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University and the Republic: 100 years of
Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic
Legacy of Democracy, Humanism and Responsibility

Date: October 24 – 25, 2018
Location: Patriotic Hall, Carolinum, Charles University
Participation: representatives of academia from Charles University, rectors and their counterparts from partner universities, representatives of the state and public life

24 October

13:15 Registration
14:00 Opening
Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc., Rector, Charles University
Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality
Prof. Dr. Lenka Rovná, Vice-Rector for European Affairs, Charles University

14:10 Introduction by leaders of international university associations and networks:
UNICA, Coimbra Group, Europaeum, LERU
Chair: Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc., Rector of Charles University
Prof. Luciano Saso – President UNICA
Prof. Ludovic Thilly – Chair Coimbra Group
Dr. Hartmut Mayer – Director EUROPAEUM
Prof. Kurt Deketelaere – Secretary General LERU

14:30 100 years of Czechoslovakia in Europe and the world
Prof. Martin Kovář, PhD., Vice-Rector for Public Affairs, Charles University

14:45 University, Masaryk and the state
Doc. Petr Pithart, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
Debate

15:10 Family Photo, Aula Magna
15:30 Coffee break
I) Legacy of Democracy

15:50 Chair: Prof. Aleš Gerloch, PhD., Vice-Rector for Academic Appointments, Charles University

Universities in troubled world
Prof. Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford

Universities in free market societies
Prof. Luc Sels, Rector, KU Leuven

Universities as a space for independent discussion
Prof. Karol Mičieta, PhD., Rector, Comenius University in Bratislava

Universities as speakers of truth
Prof. Bert van der Zwaan, Rector Magnificus, Utrecht University

Debate

19:00 Dinner (registered participants)

25 October

II) Legacy of Humanism

9:00 Chair: Prof. MUDr. Milena Králičková, PhD., Vice-Rector for Education, Charles University

Education towards democracy and humanism
Prof. Sally Mapstone, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St. Andrews

Economics and Humanism
Prof. Jean-Robert Tyran, Vice-Rector, University of Vienna

Humans and humanism
Prof. Zdzislaw Mach, Ph.D., Dean, Jagiellonian University

The search for truth in “post-truth” society
Prof. Brigid Laffan, Ph.D., Director, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute

Debate

10:30 Coffee break
III) Legacy of Responsibility

10:50 Chair: Prof. Dr. Lenka Rovná, Vice-Rector for European Affairs, Charles University

Role of academics in politics
José Manuel Durão Barroso, Former President of the European Commission

Third role of universities in the modern world
Prof. Dr. Hans-Jochen Schiewer, Rector, University of Freiburg

Universities and society. Leading by example
Prof. Dr. Michael Hengartner, President, University of Zurich

European Universities – model for others?
Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Higher Education Unit, European Commission

Debate

12:20 Closing Remarks
Prof. Tomáš Zima, MD., DSc., Rector

12:30 Lunch

15:00 Festive Gathering of the Academic Community, Aula Magna
Participants are invited to wear their academic gowns during the ceremony

16:30 Reception

The official language of the conference is English.
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