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**Conference languages**  
English, German

**Conference papers**  
approximately 15–20 minutes

Change of programme reserved

**Venue**  
Courtyard by Marriott Pilsen  
Sady 5. května 57, Pilsen  
Ballroom Pilsen

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# Centenary of the Locarno Treaties and Collective Security Policy in Europe: Reality – Reflection – Reassessment – Re-establishment?

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International Conference

24–25.10.2024  
Pilsen



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The conference offers a thorough examination of the Locarno Treaties, pivotal agreements that shaped European diplomacy and security policies after World War I and had a lasting impact throughout the 20th century. Leading experts from around the world will provide new insights into Locarno's influence on collective security, power dynamics, and its role in modern European thought. Attendees will explore behind-the-scenes diplomatic negotiations, rarely-seen documents, and fresh interpretations that address current security challenges. The conference highlights how the lessons of Locarno continue to resonate as we navigate the complexities of peace, security, and stability in contemporary Europe.

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The conference is taking place under the auspices of the Rector of the Charles University and the Rector of the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen.

## Thursday, October 24th

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**8.30–9.00**

Registration

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**9.00–9.20**

Opening Speeches:  
German Historical Institute  
Warsaw, Prague Branch;  
Charles University;  
Philipps-University  
Marburg; University  
of West Bohemia

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**9.20–10.50**

Moderator:  
Benedikt Stuchtay  
University of Marburg,  
Germany

Keynote Speaker:  
Erik Goldstein  
Boston University,  
United States of America  
**Locarno and British  
Grand Strategy**

Keynote Speaker:  
Peter Jackson  
University of Glasgow,  
United Kingdom  
**The Locarno Accords and  
the Evolution of French  
Strategy and Diplomacy  
between the Two World  
Wars**

## Discussion

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**10.50–11.15**

Coffee Break

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**11.15–13.00**

**Section I:  
Reassessment of the  
Treaties of Locarno  
and Collective Security  
Policy in Europe from  
an International  
Perspective**

Moderator:  
Bartosz Dziewanowski-  
Stefańczyk  
German Historical Institute  
Warsaw, Poland

Daniel R. Quiroga-Villamarin  
Graduate Institute of Inter-  
national and Development  
Studies, Switzerland  
**Architectural Appeasement:  
A Material History of Fascism  
and the League of Nations  
as Told by its *Palais des  
Nations* (1926–1938)**

Václav Horčíčka  
Charles University,  
Czech Republic  
**Little known Aspects  
of the Saint Germain Peace  
Treaty: Czechoslovak Land  
Reform on the Estates  
of Austrian Citizens  
in the Interwar Period**

Wojciech Engelking  
University of Warsaw,  
Poland  
**Kantian Foundations  
of Kelsen's Theory of the  
International Law in 1920s**  
(online)

Jaroslav Valkoun  
Charles University,  
Czech Republic  
**The Dominions and  
the Locarno Conference:  
Reflection and Reassessment**

Jerzy Gaul  
Central Archives of Historical  
Record, Poland

**Józef Piłsudski's Attitude  
towards Locarno and  
Collective Guarantee Pacts  
in the Light of the Polish  
*raison d'état* (1925–1935)**

#### Discussion

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**13.00–14.00**  
Lunch

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**14.00–15.30**  
Moderator:  
Benedikt Stuchtay  
University of Marburg,  
Germany

Keynote Speaker:  
Gaynor Johnson  
University of Kent,  
United Kingdom  
**The Treaty of Locarno:  
Personalities and the**

**International System  
in the Interwar Period**

Keynote Speaker:  
Patrick O. Cohrs  
University of Florence, Italy  
**Towards a New Concert  
of Democracies: Locarno's  
Broader Significance  
in the International History  
of the "Long" 20th Century**

#### Discussion

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**15.30–16.00**  
Coffee Break

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**16.00–17.50**  
**Section II:  
The Locarno  
Conference from  
a Central European  
Perspective**

Moderator:  
Benedikt Stuchtay  
University of Marburg,  
Germany

Arnold Suppan  
Austrian Academy  
of Sciences, Austria  
**Prag und Wien zwischen  
Paris und Berlin (1924–1927)**

Lukáš Novotný  
University of West  
Bohemia, Czech Republic  
**Die Tschechoslowakei  
und ihre Stellung**

**in der Wahrnehmung  
der britischen Gesandtschaft  
in Prag in den 1920er Jahren**

Csilla Dömök  
University of Pécs, Hungary  
**Friedenssicherung in Europa  
– Gustav Stresemann:  
Zwischen Revisionismus  
und Verständigung**

Ivan Jakubec  
Charles University,  
Czech Republic  
**Tschechoslowakisch-  
deutsche Wirtschafts-  
und Verkehrsbeziehungen  
im Schatten von Locarno**

Richard Lein  
University of Vienna,  
Austria  
**Zwischen allen Stühlen:  
Österreichs Außen-  
und Sicherheitspolitik  
1920–1938**

#### Discussion

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**18.30–21.30**  
Festive Dinner

**Friday,  
October 25th**

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**8.30–9.00**  
Registration

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**9.00–10.40**

**Section III:  
The Locarno  
Conference from  
a Western European  
and Czechoslovak  
Perspectives**

Moderator:  
Václav Horčíčka  
Charles University,  
Czech Republic

Krisztián Bene  
University of Pécs, Hungary  
**The Impact of the Locarno  
Treaties on Franco-Hungarian  
Relations during  
the Interwar Period**

Bohumila Ferenčuhová  
Learned Society of Slovakia,  
Slovakia  
**French Eastern Alliance  
Policy and the Negotiations  
of the Locarno Treaties  
in 1925**

Sorin Arhire  
University of Alba Iulia,  
Romania  
**British Foreign Policy towards  
Europe during 1920s**

Hrvoje Čapo  
Croatian Institute  
of History, Croatia

**U.S. View on the Locarno  
Treaties of 1925**

David Hubený  
National Archives,  
Czech Republic  
**Czechoslovak Aspects  
of the Locarno Conference**

**Discussion**

**10.40–11.00**  
Coffee Break

**11.00–13.00**

**Section IV:  
The Locarno Pact:  
Between Germany  
and South-Eastern  
and East Europe**

Moderator:  
Benedikt Stuchtey  
University of Marburg,  
Germany

Tilman Lüdke  
University of Freiburg,  
Germany  
**The Treaties of Locarno:  
Final Building Block  
of Germany's Re-Inter-  
nationalisation**

Robert Schmidtchen  
German Federal Archives,  
Germany

**In Locarno's Shadow:  
Germany and the Soviet  
Union**

Stefano Santoro  
University of Trieste, Italy  
**Fascist Italy, Central  
and South-Eastern Europe,  
and the Project  
of a "Danubian-Balkan  
Locarno"**

Aleksandar Životić  
University of Belgrade, Serbia  
**The USSR and the Possibility  
of Extending the Locarno  
Pact in Southeast Europe  
(1924–1927)**

Dariusz Jeziorny  
University of Łódź, Poland  
**The Locarno Treaty  
Enlargement? London  
and the Idea to Join  
the USSR**

Srdan Mičić  
University of Belgrade,  
Serbia

**The Kingdom of Serbs,  
Croats and Slovenes  
and the Locarno Pact**

**Discussion**  
**Closing Discussion**

**13.00–14.00**

Lunch

**CONFERENZA**

**LOCARNO**

5-16 Ottobre 1925

1 CHAMBERLAIN  
Great Britain

2 MUSSOLINI  
Italy

3 LUTHER  
Deutschland

4 STRESEMANN  
Deutschland

5 VANDERVELDE  
Belgique

6 SKRZYŃSKI  
Polska

7 BENEŠ  
Československá Republika

8 BRIAND  
France

9 RUSCA  
Sveučilište u Locarno

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