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18.30–18.35	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
KATEŘINA SMEJKALOVÁ	RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT FRIEDRICH-EBERT-STIFTUNG, REPRESENTATION TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC
ZBYNĚK VLASÁK	EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF SALON PRÁVA
18.35–19.05	PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK TAKING STOCK OF SHOCK: SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE 1989 REVOLUTIONS
KRISTEN GHODSEE	ETHNOGRAPHER, PROFESSOR OF RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (USA)
MITCHELL ORENSTEIN	POLITICAL SCIENTIST, PROFESSOR OF RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA (USA)
19.05–19.30	KOMENTÁŘE Z ČESKÉHO POHLEDU
ONDŘEJ SLAČÁLEK	POLITICAL SCIENTIST, INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY, CHARLES UNIVERSITY PRAGUE
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19.30–20.00	DISCUSSION
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More than three decades after the collapse of communism in Middle and Eastern Europe, there is an ongoing political instability in the region which now dramatically manifests itself in the Russian invasion to Ukraine. Debates are intensifying on how to evaluate the process and the outcomes of the post-communist transformations.

One of the earliest contributions to this debate is the book *Taking Stock of Shock: Social Consequences of the 1989 Revolutions*, which has drawn wide attention even in the Czech Republic, notably in the newspaper **Salon Práva**.

Together with its authors **Kristen Ghodsee** and **Mitchell Orenstein**, US-American researchers, we are going to discuss why the latest development in the post-communist space can be labeled prosperity and decline at the same time and what are the political consequences of it for today.

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