

**Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences  
Department of Global History at Faculty of Arts, Charles University  
Institute of East European History, University of Vienna  
National Archives  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**

organise

International Conference

# **THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS: The First Global Peacekeeping Organization in the Changing World – Interdependences and Reflexions**

under the auspices  
of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic,  
the President of Czech Academy of Sciences  
and the Rector of the Charles University

Held on:  
**3-4 November 2022**  
The Czech Academy of Sciences

Venue:  
**Apollon's Hall and Adalbert Lounge of Vila Lanna,  
V Sadech 1, Prague 6**



# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**3rd November 2022**

## *Apollon's Hall*

**08:30–09:00** Registration

**09:00–09:30** Opening Speech: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; the Czech Academy of Sciences; Charles University; University of Vienna; National Archives

**09:30–10:00** Keynote Speaker: GOLDSTEIN, Erik (Boston University, United States of America): Britain's Dual Diplomacy: advantages and disadvantages of the League of Nations

**10:00–10:30** Keynote Speaker: LICIU, Doru Gheorghe (Head of Diplomatic Archives, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs): Nicolae Titulescu and his activity at the League of Nations: the perennial importance of international relations based on the rule of law

**10:30–11:00** Keynote Speaker: DEJMEK, Jindřich (The Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic): Edvard Beneš and the League of Nations

**11:00–11:30** *Discussant*: CASTRYCK-NAUMANN, Katja (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe, Leipzig)  
*Discussion*

**11:30–12:00** *Coffee Break*

## *Apollon's Hall*

**12:00–13:15** **Section I: HEADQUARTERS, FUNCTIONING AND REFORM EFFORTS**

Moderator: HORČIČKA, Václav (Charles University, Czech Republic)

EGGER, Clara-Anna (University of Vienna, Austria): Between hopefulness and criticism: Negotiations on the League of Nations in the inter-war women's peace movement

ČAPO, Hrvoje (Croatian Institute of History, Croatia): The Tenth Session of the Assembly of the League of Nations and the "United States of Europe" Idea: American insight report on Aristide Briand's project of European economic solidarity from 1929

QUIROGA-VILLAMARIN, Daniel R. (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland): 'Through the International Labyrinth': Building International Geneva (1929–1938)

JEZIORNY, Dariusz (University of Łódź, Poland): Reform of the League of Nations in 1936 in Polish foreign policy

*Discussion*

**13:15–14:15** *Lunch*

## *Adalbert Lounge*

**12:00–13:15** **Section II: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND GLOBAL PROBLEMS**

Moderator: HIERY, Hermann Joseph (University of Bayreuth, Germany)

BENE, Krisztián (University of Pécs, Hungary): The League of Nations and the Armenians in the French Mandated States, Syria and Lebanon

GUAZZINI, Federica (Università per Stranieri di Perugia, Italy): African States as host countries in the early humanitarian effort: a thorny issue

VALKOUN, Jaroslav (Charles University, Czech Republic): The British-Dominion Attitudes to Japanese Policy within the League of Nations in the Early 1930s

IPEK, Göktuğ (Istanbul University, Turkey): The League of Nations and Turkey: Conflicts and Solutions

*Discussion*

**13:15–14:15** *Lunch*

## *Apollon's Hall*

**14:15–15:30** **Section III: EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND MINORITY PROBLEMS**

Moderator: KRAUS, Hans-Christof (University of Passau, Germany)

CUSSÓ, Roser (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France): The Minorities Section's members and practices: the paths not taken



DÖMÖK, Csilla (University of Pécs, Hungary): Der Völkerbund und die Frage des Minderheitenschutzes  
NOVOTNÝ, Lukáš (University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic): Die Petitionen der deutschen Minderheit in der Tschechoslowakei an den Völkerbund in den 1920er Jahren und die Situation der deutschen Minderheit in der Tschechoslowakei

HORČIČKA, Václav (Charles University, Czech Republic): The Czechoslovak Land Reform and the German-Czechoslovak Mixed Arbitral Tribunal in the Interwar Period

*Discussion*

**15:30–16:00** *Coffee Break*

### **Adalbert Lounge**

#### **14:15–15:30 Section IV: THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

Moderator: HOLUBEC, Stanislav (The Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic)

OLTEANU, Andrei-Dumitru (Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania): The Romanian Diplomacy within the League of Nations and its activities in support of peacekeeping (1932–1935)

DŁUGOŁĘCKI, Piotr (Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland): Pros and cons of Polish participation in the works of the League of Nations

JAKUBEC, Ivan (Charles University, Czech Republic): Transit-, Verkehrs- und Kommunikationsproblematik als wichtiger Bestandteil der Völkerbund-Aktivitäten

GAUL, Jerzy (Central Archives of Historical Record, Poland): Joseph Piłsudski on the League of Nations and the problem of collective security

*Discussion*

**15:30–16:00** *Coffee Break*

### **Apollon's Hall**

#### **16:00–17:15 Section V: INTERWAR SOCIETY AND ITS INTERDEPENDENCIES**

Moderator: QUADERER, Rupert (Liechtenstein-Institut, Liechtenstein)

ALONI, Omer (Peres Academic Center, Israel): Building a New World Environmental Order: The League of Nations and the Environmental Regime, 1919–1939

VORÁČEK, Emil (The Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic): Fight against tuberculosis, the scourge of social diseases in the first decade of the Czechoslovak Republic and its cooperation with the Health Organisation of the League of Nations

HIERY, Hermann Joseph (University of Bayreuth, Germany): Das Saargebiet unter der Kontrolle des Völkerbundes (1920–1935). Neue Ergebnisse und Forschungen.

HUBENÝ, David (National Archives, Czech Republic): The Czechoslovak Unit of the International Police during the plebiscite in the Saarland in January 1935

*Discussion*

**17:15–19:30** *Banquet*

## **4th November 2022**

### **Apollon's Hall**

**08:30–09:00** Registration

#### **09:00–10:15 Section VI: EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL DISPUTES**

Moderator: JEZIORNY, Dariusz (University of Łódź, Poland)

BRISKU, Inxhi (University of Haifa, Israel): The League of Nations as a mediator in the conflicts between Greece and Albania, in the 1920s

DOKMANOVIĆ, Mišo (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, North Macedonia): League of Nation's First Testing Ground in the Balkans: 1921 Border Dispute between Albania and the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and the Lessons Learned

TÓTH, Andrej (University of Economics and Business, Czech Republic): Hungary's difficult path to the League of Nations (1921–1922)

ROZSYPAL PAJEROVÁ, Anna (Charles University, Czech Republic): The Åland Islands Dispute of Finland and Sweden as One of the First Arbitration of the League of Nation

*Discussion*

**10:15–10:45** *Coffee Break*

**Apollon's Hall**

**10:45–12:00** **Section VII: POLITICIANS, REFORMERS, VISIONARIES**

Moderator: HADLER, Frank (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe, Leipzig, Germany)

WAKOUNIG, Marija (University of Vienna, Austria): Der Adel und der Völkerbund

ENGELKING, Wojciech (University of Warsaw, Poland): Against the New Just War: Carl Schmitt's Critique of the League of Nations

BEHAM, Markus P. (University of Passau, Germany): Heinrich Lammasch and the League of Nations: Conceptualisation, Rejection, and Legacy

PAPADAKI, Marilena (Open University of Greece, Greece): Theory and practice of international law in the service of a new international order within the framework of the League of Nations: Nicolas Politis (1872–1942)

*Discussion*

**12:00–13:00** *Lunch*

**Apollon's Hall**

**13:00–14:15** **Section VIII: CRITICISM, DISSATISFACTIONS AND CONTROVERSIES?**

Moderator: WAKOUNIG, Marija (University of Vienna, Austria)

KRAUS, Hans-Christof (University of Passau, Germany): Die deutsche Kritik am Mandatssystem des Völkerbunds

ŠEPTÁK, Miroslav (University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic): Ein ambivalentes Verhältnis. Österreich und der Völkerbund 1931–1936

QUADERER, Rupert (Liechtenstein-Institut, Liechtenstein): Liechtenstein und der Völkerbund

PAVLYSHYN, Liubov – KUTSOV, Kostiantyn (Uzhhorod National University, Ukraine): Darstellung der Tätigkeit der Liga der Nationen in der subkarpatischen Presse in den 1920er und 1930er Jahren: provinzielle Sichtweise auf die internationale Politik

*Discussion*

**14:15–14:45** *Coffee Break*

**Apollon's Hall**

**14:45–16:00** **Section IX: REFLECTIONS AND CONTRADICTIONS**

Moderator: GOLDSTEIN, Erik (Boston University, United States of America)

SMETANA, Vít (Institute for Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic): Czechoslovakia and the League of Nations: Lessons Learned

KUKLÍK, Jan – NĚMEČEK, Jan (The Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic; Charles University, Czech Republic): The League of Nations, Czechoslovakia 1939–1945

ZVÍNCÁ, Gabriel (Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania): The use of League of Nations peacekeeping experiences by the United Nations

**16:00–16:30** *Closing Discussion*

Conference languages: English, German

Conference papers: approximately 15 minutes

We kindly ask for registration by 15<sup>th</sup> October at:

[conference2022eng@ff.cuni.cz](mailto:conference2022eng@ff.cuni.cz) (for communication in English)

[conference2022ger@nacr.cz](mailto:conference2022ger@nacr.cz) (for communication in German)

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