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**European Movement in the Czech Republic**



European Movement in the Czech Republic  
and  
Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

would like to invite you to an international colloquium on

## **Causes, Consequences and Possible Ways out of the Current Crisis of the European Union**

The goal of the colloquium is to stimulate public discourse on the nature and possible ways out of the crisis of the European Union and the Czech Republic's place in this process.

### **Main issue areas to be addressed by the colloquium:**

- ❖ causes of the different crises of the EU (fiscal, migration, citizen confidence, Brexit, external relations) and the possibilities of managing them simultaneously
- ❖ cultural and civilizational differences between EU member states
- ❖ future of the common currency
- ❖ EU bodies' strategic decisionmaking capacities
- ❖ place of the Czech Republic in future European Union

Date: **May 19, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Place: **Auditorium of the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**  
**Malostranské náměstí 25, Praha 1, Czech Republic**

### **PROGRAMME**

09:00-09:30

**Registration**

09:30-09:45

**Colloquium Start**

**Vladimír Špidla**, President, European Movement in the Czech Republic

**Martin Potůček**, Head, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University

**Kateřina Boťová**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Office in the Czech Republic

**Petr Hlaváček**, Coordinator, Collegium Europaeum, Faculty of Arts, Charles University & Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences

09:45-10:00

**Opening Remarks**

**Aleš Chmelař**, Senior Analyst, European Affairs Section, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

10:00-11:30

**Panel of experts**

**Causes of the unprecedented crisis of the EU and ways to manage it**

**Moderator: Petr Just**, Metropolitan University Prague

**Tanweer Ali**, University of New York in Prague

**Paul Blokker**, Institute of Sociological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, and Syracuse University, Florence

**Marek Mora**, Member of the Czech National Bank Board

**Martin Potůček**, European Movement & Center for Social and Economic Strategies

**Ivo Šlosarčík**, Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

- 11:30-12:00 Discussion  
12:00-13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00-14:30 Panel of politicians and public officials  
**What are the options of EU bodies, member states and citizens to effectively respond to the current challenges?**  
Moderator: Martin Potůček, European Movement & Center for Social and Economic Strategies  
Věra Jourová, Member of the European Commission  
Vladimír Špidla, former Member of the European Commission  
Peter Weiss, Ambassador of Slovakia in the Czech Republic  
Daniela von Bethlenfalvy, consultant
- 14:30-15:00 Discussion
- 15:00-15:20 Coffee break
- 15:20-16:50 Moderated discourse  
**Czech Republic in the European Union: threats and opportunities**  
Moderator: Petr Just, Metropolitan University Prague  
Petr Hlaváček, Faculty of Arts, Charles University & Collegium Europaeum  
Jiří Malý, Newton College  
Aleš Chmelař, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic  
Michael Romancov, Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
- 17:15-17:20 Conclusions and recommendations  
Martin Potůček, European Movement & Center for Social and Economic Strategies
- 17:00-17:30 Glass of wine

Simultaneous interpretation from/into English will be provided.

Should you be interested in participating, please complete an electronic registration form [here](#) or at [www.ceses.cuni.cz](http://www.ceses.cuni.cz) by May 15 at the latest.

Optional e-mail registration: [hana.marzova@fsv.cuni.cz](mailto:hana.marzova@fsv.cuni.cz)

Main partner of the colloquium  
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Office in the Czech Republic

Collaborating organisation  
Collegium Europaeum

