

Remembering 1948 and 1968: Reflections on Two Pivotal Years in Czech and Slovak History

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To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the imposition of communism in Czechoslovakia and the 40th anniversary of the Prague Spring, a conference will be held at the University of Glasgow in April 2008, organised by the Department of Central and East European Studies in conjunction with the wider CRCEES network. This conference will reflect upon the impact of these momentous events on Czech and Slovak society, culture and politics. The conference will address new and changing perspectives on these historical events and discuss how these events are remembered in the Czech Republic and Slovakia today. There are plans to publish a selection of papers from the conference, either in the form of an edited volume or a special issue of a journal.

Presentations are invited on any aspect of the events of 1948 and 1968 and their impact on contemporary culture and politics. Themes could include:

- Re-interpreting the events of 1948 and 1968 based on newly available archive materials;
- International significance of the events;
- Impact on ethnic minorities in Czechoslovakia;
- Impact on the arts and media;
- Role of exiles;
- Attitudes towards the Communist Party;
- Portrayal of events in contemporary literature/art/cinema;
- Representations of the events in contemporary media.

Proposals for papers (not exceeding 250 words) should be sent to Laura Cashman (l.cashman@lbss.gla.ac.uk) **no later than 30 November 2007**.

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