

NYU Prague and Prague Institute for Democracy, Economy and Culture invite you to a conference

TACKLING THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN EUROPE

November 9, 2015

NYU Prague, Male namesti 11 – Richtruv Dum, Prague 110 00

Media and Society

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Chair: Salim Murad

Panelists: Rodney Benson, Tomas Lindner, Jaroslav Plesl, Ondrej Kundra

This panel will explore the media portrayal of refugees in Europe: What role do media images have in constructing our concept of „the refugee“? What are the consequences of using different terminologies in addressing the refugee crisis (refugees vs. economic migrants vs. asylum seekers vs. survivors vs. terrorists)? What is the effect of social media in debates about refugees?

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Coffee Break

Nations and Borders

4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Chair: Jiri Pehe

Panelists: Jacques Rupnik, Arndt Freiherr Freytag von Loringhoven – *German Ambassador to the Czech Republic*, Muriel Blaive, Jan Urban

This panel will address how the refugee crisis shapes the concepts of national identity, especially via the lenses of nationalism and extremism: How are the „the self“ and „the other“ constructed in European national discourses? Does European identity exist? Has a new East/West split emerged in Europe?

5:45 – 6:00 p.m. Coffee Break

Governments and Citizens

6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Chair: Pavel Fischer

Panelists: Jiri Dienstbier, Jan Machacek, Simon Panek, Tomas Zdechovsky

This panel will focus on how the governments communicate the refugee crisis to their citizens: How are the EU immigration policies perceived by the Czech government? What is the role of civil society in forming good citizens? What are the governmental responsibilities towards its citizens and towards the refugees as potential citizens?

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese

To attend, please register online: [insert link]