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# **Rethinking 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe**

## **The Continent of (Un)Freedom**

which will take place on

**8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in Brno**

**at the South Moravian Region conference hall**

**Žerotínovo náměstí 3/5**

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The 8<sup>th</sup> annual *Rethinking 20th Century Europe* conference will take place on November 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This year's conference will focus on the topic of **freedom**. John Galsworthy (1867-1933), an English novelist and playwright, once said that freedom is a state of mind. Such a statement implies that, human mind being as diverse as it is, so is the idea of freedom. Its perception is a very wide and heterogeneous concept that varies between groups and people. Nevertheless, it is of core influence to all of them and is considered one of the baseline social and human values – a position that destines it to become an instrument of power and ideological play. It takes different forms, shapes and manifestations throughout the time. Its undefined or even problematic nature shows more than ever in these troubled times on the background of global pandemic when basic human rights and liberties are being limited based on the health protection efforts.

On the other hand – what were the various facets of (un)freedom in Europe of the past century? During our two-day meeting, we will try to capture the likeness of freedom from different points of view and attempt to answer many questions: What was the idea of freedom in different people, groups, movements or states? How did people lose their freedom? How did they fight for it and what were they willing to sacrifice? Did the achieved freedom stand up to the expectations or was it discovered to be an illusion or a halfway-step? What were the limits of freedom and the responsibilities it implied? The range of topics is indeed very wide, spanning from analyses of manifestations of (un)freedom of movement, thought, speech, consciousness, gathering, education, choice of occupation, religion, expression or enterprise all the way down to outlining the understanding of personal, ethnic, cultural, sexual or gender (un)freedom, internal or external. All the manifestations of (un)freedom can be understood as means of conflict between the established norm and abnormality or as means of conflict in general; also as a gift, challenge or a condition of a life well lived.

Various approaches and theoretical concepts can be used to approach the above stated matters – we certainly do not shy away from interdisciplinarity. We expect the contributing articles to focus on wider ideas, as well as to particular topics and events. However, the desired outcome should be to point out the international significance of the topic or wider context and comparison, rather than a narrowed-down study of specific or regional phenomena. We put emphasis on the general context, aiming to interpret the causes, purposes and the consequent effect of the studied events. The time span of our focus is between the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and the fall of the Eastern Bloc.

## Schedule

### Preliminary planned programme of the 1st day of the conference

09:00 – 10:00	Presentation of participants
10:00 – 10:30	Opening ceremony
10:30 – 13:20	Panel Session A
13:20 – 14:00	Coffee break
14:00 – 18:00	Panel Session B
18:30 – 00:00	Wine & Dine

### Preliminary planned programme of the 2nd day of the conference

09:00 – 12:45	Panel Session C
12:45 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:15	Panel Session D
16:20 – 16:30	Closing ceremony

## Application process and guidelines

### Application Form

- **Application deadline: 16 May 2021**
- Application form is to be filled in at following link: <https://is.muni.cz/go/fbtatg>
- By filling out the application the applicant agrees with the collecting, storage and processing of personal data in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### Conference Fee

- **Conference fee: CZK 500 (EUR 20)**
- **Payment deadline: 1 September 2021**
- **Please do not pay the conference fee until you receive confirmation that your application has been accepted.**
- Account number: (CZ): **2200367834/2010** (CZK)
- Account number: (SK): **2200367834/8330** (EUR)
- Variable code: **will be specified after your application has been accepted.**
- **Please do NOT forget to include your name in the payment transfer details!**

## Submissions

- **Submission deadline: 10 October 2021**
- The conference should serve as a place for dialogue and exchanging academic experience. Therefore, it is important to limit your presentation to **15 minutes** and ensure that it is clear and comprehensible.
- The conference languages are Czech, Slovak and English. We kindly ask all participants to prepare well-arranged PowerPoint slides in English to accompany their presentation.
- The length of your submission, which may become a part of a forthcoming monograph, should be max. **35 standard pages** (70 000 characters including footnotes, abstract, keywords and bibliography). Guidelines for editing contributions (referencing, citation norms etc.) can be found [HERE](#).
- Each submission must adhere to the principles of academic text (methodology, a list of sources and literature must be included).
- Please send your submission to [historia.europeana@phil.muni.cz](mailto:historia.europeana@phil.muni.cz). The subject of your e-mail should go like: "title of your paper + your name". Example: Czech Emigration + Martin Denis.
- The designed outcome of the conference is an article in [Studia Historica Brunensia](#), a peer-reviewed periodical.
- The organizers reserve the right to reject submissions which do not meet the set criteria. All submissions will be reviewed before publishing.

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