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Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00pm

Bohemian National Hall

321 E 73 St, New York City

The Czech Republic and the United Nations

A presentation and panel discussion

Moderated by Jiří Ellinger



Meet diplomats of the Czech Mission to the UN and find out what keeps them busy, worries them and makes them laugh at work. Get the inside scoop, serious and not so serious: *How strong is the voice of the Czech Republic at the UN? or Why do countries serve free ice cream?* You will be able to ask other questions during the Q&A.

Join us for a light wine reception and more discussion after the program.

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Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic
to the UN in New York

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Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, June 21 at 7pm



Farewell, Martin!

A talk with Martin Dvořák, Consul General of the Czech Republic
Moderated by Chris Harwood

Come to learn about the amazing international professional journey of the Consul General and help us thank him for his friendship and continuous support. Join us in wishing him happy sailing to his new destination.

Wednesday, July 5 at 7pm



Film and Discussion:

Junáci z prachu/ Scouts Rising from the Dust (2010)

Moderated by Gabriel Levicky

A documentary film about the persecution of the Scout organization members during the communist regime in Slovakia. In cooperation with the ÚPN archive and the Slovak Consulate General in New York. In Slovak with English subtitles.

Sunday, July 16, TBC



SVU 6-Minute Challenge *Special*

Meet ten outstanding Czech pre-university students following their summer academic studies program at Princeton University Learn about their background, their experience at Princeton, and their academic aspiration." The program is sponsored by the American Fund for Czech and Slovak Leadership Studies (www.afcls.org). While at Princeton, the program is organized by the Center for Talented Youth, Johns Hopkins University. It brings together talented students from all over the world for three weeks.

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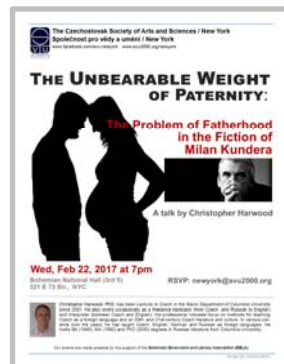
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Our past events In 2017



PANELISTS (in order of appearances)



Jiří Ellinger currently serves as the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations in New York. He joined the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2002 and served as Director of the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister (2005 - 2006), Head of the Political Section of the Czech Embassy in Washington DC (2006 – 2011) and Director of the Department for the Middle East and North Africa (2011 - 2014). He studied history at Charles University in Prague, where he received his PhD in 2006, and at Queen's College, Oxford University, UK. He is the author of *Neville Chamberlain: British Foreign Policy, 1937– 940* (in Czech, 2009) and co-author of *Czech Lands in the European History since 1918* (in Czech, 2006).



René Zelený is a delegate to the First Committee of the General Assembly, which discusses and takes action on disarmament and international security issues. He also deals with election matters and candidatures to the UN bodies. Prior to joining the Permanent Mission, he served as Deputy Director of the United Nations Department at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was also posted as Vice-Consul for Political, Consular and Cultural Affairs at the Czech Consulate General in Hong Kong. His previous diplomatic experience also includes working as

Secretary to the Director General for Non-European Countries and Development Cooperation and a junior assignment with the Czech Embassy in Tokyo. He graduated from the University of Economics in Prague with a master's degree in International Politics and Diplomacy.



Milan Konrád represents the Czech Republic in the Second Committee of the General Assembly, covering sustainable development, development assistance, climate change, international economic matters and migration. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague, which he entered in 2008, he worked in the Department of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid. Milan was seconded to the U.S. Department of State (2013 – 2014) and to the United Nations Development Programme (2010 – 2011). He received his degree in International Relations from the Charles University.



Monika Studená is the Permanent Mission's Middle East and Humanitarian Affairs expert. She covers all issues related to the Middle East currently on the Security Council's agenda (Israel-Palestine, Syria, Yemen, Libya, Iraq, Lebanon and Western Sahara) as well as humanitarian issues, including humanitarian assistance in conflict and refugees (while also representing the Czech Republic in the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly). She has previously worked as a special assistant to the 1st Deputy Foreign Minister (security policy, etc.)

and was posted to NATO HQ in Brussels (focus on the NATO mission to Afghanistan) and the Czech Embassy in London.



Karel Komárek is Minister Counsellor at the Fifth Committee of the UN General Assembly dealing with administrative and financial questions and human resources management since 2016. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was for many years in charge of cooperation with UNESCO. He repeatedly served as Secretary-General of the Czech Commission for UNESCO (1996-2000, 2004-2006, 2013-2016) and was posted twice at the Permanent Delegation of the Czech Republic to UNESCO in Paris, and as Permanent Delegate

(2000-2004). He then served at the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York (2006-2010). From 2011 to 2012, he was coordinator of the Czech membership in the UN Human Rights Council. He holds a Master's degree in International Law from Charles University in Prague.



Kristina Horňáčková is a legal adviser at the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic responsible for the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly. Previously, she worked as a lawyer in the International Law Department of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which she joined in 2013. Her previous working experience includes working at the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic and at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She holds master's degrees in Law and in International Relations.



Pavel Šusták works as a Seconded National Expert within the Political Affairs and Security Council Team in the Delegation of the European Union to the UN. He has been working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1994, starting his career at the Department of Latin America. He then served for 10 years in various South and Central American countries (Chile, Mexico, Uruguay) as a political officer and Deputy Head of Mission. Between 2009 and 2013 he served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Czech Embassy in Riga, Latvia. Pavel graduated from the University of Economics in

Prague, majoring in International Trade and Relations.



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