

THE EMBASSY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC IN LJUBLJANA
AND
THE EMBASSY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC IN LJUBLJANA
kindly invite you to a conference

30 YEARS SINCE THE FALL OF THE IRON CURTAIN

which will be held
on October 17, 2019, from 9:00
in the House of the European Union,
Dunajska cesta 20, 1000 Ljubljana

UNDER THE AUSPICE

President of the National Council of Slovenia, H. E. Mr Alojz Kovšca

INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES

H. E. Mr Zoran Stančič, Head of the European Commission Representation in Slovenia
H. E. Ms Eva Ponomarenková, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in Slovenia
H. E. Mr Juraj Chmiel, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Slovenia

PANEL DISCUSSION

Prof. Dr. Bojko Bučar, Professor at the University of Ljubljana
Dr. Alica Kizeková, Senior Researcher at the Institute of International Relations Prague
Dr. Veronika Zapletalová, Assistant Professor at the Masaryk University in Brno
Dr. Adam Hudek, Senior Researcher, Institute of History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
TBC: Participant from the Slovak Republic

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PROGRAMME

Annotation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the transition to democracy in Czechoslovakia and more broadly in the whole Central Europe, the Embassy of the Czech Republic and the Embassy of the Slovak Republic organise together the one-day conference labelled “30 Years Since the Fall of the Iron Curtain” under the auspice of the President of the National Council of Slovenia H. E. Alojz Kovšca.

The conference would focus on the reflection of the socio-political events after the 1989, including the integration of the Central European countries into the Euro-Atlantic structures, geopolitical change of the Central European region and the transition of the states and societies towards democracy and market economy.

Date: 17. 10. 2019

Venue: Hiša EU, Dunajska cesta 20, 1000 Ljubljana

Language: English

Programme

9:00 – 9:20 **Registration**

9.30 – 10.00 **Introductory Speeches**

H. E. Mr Zoran Stančič, European Commission representative in Slovenia

H. E. Ms Eva Ponomarenko, Ambassador of Slovakia

H. E. Mr Juraj Chmiel, Ambassador of the Czech Republic

10.00 – 12.00 **Panel Discussion: 30 Years Since the Fall of the Iron Curtain**

Format 10 min introductory lecture of guests, afterwards Q&A

Topics Democratisation, liberalisation and the building of liberal economy
The new security environment after the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact and the Eastern Bloc
New member states in EU and NATO, adaptation, cooperation and searching own ways
Re-emergence of Central Europe, identity and challenges

Guests Prof. Dr. Bojko Bučar, University of Ljubljana
Mgr. et Mgr. Veronika Zapletalová, Ph.D., Masaryk University in Brno
Mgr. Alica Kizeková, Ph.D., Institute of International Relations in Prague
Adam Hudek, PhD., Institute of History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
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Moderation: Mgr. Jan Beneš, Ph.D., Embassy of the Czech Republic in Slovenia

12.00 – 12:20 **Exhibition opening: Revolution in Photography**

H. E. Ms Eva Ponomarenko Ambassador of Slovakia

H. E. Mr Juraj Chmiel, Ambassador of the Czech Republic

12.20 – 13:00 **Buffet lunch**