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The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU), in collaboration with the Embassy of the Czech Republic, in commemoration of Václav Havel's 80th birth anniversary

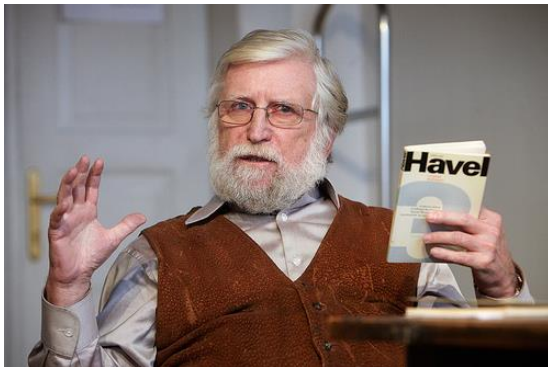
invites you to

Conversations over the Prison Wall a lecture by Dr. Ivan M. Havel

September 29, 2016 at 7 pm

Embassy of the Czech Republic
3900 Spring of Freedom Street, NW
Washington DC

Dr. Havel will present his personal reflections on the question whether a certain limited type of freedom may coexist with totality. He would refer especially to the unofficial or semiofficial "islands of intellectual freedom" in former Czechoslovakia (now Czech Republic) during the years shortly before the communist regime collapsed. He will also mention some facts about his correspondence with his brother Václav Havel while the latter was in prison. Finally, he will comment on the general issue of the role of intellectuals in politics.



About the lecturer (held in English):

Dr. Ivan M. Havel graduated in 1966 from Czech Technical University in Prague. From 1969 to 1971, he attended the University of California at Berkeley, earning his Ph.D. in computer science. For several years he worked as a research scientist with the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. Before the Communist regime collapsed in late 1989, Ivan Havel hosted dissident discussion groups in his apartment in Prague and cooperated with samizdat (underground) publications. From November 1989 to June 1990, he was engaged in political work. In 1993, his brother became the first democratically elected president of

the Czech Republic and spent the rest of his life as an advocate for human rights worldwide. Presently Dr. Havel is an associate professor at Charles University and the Center for Theoretical Study, an international cross-disciplinary institution affiliated with Charles University and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague.

Dr. Ivan M. Havel will launch a book **Recorded Sound in Czech Lands, 1900–1946**

This publication is the first comprehensive contribution to mapping the history of the sound industry in former Czechoslovakia prepared by the National Museum of the Czech Republic and in presence of the co-author Filip Šír.

Event Details:

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RSVP: czechembassypr@gmail.com until the 27 September

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