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March 19-21, 2020

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Evolution and Dilemmas of Transatlantic Relations Since 1989

Pavol Demeš, Senior Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Friday, March 20, 2020

4 p.m.

4130 Posvar Hall



Pavol Demeš is a well-known Slovak expert on international relations and civil society, an author, and a photographer. Prior to the Velvet Revolution, Demeš was a bio-medical researcher at Comenius University in Bratislava. He is a graduate of Charles University in Prague. After democratic changes in 1989, he served in the Slovak government and was the co-founder of the Slovak Academic Information Agency-Service Center for the Third Sector, a leading NGO in the country. Appointed first to the Ministry of Education, he was later named Minister of International Relations (1991-2) and served subsequently as the Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Slovak Republic Michal Kováč (1993-1997). In 1999, he was awarded a six-month public policy research fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C. From 2000-2010, he was the Director for Central and Eastern Europe for the German Marshall Fund of the United States based in Bratislava. Currently, he is a non-resident senior fellow with GMF US and an external advisor to the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has his own program on international relations and diplomacy on an Internet TV of the Slovak Press Agency. He published several books and numerous articles.

Demeš has served on boards of domestic and international non-profit organizations, among others: the European Foundation Center, the European Cultural Foundation, the European Council on Foreign Relations and the European Endowment for Democracy. He played an important role in EU's civil society development program in Slovakia and democratization efforts in the Balkans and Eastern Partnership countries.

Selected Awards:

The EU-US Democracy and Civil Society Award (1998), the USAID Democracy and Governance Award (1999), six-month public policy research fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C. (1999), Royal Dutch decoration Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau (2005), Yugoslav Star of First Class (2005), South East Europe Media Organization Human Rights Award (2009) and Medal of Honor from the Friends of Slovakia (2011)."

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Thursday, March 19

1:30 – 2:30 pm	Registration
2:30 pm	Opening Remarks
2:40 pm	Alanna Ropchock Tierno <i>Hymns, Martyrs, and Prophets: Czech Reformation Identity in Polytextual Mass Ordinaries from the Brno Choirbooks</i>
3:20 pm	Armin Langer <i>Herz Homberg: A Bohemian Jewish Educator on His Mission to "Civilize" the Jews of Eastern Europe</i>
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Coffee break
4:30 pm	Anastasia Tsylina <i>Czech Nationalism and Russophilia in the 19th Century: The Case of Václav Hanka</i>
5:10 pm	Marco Jaimes <i>Continuity and Modernity? The Cult of Franz Joseph in the Bohemian Crownlands</i>

Friday, March 20

8:30 am	Michael Kopanic <i>A Star Milan Rastislav Štefánik</i>
9:10 am	Lucian Frederick George <i>Comparing Rural Political Cultures in Interwar Poland and Czechoslovakia</i>
9:50 am	Anna Herran <i>A Century Together...Yet Divided: The Musealization of Interwar Czechoslovakia and Interwar Yugoslavia</i>
10:30 - 11:00 am	Coffee break
11:00 am	Jesse Siegel <i>The Greater Sudeten German World: Otto Kletzl, German Expressionism, and the Making of Sudeten German Nationalism</i>
11:40 am	Alena Mikulášová <i>Life Against the Backdrop of Totalitarianism: Slovakia 1939-1945</i>
12:20 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Mira Louise Markham <i>"The Best Representatives of the Liberated People": Partisans and Local Politics in Postwar Czechoslovakia</i>
2:10 pm	Lisa Peschel <i>Holocaust Survivors and Surviving Political Prisoners in the Czechoslovak Public Sphere after 1989</i>
2:50 pm	Carol Hochman <i>Engaging Youth in Czech Culture and Philanthropy</i>
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Coffee Break
4:00 pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Pavol Demeš <i>The Evolution and Dilemmas of Transatlantic Relations Since 1989</i>

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am	Joseph W. Nakpil <i>An Uncanny Inheritance: Juraj Herz and the Czech Tradition of Gothic Surrealism</i>
9:40 am	Soňa Rešovská <i>Dictionary of Slovak Neologisms (Lexicographic, Lexicological and Comparative Slavic Research) - Neological Research at the University of Prešov</i>
10:20 – 10:50 am	Coffee break
10:50 am	Hana Staňková <i>"More American Than the Most American American": When Russian and East European Avant-Garde Artists Discovered the New World</i>
11:30 am	Marcin Lukasz Filipowicz <i>Representation of Adoption in Contemporary Czech Prose</i>
12:50 pm	Closing remarks
12:20 – 1:30 pm	Lunch