lunch
Venue: Pivovar Prachatice
Horní 174, Prachatice

Transfer to České Budějovice (CZ)

15:00 – 16:30

VISIT OF THE ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE CITY HALL

Discussion with
Jiří Svoboda, Mayor
Followed by Guided Tour
Venue: City Hall
Náměstí Přemysla Otakara II. 1/1, České Budějovice

17:00 – 18:30

SELF-SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

Discussion with
Pavel Podruh, Český ostrovní dům
Jitka Buusová, E.ON
Venue: E.ON Poradenské centrum
F.A. Gerstnera 2151/6, České Budějovice

19:30

PUBLIC SCREENING OF THE FILM HIP HOP-ERATION

Followed by Public Discussion about ageing society
Barbora Jílková, One World Festival Coordinator
Venue: Horká vana – kulturní klub
Česká 7, České Budějovice

Saturday, 9 September 2017

10:00 **VISIT OF TEMELÍN NUCLEAR POWER STATION**

Venue: Jaderná elektrárna Temelín
373 05 Temelín

12:30 – 14:30 **DEALING WITH THE TOPIC OF MIGRATION IN SOUTH BOHEMIA**

Working Lunch with
Tereza Dobiášová, Sladovna Písek
Salim Murad, University of South Bohemia
Venue: Hotel Podhrad
Náměstí Čsl. armády 30, Hluboká nad Vltavou

15:30 – 17:00 **ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN CURRENT CZECH SOCIETY**

Discussion with
Libor Grubhoffer, Former Rector, University of South Bohemia
Venue: E.ON Poradenské centrum
F.A. Gerstnera 2151/6, České Budějovice

17:30 Dinner & **INTERNAL WORKSHOP**

Venue: E.ON Poradenské centrum
F.A. Gerstnera 2151/6, České Budějovice

Sunday, 10 September 2017

10:00 – 11:30 **FEEDBACK & WRAP-UP**

Zuzana Lizcová, Václav Bacovský, AMO
Weronika Priesmeyer-Tkocz, European Academy Berlin
Venue: Savoy Hotel
Bedřicha Smetany 2719/1a, České Budějovice

12:00 Lunch & Departure

Venue: Savoy Hotel
Bedřicha Smetany 2719/1a, České Budějovice

Participants' Bios

Simon Backovsky

Simon was born in 1981 in Prague. He studied social, economic and legal history and political sciences at the University of Bonn and the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. He worked for the German market-leading communication agency PLEON and at the Centre for European Integration Studies (ZEI) in Bonn. In 2013 he was a Ph.D. candidate and junior lecturer in Nationalism-studies at the University of Bonn. He obtained scholarship of the government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and a Ph.D. Grant of The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. Since 2015 he works as a coordinator at the "Scholarships and Culture" department of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Berlin. He supervises the foundations scholarship fellows from Central and Eastern Europe and is in charge of various projects in the field of European, security and development policy.

Jürgen Gradl

Jürgen was born and raised right next to the Czech boarder in Tirschenreuth. After finishing secondary school, he attended the University of Passau, where he studied Business and International Cultural Studies, specializing in migration and social integration. At the end of his studies, Jürgen signed up for the BOHEMICUM, a one-year intensive program focusing on Czech language and culture. After finishing it, he worked for about a year in Plzen and Prague before he took up his current position as project manager at the Technical University of Munich. Apart from his job, he is currently working with other like-minded people on an initiative to foster solidarity in society.

Martin Hartmann

Martin is a research scientist and a driven person. He works as a transportation engineer with a primary focus on transport planning and policy. Martin is pursuing his Ph.D. degree in transportation science at Karlsruhe University of Technology, with interest in traffic modelling and autonomous vehicles. Throughout his professional and private life, he found himself immersed in different cultures what raised his interest in the international affairs and development. When he is not attending any fencing competition on the weekend, you could find him giving a fencing class at a local university club. In his spare time, he enjoys backpacking, hitchhiking or cooking international dishes.

Petra Kouřimská

Petra studied English and German philology in Olomouc, Berlin and Vienna. During her studies, she did many internships, e.g. for the national public television in Berlin or the national culture institute Czech Center in The Netherlands. As a liaison officer of the Czech office of the Government, she contributed to the country's first Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2009. As a personal assistant of the main campaign manager she participated also in the first direct election of the Czech president in 2013. In 2012, she was chosen for the International Parliamentary Scholarship granted by the German Federal Parliament Bundestag. From 2013 to 2016, she was responsible for public diplomacy, cultural and press affairs at the Royal Danish Embassy in Prague. She now works as a Communications and Marketing Manager for a private company in Bratislava.

Kathrin Lichtenberg

Kathrin was born in the middle of Bavaria in 1980 and grew up in her hometown Ingolstadt. After graduating at high school, she studied Political Sciences – mostly with a close look towards the MEE-Countries and Europe in general. Throughout different activities (Slavonic Summer School in Olomouc, Erasmus in Slovakia, EVS in Plzen), her interests in Czech culture, language and mentality was always accompanied by warm-hearted hospitality and great experiences. Now she is happy to continue with new fellows in ambitious atmosphere, discussing current topics and exciting questions in bilateral community.

Ruben Müller

Ruben works as a Social Worker for Caritasverband Gießen e.V in the Children and Youth Home St. Stephanus. He supports minor unaccompanied refugees during the first weeks of their stay in Germany. At the University of Applied Science Darmstadt and the University of Applied Science Kiel he studied Social Work. During a DAAD founded summer school he discovered his interest in Russia and returned for an internship at the Orphanage Malyshok in Ulan-Ude near Lake Baikal. Shortly after his experience acquired abroad he began to work as a Lector for German as foreign language and Social Work for the Robert-Bosch-Foundation at the Gorno-Altaysk-State-University.

Michael Murad

Michael works as project manager for Czech NGO Eutis, o.p.s. which is active in the field of civic education and education about European topics. Eutis is a part of European Network for Education and Training – EUNET e.V. and thanks to this is involved in various international educational projects for students with partner organizations from different European countries. Michael is also Ph.D. student of political science at Masaryk University in Brno, where he teaches in several courses. He graduated in Security and Strategic Studies at Masaryk University where he also received his BA in Political Sciences and European Studies. He spent a semester at the Utrecht University in Netherlands and in 2014 he also graduated in law and legal science at Masaryk University. His research interests include migration and transnational activities of foreigners in the Czech Republic and extremism of foreigners. Michael also closely cooperates with other NGOs and governmental organizations.

Barbora Petrová

Barbora is a strategic and political communications consultant. She specialises in strategic corporate and political communication, public relations and reputation building at the leadership level. She participated in and led several election campaigns, coached politicians and government officials for public and media appearances in various countries in the CEE. She enjoys writing public speeches and helping politicians and corporations to improve their brand by storytelling and developing and enhancing their public relations programs. Barbora also holds Ph.D. in the political science and lectures at the Masaryk University in Brno. She was awarded the Chevening Scholarship to study at the LSE in London and also the Fulbright Scholarship for the American University in Washington, DC. She loves old-school movie-theatres, cosy cafés, fiction books, Moravian mountains, dancing and travelling.

Sarah Polewsky

Sarah works as a project coordinator in the field of International cultural policy for the Austrian Cultural Forum Prague, where she is also responsible for the trilateral German language film festival Das Filmfest. Apart from bringing the latest films from Germany, Austria and Switzerland to the Czech Republic, the festival aims to further the cultural exchange between the local audience and the participating countries and to reflect current social topics in its dramaturgy. Sarah graduated from the University of Passau in Intercultural Business and Cultural Studies with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe and is an alumnus of the program Bohemicum Regensburg-Passau. She spent part of her studies at the University of Sheffield and at the Charles University in Prague and kept returning to Prague for research and internships. In her spare time, she recharges with dance and all kinds of outdoor sports and, coming from the North-West of Germany, she is an advocate of urban cycling in Prague.

Annegret Schneider

Annegret designs and facilitates interactive workshops on political topics in Germany and abroad. Since 2010 she has been working at planpolitik, a small company in the field of political education. She develops simulation games and other educational formats and coordinates Europe-related projects. She studied in Bremen, Prague, Brno and Frankfurt (Oder) and holds a master's degree in European studies. Annegret lives in Berlin.

Lucie Streitová

Lucie has been working for the energy company E.ON Czech in the marketing department for five years. She is responsible for marketing events for customers and public, give-aways or merchandising, and a lot of other ad hoc projects. Last year she finished her Master's degree at University of South Bohemia in management and business economic.

Jana Urbanovská

Jana graduated in Political Science and European Studies at Faculty of Arts at Palacký University Olomouc. During her studies she participated in two-term stay at Friedrich-Schiller Universität (Jena) and one-term stay at Philipps-Universität (Marburg a/d Lahn) in Germany. She finished her Doctoral degree in International Relations at the Faculty of Social Studies at Masaryk University in 2012 by defending her doctoral thesis on the UN peacekeeping operations. She currently works as an assistant professor at the Department of International Relations and European Studies at the FSS at Masaryk University and as an academic researcher at the International Institute of Political Science also at Masaryk University. In her research she focuses mainly on German foreign and security policy, EU security policy and United Nations peacekeeping.

Speakers & Institutions

Christian Flisek

Christian Flisek (SPD) is Member of the German Parliament (Bundestag) since 2013. He studied law and business administration in Passau, Santiago de Compostela (Spain) und Lublin (Poland). He served as assistant professor at the Passau University (2001-2004) and since 2003 as a lawyer in his firm in Passau, Deggendorf and Altötting. Since 2013 he chairs the SPD organization in Lower Bavaria (Niederbayern).

Živá Vila

Živá Vila is a small NGO, which was founded to save a former family residence of the businessman Johann Nepomuk Kral. His villa was built in the years 1931-1932 and is a rare example of modern European architecture. The city of Prachatice plans to tear down the building due to construction of a new road.

Jiří Svoboda

Jiří Svoboda is statutory representative of the City of České Budějovice. As a mayor he is responsible for municipal police, crisis management, function of mayor's office, control and audit, strategic planning, heating company České Budějovice and forests and ponds of the town of České Budějovice. He is a member of ANO 2011 movement.

Český Ostrovní Dům

Český Ostrovní Dům (Czech Off-Grid Houses) is a replicable grass-rooting acceleration platform for sustainability transition going from bottom to the top. Philosophical and practical mindset vehicle for overcoming public skepticism towards green solutions and turning it to fandom and excitement. Case study of the beginning of a game-changing journey.

Pavel Podruh

Pavel Podruh has graduated at Empire State College, NY, followed by CEMS Institute with Major in International management. Worked as strategist at Ogilvy and SABMiller, later entrepreneur and founder of the Czech Off-Grid Houses platform, which aims to accelerate the transition to sustainable architecture methods. His platform is responsible for development of the largest student architecture competition focused on sustainability and cleaner solutions in CEE region. Along with top professionals and students, it is also dedicated to R&D of two small off-grid prototypes to be built in 2018 as a public showcase and concept proof for further mainstream roll-out. In 2016 he received prestigious UN Award for helping to fulfill global sustainable goals (SDGs). Within 2 years his platform's message reached over 2 million Czechs through social media, PR and public events and boosted demand for cleaner solutions and innovative energy systems nationwide. Pavel is also passionate musician and singer, who received Czech Grammy Award for the best album of the year.

Energy Globe

Energy Globe is worldwide the most important award related to energy saving and environmental protection (177 participating countries). E.ON initiated the contest in the Czech Republic in 2008. The aim of the award is to increase attractiveness of efficient use of energy and awareness of energy savings among the general public. The winning projects will receive valuable prizes, prestige and media interest.

One World

One World International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival is organized by People in Need, a Czech NGO. Besides the main festival held in Prague, there is also One World in Regions, which travels to towns throughout the Czech Republic, One World in Brussels, and One World in Schools that uses films in elementary and high-school education and organizes school screenings and other outreach projects. One World has grown over the years to become the largest human rights film festival in the world. It is one of the leading cultural events in Prague and the Czech Republic.

Barbora Jílková

Barbora Jílková studied History and Archives at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice. Yet during her studies she worked at the European Union Information Centre and through cultural evenings she presented individual EU countries the public. After completing her studies, she joined a private company as Project Manager, where she gained broad experience in grant applications and project administration. At present, she works as a Chief Operating Officer at the Kredance society and provides the society's overall operation, fund-raising and artistic dramaturgy, and actively participates in the production of cultural activities throughout the year. At the same time she is the main coordinator of the One World České Budějovice Documentary Film Festival on human rights.

Temelín

Temelín Nuclear Power Station (Czech: Jaderná elektrárna Temelín, abbreviation JETE) is located near Temelín, a small village in the Czech Republic. Temelín NPP is owned by ČEZ Group, which employs 1000 workers at this site. The adjacent castle Vysoký Hrádek serves as an information centre.

Tereza Dobiášová

After graduating from Academy of Performing Arts as a Theatre Dramaturge and Director and short professional career in professional theatres, Tereza Dobiášová started (in 2007 in Ceske Budejovice) an NGO, Children of Color, aiming at social inclusion through theatre and culture (targeted mainly on inclusion of foreigners). This she lead, both as an organizational as well as artistic leader, till 2012. In 2012 she became a director of cultural organization in Pisek, Sladovna, which she successfully shaped into cultural and educational institution targeted on children. In her work she often transforms socially sensitive topics into generally accepted and successful projects combining art, fun, education and topics to be discussed. She is also a Board member of Hands On! International Association of Children in Museums, artist and a mother of 10 years old daughter.

Salim Murad

Salim Murad has been teaching at New York University in Prague since 2007. His main research topics involve ethnic stereotypes in Czech advertising and media and migration. Salim Murad also teaches in the Political Science Department of the Faculty of Education of the University of South Bohemia, where he started working in 2000. He is a course coordinator and lecturer of the university's teaching module in the European Union MA Program in Migration and Intercultural Relations. Salim Murad has worked on projects for UNHCR Czech Republic and the Human Rights Education Centre of Charles University in Prague. In 2010, Murad earned a PhD in Theory of Politics from the Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovak Republic). Murad graduated in 2000 from the Faculty of Social Studies at Masaryk University in Brno with a MA degree in Political Science. From April to June 2003, Murad was a Visiting Fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford. His research there dealt with the issue of asylum in the Czech Republic since the fall of Communism and access to the EU. He also studied at the Institute of Political Science at Copenhagen University in 2004.

Libor Grubhoffer

Libor Grubhoffer graduated in biochemistry from Faculty of Science, Charles University, Prague and got his Ph.D. in microbiology and virology at the Institute of Sera and Vaccines, Prague. Since 1987 he has been working as research scientist at the Institute of Parasitology, CAS, České Budějovice. In 1991 he was appointed head of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology of Vectors and Pathogens, Institute of Parasitology, CAS. Between 1994 and 2002 he served as director of the Institute. In 2001 he was appointed Professor in molecular and cellular biology and genetics at the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (USB). From 2012 to 2016 he was rector of the USB. He published a total number of 140 scientific articles in journals with impact factor, 20 papers in journals without impact factor and 183 papers at conferences, 35 invited lectures. He is a member of several scientific societies and scientific councils of Czech universities and research institutions.

Team

Václav Bacovský

Václav works as a project supervisor of the CGYPP. Before that, he was active as a Research Fellow of AMO Research Center. In 2008, he graduated from the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University with a master's degree in Political Science. He also studied abroad (Germany, Italy). In 2008, he worked for the Chamber of Deputies of Czech Parliament. In August 2017, he completed his 8 years in the German liberal Think-Tank Friedrich Naumann Foundation and is now starting career of a freelance photographer and tourist guide.

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Zuzana is a Research Fellow of AMO Research Center with the focus on the German speaking countries. She finished her Ph.D. studies in the International Area Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University with the thesis Cultural Relationships between Czech Socialist Republic and Germany in the 1960's. In 2005 she accomplished her master studies in German and Austrian Studies at the same faculty. During her studies she spent one semester at the Humboldt University in Berlin. In 2007 she participated in the program Medien-Mittler zwischen den Völkern of the Robert-Bosch-Foundation and got a professional training at the German News Agency (dpa). In 2014 she was a participant of the CGYPP. In 2004 – 2013 she worked as an editor with focus on German speaking countries and Middle-East Europe for the Czech Press Agency (ČTK). Currently she cooperates as a freelancer with a number of Czech media and she teaches at the Charles University.

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Weronika Priesmeyer-Tkocz

Weronika Priesmeyer-Tkocz (Dr. phil) is a program director in the European Academy Berlin and in this capacity she plans and carries out seminars, research work and information events. Her focus of interest lies in particular on transformation and democratization processes in Central and Eastern European countries, on the European Neighborhood Policy as well as on Good Governance. She studied International Relations at the University of Wroclaw in Poland and Political Sciences at the Free University of Berlin, where she also wrote her doctoral thesis. Since 2008, she is lecturing at the Institute for East European Studies in the Freie Universität Berlin.

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Claudia Rehrs

In her capacity as project manager, Claudia Rehrs has been working at the European Academy Berlin since September 2010, organizing seminars and conferences, in particular as part of the "Academy of Good Governance and Empowerment in Europe". From 2004 to 2007, Claudia Rehrs studied cultural studies at the Europa University Viadrina in Frankfurt on the Oder. In May 2010, she completed her academic career and gained an MA in an Erasmus Mundus masters' in Euroculture at the universities of Goettingen, Olomouc in the Czech Republic and Pune in India. Prior to going to university she has worked as an au pair for twelve months in Geneva, and after her bachelor's degree she spent one year in the Republic of Ireland.

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Organizers & Partners

The Czech German Future Fund promotes understanding between the Czech and the Germans in various ways by increasing the number of bilateral meetings and expanding co-operation through the support of joint projects, thus actively contributing to the renewal and strengthening of Czech-German relations. The Fund has been supporting the CGYPP as its strategic partner from the very beginning of the program in 2008.

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The European Academy Berlin (EAB) was founded in 1963 as a non-party, denominationally independent conference venue and international meeting place, for study and information on European affairs and for civic education for adults. Activities in civic education focus primarily on tasks and challenges in European cooperation and integration, together with issues of international current affairs and modern society.

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