

PRAGUE SPRING AND THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968
University of New Orleans (3-4 April 2008)

A UNO CenterAustria Ten Year Anniversary Conference with the Eisenhower Center for American Studies in Cooperation with the Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung Graz, Austria

Thursday, April 3, 2008

9:00 – 9:30 am Welcomes

Susan Krantz, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, University of New Orleans
Petr Kolář, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States
Kenneth Zezulka, Honorary Consul of the Czech Republic in Louisiana
Günter Bischof, Director, Center for Austrian Culture and Commerce, UNO
Peter Ruggenthaler, Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung

9:30 – 10:30 am Opening Keynote Address

Chair: Günter Bischof, CenterAustria, UNO

Mark Kramer, Harvard University
The Prague Spring and the Soviet Invasion in Historical Perspective

10:30 – 11:00 am Coffee Break

Session I: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Czechoslovakia during the Prague Spring

Chair: Andreas Pribersky, University of New Orleans

Oldrich Tuma, Institute of Contemporary History, Prague
Reforms in the Communist Party: Prague Spring and Apprehension about a Soviet Invasion

Manfred Wilke, Institute of Contemporary History Munich-Berlin
Ulbricht, East Germany and the Prague Spring

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch Break

Session II: 2:00 – 4:30 am
The Soviet Union and the Prague Spring

Chair: Jeffrey K. Wilson, University of New Orleans

Vladislav Zubok, Temple University
Soviet Society in the 1960s

Michail Prozumenshchikov, Russian State Archives for Contemporary History
Politburo Decision-Making on the Czechoslovak Crisis in 1968

Peter Ruggenthaler, Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung
Graz: “Normalizing” Relations: The Moscow Negotiations between the Soviet Leadership and the Czechoslovak Delegation after the Invasion

7:00 pm Conference Banquet

Friday April 4, 2008

Session III: 9:00 – 12:00 pm
The Great Powers and the Year of Crisis 1968

Chair: Allan Millett, Eisenhower Center, UNO

Mark Carson, Tulane University
The Johnson Administration, the Vietnam War, and the South's Response to the Vietnam War

Günter Bischof, University of New Orleans
The Johnson Administration's Response to the Czech Crisis of 1968

Saki Dockrill, Kings College, University of London
Great Britain and the Prague Spring

Alessandro Brogi, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
France, Italy the Western Communists, and the Prague Spring

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch Break

Session IV: 2:00 – 5:00 pm
European Neighbors during the Prague Spring

Chair: Peter Ruggenthaler, Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung, Graz

Victor Ischchenko, Russian Academy of Science
The Prague Spring and Its Consequences on Soviet – West German Relations

Csaba Bekes, Budapest
Hungary and the Prague Spring

Tvrtko Jakovina, University of Zagreb, Croatia
Tito, the Block Free Movement and the Prague Spring

Stefan Karner, Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung, Graz
Austria and the Prague Spring

Friday Evening Free

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