

Czech-German Young Professionals Program  
European Integration and Globalization as Local Challenges

## **Year 2008/2009: Labour and Mobility in the Post-industrial Era**

**Program: Fourth Workshop: City of Prague, June 18 – 21, 2009**



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## **European Integration and Globalization as Local Challenges in Germany and the Czech Republic**

Almost two decades after the fall of the Iron Curtain and Europe's reunion, the nations of the enlarged European Union are now facing the major challenge of how to further evolve and direct the integration process. Although for every nation this task is defined by its geographical and historical specifics, there are many aspects and trends connected with the integration process that are similar across the European Union. Changes in the economic structure, liberalization of the labour markets, and mobility of the societies and the increasing role of regions represent significant challenges that can be tackled efficiently only through international cooperation and mutual comprehension. In the European unifying process, Czech-German relations still play an important role. They are determined by the complicated, common history of the two neighbouring countries as well as by their economic, social and cultural common ground. Focusing on the strategies these two countries apply on the challenges of the integration process can teach us a lot about Europe as a whole.

The **Czech-German Young Professionals Program** focuses on young professionals in Germany and in the Czech Republic who on a daily basis are dealing with the social and economic impacts of the increasingly interconnected and globalized world. In a few years, these people will be part of the decision-making process thus actively influencing the conduct of both Germany and the Czech Republic in a united Europe.

The theme of the first program year 2008/2009 is:

### **Mobility and labour in the post-industrial era.**

In four units in Germany and the Czech Republic, the program will trace the effects of the liberalized labour market and the changes in economic structure during the last two decades. The program enables the participants to widen their insight and extend their knowledge and to obtain practical impulses for their professional conduct and future tasks. They get the opportunity to learn more about the current situation in the neighbouring country and to deepen mutual understanding. The program represents an outstanding platform that brings emerging leaders from both countries into a common and durable network.

**Final Workshop in the City of Prague, June 18 – 21, 2009**

## **Program of the Final Workshop**

Workshop of the Czech-German Young Professionals Program  
City of Prague

June 18 – June 21, 2009

### **Thursday, June 18, 2009**

From 2 p.m.

- Arrival of the participants to the hotel

*Address: Crowne Plaza Prague Castle, Strahovská 128, Praha 1, 118 00*

18:00 Welcome and opening of the program, hotel lobby

18:30 Reception on the occasion of the Czech German Young Professionals Program

*Address: Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Vlašská 19, Praha 1, 118 00*

### **Friday, June 19, 2009**

9:00 Departure to the European House

9:30 Expert Roundtable Discussion on Mobility and Labour Market

#### **Czech Presidency and Europe without Barriers in the Times of Economic Turmoil**

- o Michal Sedláček, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs
- o Radek Špicar, Director for External Relations, Škoda Auto a.s.
- o Michal Mejstřík, Director of the Institute of Economic Studies, Charles University
- o Carsten Lenk, Project Director for Central and Easter Europe, Robert Bosch Stiftung
- o Mirjam Shwan, Deputy Director, Czech-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (tbc)

*Address: The European House, Jungmannova 24, Praha 1, 110 00*

12:00 Lunch in the restaurant "Brasserie M"

*Address: Vladislavova 17, Praha 1, 110 00*

13:30 Transfer to the headquarters of the Czech Railways

14:00 Discussion with Petr Žaluda, Managing Director of the Czech Railways

#### **Connecting Europe: Challenges for the Rail Transport in the Czech Republic**

*Address: Czech Railways, Nábřeží Ludvíka Svobody 12, Praha 1, 110 15*

15:30 Transfer to the RFE/RL

16:00 Discussion with Jeffrey Gedmin, President of the RFE/RL, and journalists

#### **Global Mission of the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty – a New Role for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

*Address: RFE/RL, Vinohradská 159A, Praha 10, 100 00*

19:00 Dinner in the restaurant "Tower"

*Address: Mahlerovy sady 1, Praha 3, 130 00*

## **Saturday, June 20**

9:30 Departure from the hotel

10:00 DOX – Centre for Contemporary Arts

### **Global Outreach of Modern Art: Entropa and Psychoanalysis**

- Guided Tour of the Facility
- Discussion with David Černý, Author of ENTROPA

*Address: Osadní 34, Praha 7, 170 00*

12:15 Lunch in the restaurant “Azteca”

*Address: Říčnická 9, Praha 1, 118 00*

13:30 Site Inspection: Museum Kampa

### **Role of Emigrants in the Cultural Renewal of Prague**

*Address: U Sovových mlýnů 2, Praha 1, 118 00*

14:30 Discussion with Jan Kasl, Architect and Former Lord Mayor of Prague

### **Architecture: Testament about State of the Society and Political Culture**

*Address: Hergetova cihelna, Cihelná 2b, Praha 1, 118 00*

16:30 Roundtable Discussion on Migration and Refugees in the Czech Republic

### **Being a Foreigner in the Czech Republic: How tolerant the Czech Society actually is?**

- Martin Rozumek, Director, Organization for Help to Refugees
- Magda Faltová, Counselling Centre for Refugees
- Kiryl Stsezhkin, University Student, Belarus

*Address: Andel's Hotel, Stroupežnického 21, Praha 5, 150 00*

19:00 Dinner in the restaurant “Tři století”

*Address: Míšeňská 4, Praha 1, 118 00*

## **Sunday, June 21**

9:30 Departure from the hotel

10:00 Evaluation of the workshop and recommendations for the future

*Vltava River or Park Picnic (depending on the weather)*

## Participants of the Program

**Katrin Henning** works for the Sächsische Aufbaubank – Förderbank (Development Bank of Saxony) where she holds the position of project manager in the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS), responsible for the Czech-German cross border program. She studied business-banking economics, a field that also caters to most of her practical skills. Within the CGYPP she is mainly seeking a global and deeper insight into the Czech-German differences and similarities. Additionally, she is interested in an exchange of experiences which she hopes will be enriching, both for her personal development as well as for her career.

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**Vladimír Hořovský** works as a WCCP coordinator for the InBev, Staropramen brewery. He also lectures economy in international relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Charles University in Prague. He is a graduate of International Relations at the Charles University in Prague. He is eager to gain a better understanding of the ongoing structural changes in the economy of Germany as well as to enhance his knowledge about improving the competitiveness of national economies.

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**Irena Kalhousová** works for the Heinrich Böll Stiftung in Prague where she is responsible for the conceptual preparation of activities and publications during the Czech EU Presidency. She also lectures international relations at the Metropolitan University in Prague, focusing particularly on the Middle East and the EU. She holds a masters degree in Contemporary European Studies from Pembroke College, University of Cambridge. She is interested in meeting people with similar motivations from the both sides of the common border.

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**Tomáš Kollarczyk** works for the Český rozhlas (Czech Radio) in České Budějovice as a marketing and PR director. He graduated in Structural Policies of the EU at the University of South Bohemia.

By joining the CGYPP, he seeks to learn more about the impact the European Union has on the relationship between the Czech Republic and Germany, especially on a regional level. He is also interested in exchanging experiences with similar-minded people.

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**Karolína Linhartová** graduated in law at the Faculty of Law at the Charles University in Prague. She is currently leading the “Czech Made?” project at the Multicultural Centre Prague. The project deals with working conditions of migrant workers in the Czech Republic. She also practices legal counseling in an Agency for the Deaf. She is interested in migration and human rights. She also seeks to understand more about the nature of Czech-German relations in the context of migration and European integration.

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**Norman Ranke** works within the Ministry of Economics, Labour and Transport of Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony) and is responsible for all affairs related to the Federal Chamber (Bundesrat). He studied economics (with a focus on taxes and tax policy) in Germany and Belgium. He is also very interested in the Central-European region and especially in the countries' different views on the economic challenges of European integration.

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**Juliane Rosin** works in the headquarters of the NAJU (German Youth Association for the Protection of Nature) as speaker of the youth section. Her tasks are mainly the coordination of international affairs of the NAJU and of the JUUS-project (Youth for Environment and Sports). She also has experiences in design and photography and in the organization of cultural events. Within the CGYPP, she is looking for an exchange with people working in similar fields and also those working in different fields but also dealing with the challenges of European integration. Additionally, she wants to get to know more about the Czech Republic.

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**Claudia von Salzen** is the political editor at the daily newspaper "Der Tagesspiegel". She studied history, German literature and Slavic studies and graduated from the Berlin School of Journalism. She writes mainly about Russia and Eastern Europe and works at the news desk. Her interest in the CGYPP is to get a deeper insight into this year's topics as well as some new ideas and perspectives coming from a dialogue in a Czech-German group. She also wants to explore the different approaches to globalization in the two countries and the possibilities of mutual learning.

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**Petra Vojnovičová** works within the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic where she deals with asylum and migration policies. She graduated in European Studies at the Viadrina European University in Frankfurt/Oder. She is interested in learning more about the impact of the European Union on the development of Czech-German relations and looking at the differences in socioeconomic approaches in both countries, with particular emphasis on labour mobility and migration.

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## Partners of the program

The **German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)** is Germany's national foreign policy network. As an independent, non-partisan and non-profit organization, it actively takes part in the political decision-making process and promotes the understanding of German foreign policy and international relations.

The **Association for International Affairs (AMO)** is a Czech independent non-governmental organization that promotes international cooperation, conducts research, and hosts educational programs in the fields of international affairs and Czech and European foreign and security policy.

The **Robert Bosch Stiftung** is one of the major German foundations associated with a private company. It represents the philanthropic and social endeavors of Robert Bosch and fulfils his legacy in a contemporary manner. It works predominantly in the fields of international relations or health and education.

The **Czech-German Fund for the Future** is to support understanding between Czech and Germans in various ways, increase the number of bilateral meetings and expand co-operation through support of joint projects, thus actively contributing to the renewal and strengthening of Czech-German relations.

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### Important Links

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic

[www.mpsv.cz](http://www.mpsv.cz)

Czech Railways

[www.ceskedrahy.cz](http://www.ceskedrahy.cz)

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

[www.rferl.org](http://www.rferl.org)

DOX: Centre of Contemporary Arts

<http://www.doxprague.org/>

Museum Kampa

[www.museumkampa.cz](http://www.museumkampa.cz)

David Černý

[www.davidcerny.cz](http://www.davidcerny.cz)

Hotel Crowne Plaza Prague Castle

[www.cpcastle.com](http://www.cpcastle.com)

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