

Havel

CITIZEN HAVEL MEMORIAL CONFERENCE BUDAPEST • 23 MAY 2012 • ELTE TÁTK

PROGRAM

DATE:

23 May 2012 13:30-20:30 PM

VENUE:

Budapest, ELTE University Faculty of Social Sciences

PATRON:

Mr. Árpád Göncz

ORGANISING PARTNERS:

Czech Centre, Budapest
ELTE University Faculty of Social Sciences, Budapest
Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Budapest
Ökopolisz Foundation, Budapest





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The conference creates an opportunity for the Hungarian democrats to commemorate and reflect on the honourable heritage of Václav Havel. The initiators of the memorial conference are LMP members of the Budapest City Council and its Education Committee. With this event we would like to contribute to Václav Havel's recognition in Budapest: the initiators propose a posthumous Honorary Citizenship or a related symbolic gesture reflecting his excellent links to Hungary and Budapest.

Recognising Havel's complex set of activities and his outstanding political achievements in Central Europe - and beyond -, the conference shall highlight the diverse framework of his Hungarian connections. The event is dedicated to appreciate the diversity of Czech-Hungarian relations in a European context - hopefully inspiring the actors of the current turbulent public life.

Supplementary Events related to the conference:

- **A Photo Exhibition on Havel** (Czech Centre)
- **Presenting a new bestseller from Kalligram Publishing House:**
Václav Havel: The Spell of Liberty (Kalligram Publishing House, 2012)

TIME	PROGRAM*
13:30-14:00	Opening remarks <i>Dr. Barna Mezey</i> , Rector of ELTE University, <i>Michal Černý</i> , Director of the Czech Centre, Budapest , <i>Dr. Jenő Kaltenbach</i> , university professor, University of Szeged
14:00-14:20	A Presidential Salute to the President: A Message from Árpád Göncz to Václav Havel <i>Dr. András Gulyás</i> , former foreign policy advisor and ambassador, Head of the Presidential Secretariat of Mr. Árpád Göncz, former President of Hungary
14:20-14:40	Havel - The National and Religious Tradition <i>Dr. Martin C. Putna</i> , literary historian, University Professor, former Director of the Václav Havel Library, Prague
14:40-15:00	Havel's Ambassador in Budapest - Personal Recollections <i>Dr. Rudolf Chmel</i> , literary historian, university lecturer, a Member of the Slovak Parliament, former Deputy Prime Minister of Slovakia, Czecho-Slovak Ambassador to Hungary (1990-92)
15:00-15:20	Havel and the Central European Heritage <i>László Szigeti</i> , Managing Director of Kalligram Publishing House, Bratislava-Budapest
15:20-15:40	Havel's Way to the Hungarian Spectators and Readers <i>Dr. Endre Bojtár</i> , literary historian, translator
15:40-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-16:20	Havel and Central Europe <i>Dr. Csaba Kiss Gy.</i> , historian of cultural and Central European affairs, university professor, Warsaw University
16:20-16:40	Václav Havel's Hungarian Relations <i>Dr. Peter Hunčík</i> , psychiatrist, politician and writer; <i>Dunajska Streda-Dunaszerdahely</i>
16:40-17:00	Citizen Havel: Personal Recollections on Making Films on Havel <i>Jan Novák</i> , film director and author
17:00-17:45	After Havel in Central Europe: Messages to Democracy in Hungary and Central Europe <i>Dr. László Lengyel</i> , economist, public writer, Director of Pénzügykutató Zrt. <i>Dr. Elemér Hankiss</i> , sociologist, philosopher, literary historian
17:45-18:30	Open Remarks and Discussion
18:30-19:00	Refreshment Break, Buffet
19:00-23:00	Havel Film Club: Citizen Havel (2008) directed by <i>Pavel Koutecky</i> , <i>Miroslav Janek</i>