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PRAGUE SUMMER UNIVERSITY

“CENTRAL EUROPE:
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES”

REPORT OF THE SESSION

PRAGUE (Czech Republic)

September 19th to 24th, 2021

From 19 to 24 September 2021, the Summer University of the Czech Republic was organised once more in Prague with success and in collaboration with CEVRO Institute,

The proposed issue “Central Europe: Challenges and Opportunities” allowed a large number of different topics, all of them very relevant, and many questions and debates took place at the end of each sequence.

The 16 candidates who took part in the programme (including a girl from Vietnam on line and 3 candidates from Czeck Republic in part-time considered as auditors) were selected either by CIFE and by the partner. They represented

All the candidates who successfully completed the programme received a certificate of participation. Additionally, students who did some extra work after the session acquired ECTS Credits.

At the end of the session, we also asked our students to fill out an evaluation questionnaire and comment upon our programme. Their observations, which is a great help for us and for the continuation of the programme, showed a great satisfaction (96 %)

We hope that this session in Prague will be a very nice memory for everyone and we warmly thank our partner, CEVRO Institute, for this friendly collaboration.



PROGRAMME

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021:

Arrival of the foreign participants - Accommodation – Free evening

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2021:

10.30h: OPENING SESSION:

Presentation of the partners:

Josef ŠÍMA,

President of the CEVRO Institute

Marie France PERDIGON,

Director of the Summer university program of CIFE.



Presentation of the students

11.30 h: **ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF THE
CZECH REPUBLIC AFTER VELVEL REVOLUTION**
Josef ŠÍMA, President of the CEVRO Institute

13.00 h: *Lunch time*



14.30h: **BELARUS AND REGIONAL SECURITY IN EUROPE**



Dr. Aliaksei KAZHRARSKI (Belarus), Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava

16.30h: **Walking tour in the city**



Free time for dinner



TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2021

10.00h: THE VISEGRAD GROUP

Cyril SVOBODA, Director of the Diplomatic Academy in Prague, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic



11.30 h: RUSSIA'S INFLUENCE STRATEGIES IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES (V4): THE VACCINE



Dr. Aliaksei KAZHRARSKI (Belarus), Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava

And

Prof. Andrey MAKARYCHEV (Russia), Johan Skytte Institute of Political Science, Tartu, Estonia. **(ONLINE)**

13.00 h: Lunch time

14.30 h: NATO AND COMMON EU SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY (CSDP) - Transatlantic Relations and Will for Defence and Projection of Power

Daniel KOŠTOVAL, Former Deputy Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic – Head of the Armaments and Acquisition Division



Free time for dinner

WEDNESDAY 22ND, 2021:

10.00h: CENTRAL EUROPE FROM THE US PERSPECTIVE

Cameron MUNTER (USA),

Senior Fellow of Atlantic Council and Fellow of the CEVRO Institut, former U.S. ambassador to Pakistan and to Serbia.



11.30h: A EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY, REALLY?
Madeleine HUBIN (Belgium), HEC Liège **(ON LINE)**

13.00h: Lunch time

14.30h: EUROSCEPTICISM IN CENTRAL EUROPE
Roman JOCH, Director of the Civic Institute in Prague, commentator and lecturer on political philosophy and international relations



Free time for dinner

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2021:

10.00 h: EURO-ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND CE PERSPECTIVE



Martina HERANOVÁ,
former Head of Unit for Visegrad and Baltic countries
at the Central European Department and former Head
of NATO Unit at the Security Policy Department of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**11.15 h: NATO-EU COOPERATION IN FACING
NEW SECURITY CHALLENGES**
Madeleine HUBIN (Belgium),
HEC Liège **(ON LINE)**



12.30 h: Closing session - Friendly drink – Distribution of diplomas



13.30 h: Lunch together for the foreign students
Oral exams for students wishing to acquire ECTS Credits

16.30h: Visit of Prague Castle with a guided tour



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All participants were very positive about the programme. The topics were considered interesting and relevant and the speakers were highly appreciated. Large debates were proposed after each presentation to make the session interactive and allow the candidates to have answers to all any of their questions.

The session, organised in a hybrid way, with candidates and teachers on site but also online, was finally a great success. Even the Vietnamese candidate, whose virtual connection was not sufficient to be heard, wrote her questions several times, which the teachers always answered with pleasure, even through the screen.



Find all the photos of the session on [Facebook "Summer University Programme-CIFE"](#)



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