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Is pleased to invite you to the conference

20 YEARS OF CZECH DEMOCRACY

Date: 14th September 2009

Conference language: English

Venue: Faculty of Social Studies, Joštova 10, Brno

Program:

9:00

Registration

9:45

Opening Remarks

Petr Fiala: Rector of the Masaryk University, Chair of the Institute for Comparative Political Research

10:00

Panel 1: Political Parties as Key Actors of the Czech Politics

Chair: *Vít Hloušek*

Institute for Comparative Political Research, Masaryk University

Sean Hanley: The consolidation of centre-right parties in the Czech Republic
School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, University College London

Miroslav Mareš: Consolidation of the left-wing and left center parties in the Czech Republic
Institute for Comparative Political Research, Masaryk University

Petr Kopecký: Exploiting the State: Party Patronage in the Czech Republic
Dept. Politieke Wetenschap, Universiteit Leiden

Tim Haughton: Critical Junctures in Czech party politics.
Centre for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Birmingham

Kevin Deegan-Krause: The Lack of the New: Causes and Consequences of Party System
Stability in the Czech Republic
Department of Political Science, Wayne State University

12:00

Lunch

13:30

Panel 2: **Interest Representation in Czech Politics – Social Movements and Interest Groups**

Chair: *Ondřej Císař*

Institute for Comparative Political Research, Masaryk University

Steven Saxonberg: The Role of Social Movements in Post-Communist Politics

Department of Social Policy and Social Work, Masaryk University

Eline de Ridder: European accession and democratic consolidation: EU aid to develop civil society in the Czech Republic and Slovakia

Centre for EU studies, Ghent University

Martin Myant: Have trade unions influenced economic development? Comparing the Czech Republic with other post-communist countries'

Centre for Contemporary European Studies, University of the West of Scotland

Kateřina Vráblíková: Collective Action in the Czech Republic: Twenty Years After

Institute for Comparative Political Research, Masaryk University

15:00

Coffee Break

15:15

Panel 3: **Elections and Voting Behavior**

Chair: *Maxmilián Strmiska*

Institute for Comparative Political Research, Masaryk University

Tomáš Kostelecký: Spatial Features of Electoral Behavior in the Czech Republic

Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Anna Matušková: The comparison of Electoral Strategy in the Parliamentary Elections 2006 and 2009 - the Case of Social Democrats in the Czech Republic

Department of Political Science, Masaryk University

Klára Plecítá: Stratification, Sector Employment, and Voting Behavior in the Czech Republic

Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Jakub Šedo / Roman Chytilék: Electoral Reform in the Czech Republic – 20 years of discussions

Institute for Comparative Political Research, Masaryk University

16:45

Coffee Break

17:00

Final speaker: *Geoffrey Pridham*: "Democratic Consolidation in the Czech Republic:

Comparative Perspectives after Twenty Years of Political Change"

Department of Politics, University of Bristol

18:00

End of the conference

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