

20
26

7 - 9 September 2026

UACES 56th Annual Conference

#UACES2026

This project is implemented with the
financial support of the City of Prague

PRA HA
PRA GUE
PRA GA
PRA G




**Charles
University**

WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Professor Toni Haastrup



Colleagues,

Welcome to Prague! Welcome to UACES 56th Annual Conference!

For nearly six decades, UACES has brought together a remarkable community of scholars and practitioners to share ideas about 'Europe' and its place in the world. We get to do it again this year, and in one of Europe's great cities. Prague has long been a place where different cultures, traditions and ideas have intersected, making it an especially fitting setting for our conversations this time. Beyond the beauty of its historic architecture and cultural heritage, this is a vibrant centre of learning, debate and international exchange.

Our host, Charles University, embodies that tradition. Founded in 1348, it is one of the oldest universities in Europe and has played a significant role in shaping intellectual life across the continent for centuries. I am grateful to our colleagues here for their vision and support and for welcoming the UACES community to Prague.

This year's programme reflects both the diversity of European Studies and the continued importance of the social sciences and humanities. At a time when societies face increasingly complex challenges, our disciplines inform not only how institutions and policies operate, but how people and communities experience change, respond to uncertainty and imagine alternative futures.

As we gather here, it is not lost on me that many colleagues in Palestine, Nepal, Sudan, in Ukraine, and in other places are unable to participate in the academic life of their own institutions and societies. I stand in solidarity with them and I do not take for granted this seemingly simple act of coming together to do our work and (hopefully) what we enjoy. The conference also takes place at a time of significant change for the higher education sector transnationally. Across the sector, colleagues are navigating growing pressures on research, teaching and academic careers, often while responding to shifting institutional priorities and increasingly constrained resources. And of course, UACES remains committed to supporting our community at every career stage. This year's programme reflects that commitment through our panels on and for the mid-career stage, as much as our teaching-focused sessions.

Of course, the Conference is about much more than the panels and plenaries. It is also about what happens in between. In addition to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones, I hope that the conversations that begin over coffee yield new collaborations; and above all that you leave Prague invigorated by the ideas, new connections and renewed enthusiasm for the work we do.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This year's conference will be held at the Jinonice Campus of Charles University. This newly modernised campus offers excellent facilities just 20 minutes from Prague's historic Old Town.



Faculty of Social Sciences, Jinonice Campus
Charles University, U Kříže 8, 158 00, Prague 5

How to get to Jinonice?

From the central train station ("Hlavní nádraží"):

Take the tram no. 26 and go to Náměstí republiky, where you change to metro line B to Jinonice station (direction Zličín).

From Holešovice railway station:

Go by subway red C line to Můstek station, where you can change to yellow B line to Jinonice station

From Vaclav Havel Airport:

Take the bus no. 100 to Zličín, where you can change to metro line B to Jinonice station

For All Routes Above:

From the Jinonice station turn right, cross the street, climb the stairs, turn left, and follow the passage through the red round building.

Please note that whilst the Jinonice Campus is fully accessible, the journey from the metro station may not be due to stair usage. UACES is committed to making sure the conference is accessible to all delegates, so if this is an issue for you please let us know and we will sort accessible arrangements for you

AREÁL JINONICE

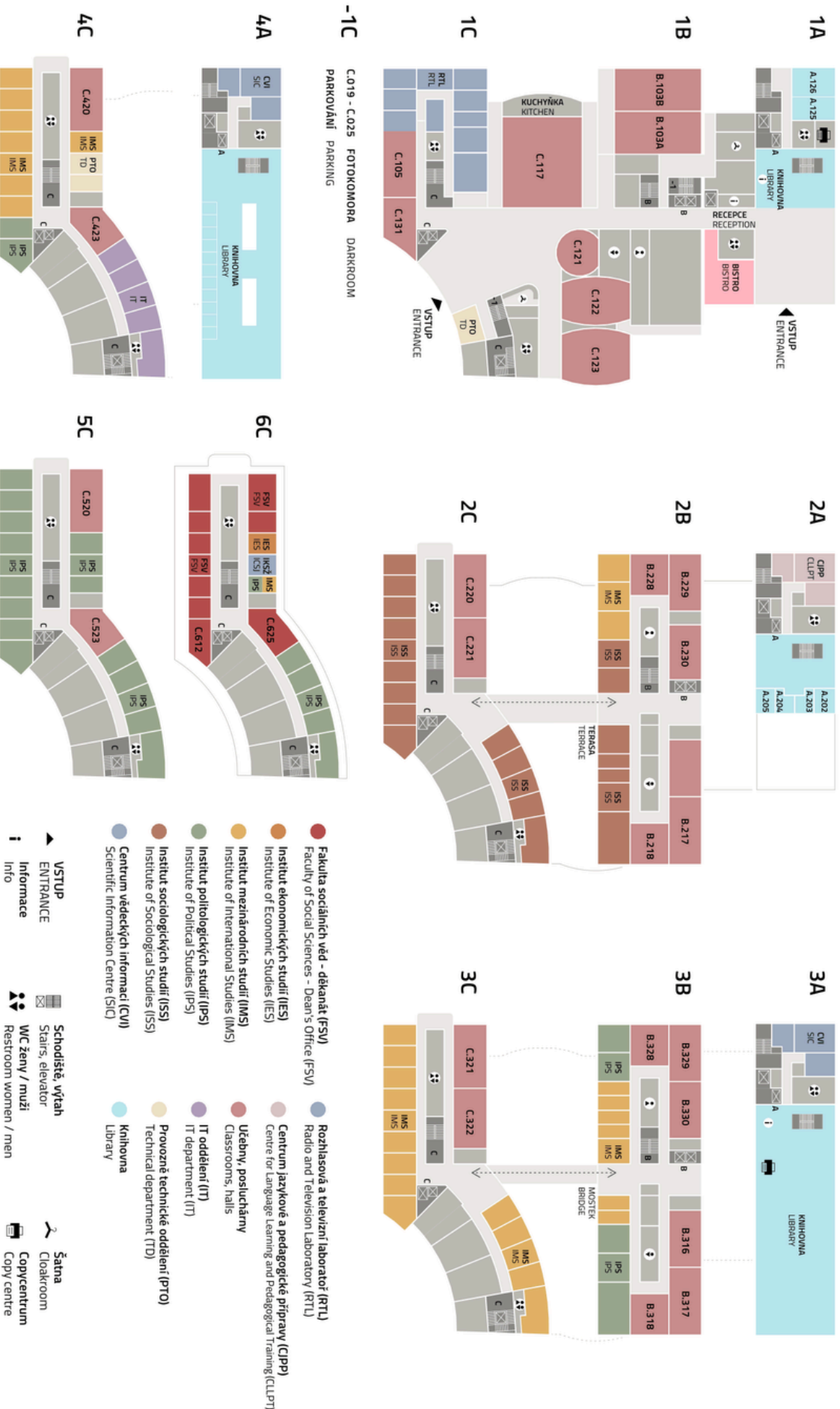
orientační plán

JINONICE CAMPUS

floor plan



FAKULTA
SOCIÁLNÍCH VĚD
Univerzita Karlova



The Family room, a dedicated space for feeding and resting, is located IN C520

The Quiet room, a space to get some respite from the conference, is located in C423

REGISTRATION

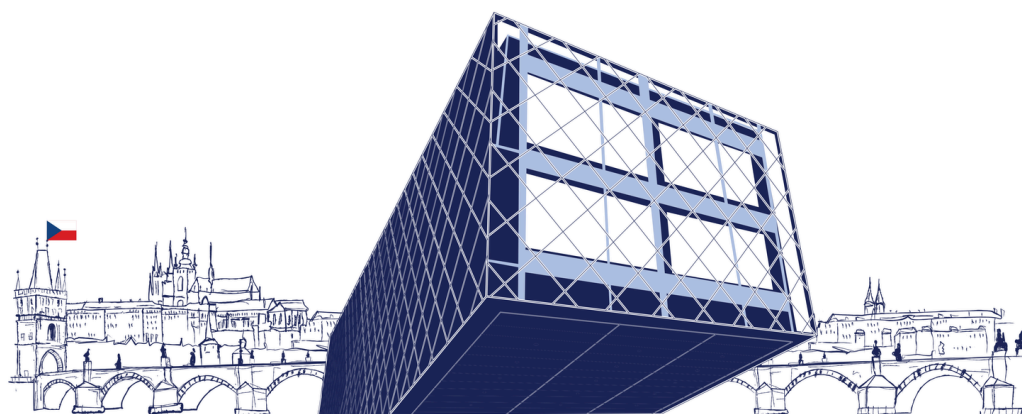
Registration will take place in the Jinonice Campus' **Social Science Building** and opens on Monday 7 September at 08:00. Look for the UACES welcome signage.

Please make sure to go to registration before starting your conference day, as this is where you will collect your delegate badge. If you need assistance, a member of the UACES team will be there to answer any questions.

Don't forget, registration is also your opportunity to take home your own bespoke Annual Conference tote bag!

CONFERENCE LOGO

As has become tradition, this year's Annual Conference logo has been specially commissioned from a local artist. We are delighted to be working with [Anna De Kemel](#), a self-taught artist and freelance illustrator based in Prague, where she has lived for over 13 years. She works across both traditional and digital media, including watercolor, gouache, oil, and digital illustration. She is currently aiming to further develop her practice in the field of children's book illustration.



Charles University, Jinonice campus, Prague
7 – 9 September 2026



"The concept for the UACES 56th Annual Conference in Prague logo is based on the contrast between the neocubist architecture of the Jinonice campus of Charles University and Prague's characteristic Gothic architecture, bringing these elements together in a unified visual composition. The silhouettes of Charles Bridge and Prague Castle appear in the background as defining landmarks of Prague, highlighting their cultural significance in dialogue with the legacy of Charles University"

- **Anna De Kemel** on her design

PRESENTING

If you're presenting in a panel, please be ready to start promptly. Information on bringing presentation slides will be provided in the 'All You Need To Know' email. If you have any questions, please speak to the team at reception when you arrive.

Get familiar with the location of your session and try to arrive at least 10 minutes before your session's starting time.

Depending on how many presenters there are in your panel, you will have between 10 and 15 minutes to present your paper.

WI-FI INFORMATION

Eduroam is also available for participants from other academic institutions. Delegates should connect using the same credentials given by their home institution.

If you don't have Eduroam then please come to reception and we can help you connect

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography will take place throughout the conference, including during plenaries, networking events and in shared spaces. UACES may use these images in our promotional materials, official communications and on social media.

Delegates will be able to access a shared online drive with images after the conference.

If you do not wish to appear in photos, please alert Daniel Marshall or Rosie O'Halloran at the conference

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be available during scheduled coffee breaks each day, alongside a balanced lunch service designed to cater for a range of dietary preferences. Vegetarian, vegan and meat options will be available throughout the conference. All food allergens will be clearly labelled

Those who indicated dietary needs during registration should already have been contacted regarding their catering arrangements. If you have a dietary requirement and have not yet informed us, please contact admin@uaces.org as soon as possible so that we can ensure suitable provision is available during the conference.

AWARDS RECEPTION

Join us on **Monday 7 September from 18:00 to 20:30** for the UACES Awards and Drinks Reception at the historic Karolinum, one of Prague's most significant academic buildings and the ceremonial heart of Charles University.

Taking place after the first day of the conference, this reception provides an excellent opportunity to unwind, reconnect with colleagues and continue conversations from the day's sessions in a relaxed setting.

The evening will also celebrate the achievements of the UACES community through the presentation of our newly expanded annual awards, recognising outstanding contributions to European Studies and the wider UACES community.

A drinks reception and fork buffet will be served throughout the evening. The event is open to all conference delegates and no separate registration is required.

Address: Karolinum, Ovocný trh 3-5, 110 00, Staré Město, Praha 1

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Monday 7 September

08:00 Registration and Exhibition Opens

09:00 - 10:30 Morning Panels

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:45 Plenary One: Central Europe in the EU:
Actorness, Engagement, and Impact

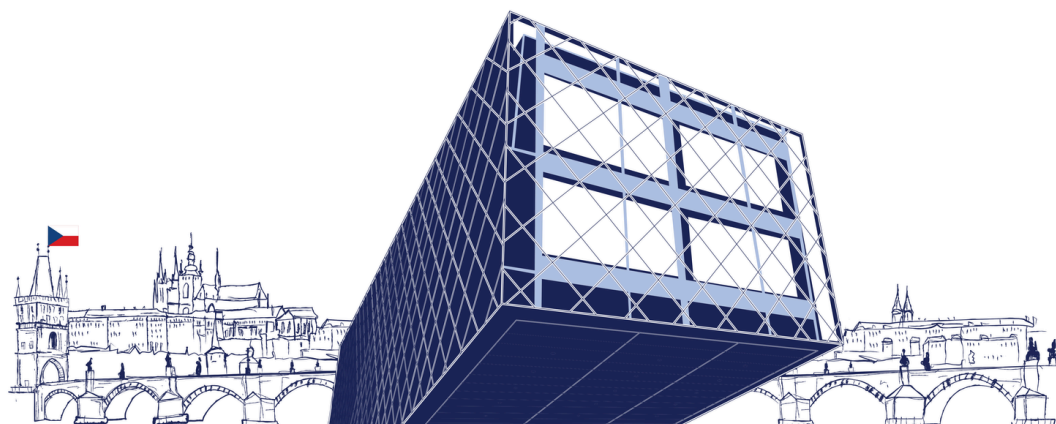
12:45 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Afternoon Panels

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 Evening Panels

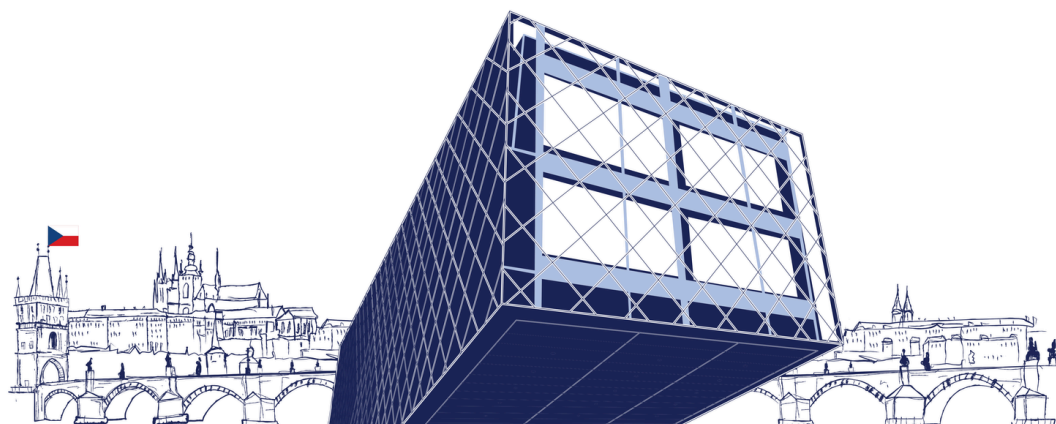
18:00 - 20:30 Drinks Reception at Karolinum



AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Tuesday 8 September

09:00	Exhibition Opens
09:30 - 11:00	Morning Panels
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	Midday Panels
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Plenary Two: Europe and the Future of Space Policy
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	Evening Panels
18:00 - 20:30	Graduate Forum Drinks Social



AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Wednesday 9 September

08:45

Exhibition Opens

09:00 - 10:30

Morning Panels

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30

Plenary Three: Strategic Autonomy,
Industrial Policy and Competitiveness

12:30 - 13:30

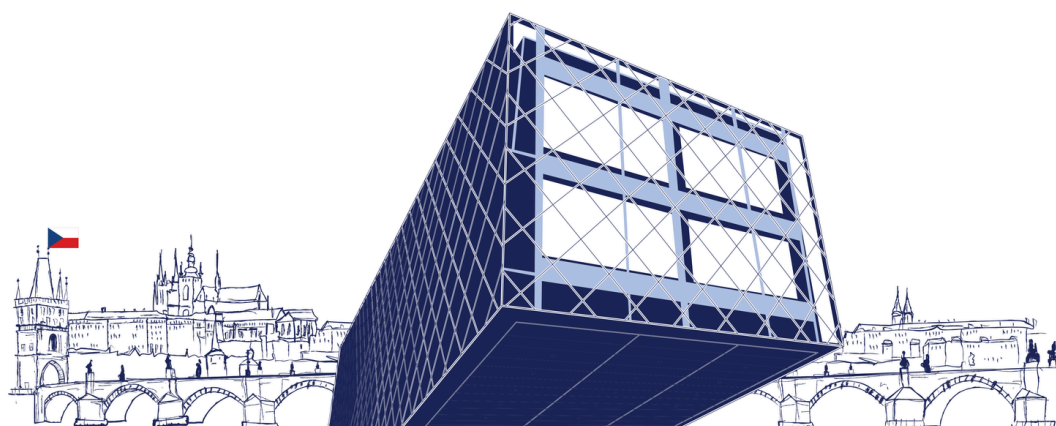
Lunch

13:30 - 15:00

Afternoon Panels

15:00

Conference Ends



OUR SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

We would like to acknowledge and thank all our sponsors and exhibitors for their invaluable support this year.

[ibidem Press](#) - ibidem Press is an independent academic publisher with a strong focus on Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the Caucasus and the post-Soviet space. Through its books, journals and publishing series, ibidem Press provides a platform for innovative, interdisciplinary research exploring some of the most significant political, social and historical developments shaping Europe today.



As Central/Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and the Caucasus reshape EU Strategic Autonomy, ibidem Press wants to publish your research. They are actively seeking book proposals and journal articles that untangle these shifting regional dynamics.

Put your research on the map through their flagship outlets: SPPS Series, Balkan Politics and Society, European Studies in the Caucasus and FORUM Journal (History of ideas & political philosophy)



[Wiley](#) - With a legacy spanning more than two centuries, Wiley is one of the world's largest publishers and a global leader in scientific research and career-connected education that is delivering on its mission to unlock human potential. Wiley works to fuel the global economy, advance society, and make a true impact on the lives of people around the world with industry-leading content, platforms, and knowledge networks. We are also the proud publisher of UACES's two flagship journals: JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies and Contemporary European Politics, which continue to shape scholarly discourse on European integration and political developments.

[Routledge](#) - Routledge is one of the world's leading academic publishers in the Humanities and Social Sciences, with a long history of publishing influential scholarship and supporting research communities across disciplines. This includes their work with UACES on the Routledge/UACES Contemporary European Studies book series, a well-established outlet for high-quality research on the European Union and its evolving role across political, economic and social domains.



[Palgrave Macmillan](#) - Palgrave Macmillan publishes award-winning, peer-reviewed research for scholars, students, librarians, professionals and policymakers, across the humanities, social sciences, and business. We balance the wide distribution, innovation, and efficiency of a global publisher with the dedicated expertise of international editors commissioning in specialised subject areas.

palgrave
macmillan



[JCMS](#) - *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* is a multidisciplinary journal that leads debates on European integration and comparative regionalism. For over 60 years we have encouraged original, meaningful and challenging research that pushes boundaries across the fields of political science, international relations, law, economics, sociology and more.

[Contemporary European Politics](#) - is an open-access journal in the field of European politics. The journal is devoted to promoting original research and insightful debate in contemporary European politics by publishing academic articles, research comments, policy analysis and book reviews covering European politics both within and beyond the European Union. The journal actively invites contributions from interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary approaches which provide new perspectives on European political topics.



[Contemporary European Studies](#) book series is an internationally renowned outlet for the publication of first-rate research in European Union Studies. It aims to reflect the fast moving and multifaceted character of the European Union as a political, economic, social, cultural, security, and technological actor and to represent novel and diverse approaches to European Union Studies.

[Graduate Forum](#) - The UACES Graduate Forum is an active network of postgraduate and early-career researchers in contemporary European Studies. With a six-person team of postgraduate and ECRs working alongside the UACES Committee and Office Staff, the Graduate Forum provides important opportunities for development, sharing ideas, and networking.



ABOUT UACES

UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies) is the global membership organisation for academics, students, and practitioners who are interested in all aspects of Europe and the European Union.

Our core purpose is to support and empower our community to advance education for the public benefit through the teaching and research of contemporary European Studies.

We support our members by organising events and conferences, including our flagship Annual Conference, providing grants and funding for researchers, and publishing JCMS, CEP, and books. Our Graduate Forum continues to grow year on year, providing important opportunities for PhD and Early-Career Researchers to share ideas, network, and develop their careers.

Thank You For Attending UACES 56th Annual Conference

Don't forget to share your experience using #UACES2026 and tag us on socials



UACES LinkedIn



@uaces.bsky.social

We hope to see you again next year in Bordeaux



**UACES 57th
Annual Conference 2027**

ESSCA, Bordeaux

30 August - 1 September