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an international conference:

Corruption – Clientelism – Crisis in Europe 1789–1989

Date of event:

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September 2024

Venue:

National Archives, Archivní 2257/4, 149 00 Praha 4,

Congress and Lecture Hall, with the possibility of online contributions by speakers abroad

Conference languages:

English, Czech, German (all without interpretation)

Corruption, or political corruption, is a complex and multi-layered social phenomenon, unwelcome but characteristic of all organised societies, which enables the acquisition and maintenance of illicit influence, power and wealth that can threaten the resilience of the social system in times of crisis.



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THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2024

TIME	CONGRESS HALL
8:00–9:00	Registration
9:00–9:35	Welcome and Opening Words
9:35–9:40	Break
Panel Ia: Theoretical and methodological definition	
Chair: Volker Köhler	
9:40–10:00	Emil Voráček: Why to deal with the issue of corruption and clientelism. Consequences of the impact of these phenomena on the state, society, and the economy
10:00–10:20	Balázs Sallai: Corruption, Clientelism, and Nepotism in Public Administration – Problems and Legal Solutions in Europe (1848–1945)
10:20–10:40	Charalampos Stamelos: Interdisciplinary study of organized crime, mafia and corruption of national legacy in Italy, USA and Japan contrasted to the Ottoman heritage in Greece and Cyprus
10:40–11:00	Florian Ruttner: Competition and Clientelism. The Institute for Social Research's Theory of the Racket
11:00–11:30	Discussion
11:30–13:00	Lunch
Panel IIa: Corruption in major infrastructure projects	
Chair: Frank Hadler	
13:00–13:20	Ivan Jakubec – Jan Štemberk: The Czechoslovak „Panama sleeper“, or “the sleeper affair” in the interwar period
13:20–3:40	Pavel Fousek: The petrol affair, or the hand washes the hand
13:40–14:00	Joan Torrents-Juncà: „To do what can be done to see that the affair gives rise to no scandal“. A transnational view on the Ontaneda-Calatayud Railway bribery case (Spain, 1924–1936)
14:00–14:20	Miroslav Šepták: AKH – the anatomy of an Austrian scandal
14:20–14:50	Discussion
14:50–15:20	Break
Panel IIIa: Corruption in prisoner-of-war camps and in military recruitment	
Moderátor: Jaroslav Valkoun	
15:20–15:40	Márk Palócz: The Illegal Way of Recruiting Hungarians to the French Foreign Legion During the Great War
15:40–16:00	Krisztián Bene: Human Trafficking among the Great Powers. Hungarian Prisoners of War in France
16:00–16:20	Viktória Bába: Corruption and Clientelism in the French Internment Camps

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Panel Ib: Legislative definition of the problem	
Chair: Róbert Arpáš	
9:40–10:00	Ivan Halász: Hungarian elections, corruption, and Slovak literature
10:00–10:20	Tomáš Řepa: State reliability as a legal concept and its security aspects in interwar Czechoslovakia
10:20–10:40	Jan Kober: The Republican Bribery Act. Efforts for special legislation against bribery within the context of the legal policy of the 1920s
10:40–11:00	Marek Krejčí: The corrupt of Prague on trial. On the margins of delegated trials before Moravian criminal courts in the 1930s
11:00–11:30	Discussion
11:30–13:00	Lunch
Panel IIb: Corruption in the shadow of the swastika	
Chair: Zdeňka Kokošková	
13:00–13:20	Róbert Arpáš: Corruption and clientelism in the Slovak countryside during the building of the people's regime
13:20 – 13:40	Michal V. Šimůnek: Money, politics, terror: K. H. Frank and his financial modus operandi, 1939–1940
13:40–14:00	Miloš Hořejš: Nazi settlement policy in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia versus corruption. A settlement and housing public benefit society in Prague under the scrutiny of the supervisory authorities
14:00–14:20	Adam Šitarek: “To have strong legs, you need a strong back”. Protection and corruption in the social landscape of the Łódź Ghetto
14:20–14:50	Discussion
14:50–15:20	Break
Panel IIIb: Corruption in the shadow of the hammer and sickle	
Moderátor: Florian Ruttner	
15:20–15:40	Robert Schmidtchen: Stalin's Protégé: Thälmann and the Wittorf affair
15:40–16:00	Jakub Šlouf: “Muddying the Party” as an impulse for political trials with representatives of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (1948–1952)
16:00–16:20	Josef Kadeřábek: Good and bad comrades. The impact of clientelism on the administration of the Slaný/Kladno district in the 1950s and 1960s

16:20–16:40 *Discussion*
16:40–16:50 *Break*

Panel IV: Corruption in film
Chair: **Terezie Hlaváčková**

16:50–17:20 **Luboš Marek:** Obraz šmeliny a lichvy ve filmu
17:20–17:30 *Discussion*

16:20–16:40 *Discussion*
16:40–16:50 *Break*

FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

TIME CONGRESS HALL

Panel Va: Corruption and clientelism in local government and politics
Chair: **Lenka Vrchotová**

9:00–9:20 **Jana Konvičná – Martina Maříková – Martina Power:** Corruption, clientelism, nepotism, and Prague city hall between 1784 and 1918. A probe into the issue
9:20–9:40 **Veronika Kršková:** “Cabaret rag.” Corruption and clientelism in Poděbrady in 1919–1926 in the memories of councillor Maria Komárková
9:40–10:00 **Tomáš Bandžuch:** The agrarian and his village – the work of Jindřich Žilka in Staré Ždánice
10:00–10:20 **Ondřej Holub:** Brothers and sisters under suspicion: the influence of corruption affairs and a corrupt climate on the formation of the political identity of Czech National Socialists
10:20–10:50 *Discussion*
10:50–12:00 *Lunch*

Panel VIa: The security dimension of the problem
Chair: **Jan Kober**

12:00–12:20 **František Vavera:** “Vote-buying” in elections from the perspective of criminal law
12:20–12:40 **Michal Plavec:** The corruption affair of Archduke Leopold Salvator
12:40–13:00 **Ondřej Kolář:** Corruption and clientelism in the Czechoslovak gendarmerie 1918–1939
13:00–13:20 *Discussion*
13:20–13:30 *Break*
13:30–14:00 **Closing discussion:**
Róbert Arpáš, Frank Hadler, Volker Köhler, Balázs Sallai, Emil Voráček

TIME LECTURE HALL

Panel Vb: Corruption and clientelism in Carpathian Ruthenia
Chair: **Jan Rychlík**

9:00–9:20 **David Hubený:** Dirty energy: Corruption, clientelism and press corruption in the Carpathian Ruthenian energy sector
9:20–9:40 **Dmytro Erdeli:** Corruption as a key factor in the economic and political development of interwar Carpathian Ruthenia
9:40–10:00 **Mychajlo Misjuk:** Corruption among Czechoslovak state officials in the funds of the State Archives of the Transcarpathian Region
10:00–10:10 *Break*
10:10–10:30 **Jurij Danilec:** Corruption scandals in the Orthodox Church in Carpathian Ruthenia in the 1920s
10:30–10:50 **Viktor Kichera:** Between clientelism and interests: local elites and church conflicts in Subcarpathian Rus in 1918–1939
10:50–11:10 **Pavlo Khudish:** “Give me another Jewish house”: the redistribution of Jewish property and corruption in Transcarpathian Ukraine in 1944–1946
11:10–11:30 *Discussion*
11:30–12:00 *Lunch*

Panel VIb: State-sanctioned corruption
Chair: **Zlatica Zudová-Lešková**

12:00–12:20 **Pavol Matula:** Efforts by the Poles and by the Czechoslovaks to buy the population in the disputed territory of Spiš and Orava during preparation of the plebiscite in 1920
12:20–12:40 **Pavel Horák:** The role of bribery and clientelism in the establishment of Czechoslovak power elites using the example of the Orava and Spiš plebiscite campaigns of 1919 and 1920
12:40–13:00 **Szabolcs Czáboczky:** Voter Mobilization Strategies of the Zipser Deutsche Partei and the Karpathendeutsche Partei in inter-war Spiš

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„One emperor was shot, one was deposed, one escaped - but I continue to rule here indefinitely!”

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