



JANUARY 4- JANUARY 21, 2022

SUSQUEHANNA WINTER PROGRAM

JANUARY 4 - WELCOME MEETING - 10 AM EST

You will be provided with a brief overview of the program, as well as being introduced to the Czech and international students with whom you will be in touch throughout the program.

JANUARY 4 - VIRTUAL TOUR OF MEETFACOTRY, FOLLOWED BY LIVE Q&A - 10:15 AM EST

MeetFactory is a non-profit international center for contemporary art founded in 2001 by the artist David Černý. MeetFactory's program consists of four departments - music, theatre, gallery and the artist-in-residence program. The organization's mission is to support original projects in the fields of visual arts, theater and music, as well as to create a space where art is alive and artists are present, enhancing a direct exchange between international artists and the visitors, as well as between different fields and generations. You will experience the space via a virtual tour, followed by a live Q+A session with Zuzana Kolouchová, PR manager.

JANUARY 4 - DISCUSSION WITH NATIONAL THEATRE YOUNG GENERATION ACTOR, JAN NEDBAL - 11:30

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/96483973555>

JANUARY 5 - VIRTUAL PRAGUE PEACE TRAIL, FOLLOWED BY LIVE Q&A - 10 AM EST

The Prague Trail for Peace and Non-Violent Resistance runs through places linked to the lives of people who, without violence, defended life and human rights against dehumanizing evil, fear and indifference. The trail commemorates people who deserve respect and admiration, and whose actions and attitudes inspire.

The Peace Trail is a tourist trail of a kind. It has a beginning and an end, can be walked in a single day (20 km), with the option of taking public transport. A filmed section of the trail will be presented by Prof. Ondřej Skovajsa, one of the trail's co-creators, followed by a live, interactive Q+A session. More info on the trail is available here -

<https://praguepeacetrail.org/>.

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/96022567480>

JANUARY 6 - VIRTUAL TOUR OF LIDICE, FOLLOWED BY LIVE Q&A - 10 AM EST

On June 10, 1942, the German government announced that it had destroyed the small village of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, killing every adult male and some fifty-two women. All surviving women and children were then deported to concentration camps, or if found suitable to be "Germanized", sent to the greater Reich. The Nazis then proudly proclaimed that the village of Lidice, its residents, and its very name, were now forever blotted from memory. You will virtually visit the Lidice Memorial, guided by Imogen Davidson White, a seasoned tour guide.

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/92217564040>

JANUARY 7 - SPORTS & ATHLETES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC - 10 AM EST

Czechs love their sports. In this session, you will learn a bit about Czech football from ECES' very own Lukáš Palán.

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/93896698632>

JANUARY 10, 11 & 12 - STAND-UP THERAPY WITH FILIP TELLER (GROUP 1) - 9 AM EST

Stand-Up Therapy is the opportunity to create your own distinctive stand-up based on a topic that you find important, interesting, close and personal to you. Stand-up comedy works as a form of therapy based on truth and the ability to share your story, creating humorous shows using basic comedy techniques and structures. The best and most famous stand-up comics create humour based solely on the truth. It is kind of an art to know how to make fun of your own problems, society, policy and even your mother. It is a type of therapy that helps not only comics but the audience as well. Spectators can realize that their lives are still quite cool compared to the comics' lives.

This workshop will take place in a friendly and safe environment with an empathetic attitude to everyone's individual sense of humour. The course is led by actor, stand-up comic, host and clown doctor Filip Teller (www.filipteller.com).

“Stand-up is like an egg. To get to the essence of your theme you have to firstly break the shell that prevents you to talk honestly about whatever you want to talk about. Then you have to walk through the egg white made out of excuses and useless talking. After all of this you can finally get to the heart of your person, truth and yolk and create an amazing stand-up comedy show. It is such a relieving and revealing process.”

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/94391387535>

JANUARY 13 - VIRTUAL TOUR OF PRAGUE'S JEWISH QUARTER - 10 AM EST

The Jewish community has inhabited Central Europe since the 9th century. This creates plenty of space for a rich history and longtime relationship with the local community. It is not a coincidence that many of the disturbances and consequent laws to protect both sides of the disputes, were introduced in this area. A presentation about the main historical moments and turns can be used as an entry point to much larger events in Europe. Tolerance among religions, ethnic groups and sometimes their lack of, is part of the everyday life not only in Prague, but in all of Central Europe. Eva Illnerova is a local guide with rich guiding experiences from the Jewish historical area, as well as World War 2 sites.
ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/98785868956>


JANUARY 14 - POST BELLUM WORKSHOP - 9 AM EST

In this experiential workshop, ten friends meet to celebrate a birthday set in 1980s Czechoslovakia, but this is not a traditional celebration. One of the gifts is the reading of a "samizdat" edition of the play *Largo Desolato* by the forbidden author Václav Havel. Samizdat was a form of dissident activity across the socialist Eastern Bloc in which individuals reproduced censored and underground makeshift publications, often by hand, and passed the documents from reader to reader.

This will give the friends the courage to start creating their own samizdat. What are the participants in the celebration willing to sacrifice for their joint work? And can they trust each other? Each participant will be assigned a role to play and will explore the theme of human rights, especially freedom of speech, as well as media literacy.

Founded by a group of Czech journalists and historians, Post Bellum is a non-profit organization that has been searching for and recording the memories of witnesses of key moments of the 20th century since 2001. The organization's main project is the Memory of the Nation, a collection of memories, photographs, diaries, and various archives from the period of totalitarianism during the 20th century.

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/95864006703>



JANUARY 17, 18 & 19 - STAND-UP THERAPY WITH FILIP TELLER (GROUP 2) - 9 AM EST

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/97177651132>

JANUARY 20 - VACLAV HAVEL (1936-2011): FROM DISSIDENT TO PRESIDENT - 10 AM EST

There are only a few globally known political and cultural personalities of the 20th century who have left an important message that not only considers the fight for freedom and democracy, but also contributes to the formation of an ethical and moral stance. Václav Havel, a playwright and intellectual from Czech Republic, is definitely one of these. He can be easily compared to personalities such as Nelson Mandela or Mahatma Gandhi, who always advocated peaceful, non-violent societal change.

In this session, led by Prof. Ivana Doležalová, Vaclav Havel's personal path to the presidency after the fall of Communism in 1989 will be covered at length, as it not only maps out his personal life path, but also the crucial political changes in his homeland. The brutal Communist rule of the 1950s, the easier "golden 60s", followed by the invasion of the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact countries after the Prague Spring in 1968 will be discussed as well as Vaclav Havel's initiative in forming and formulating Charter 77, which turned him and his followers into persecuted dissidents. We will also cover the radical change in the system after the 1989 Velvet Revolution and its aftermath, when the former societal outcast became president of the country.

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/94797548386>

JANUARY 21- FAREWELL COOKING SESSION - 10 AM EST

Put on an apron and make sure you're hungry! The virtual winter experience will end with an interactive cooking session, learning about traditional Czech foods and a bit of culinary history. A list of ingredients will be provided in advance.

ZOOM: <https://cuni-cz.zoom.us/j/99257416196>