

**August
'68**

Invitation

Comenius University
Šafárikovo square 6,

Bratislava

**20-21
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Operation Danube has overnight transformed the lives of millions of people. Many of them are still asking: „**Why?**“

Why were our allies so afraid of our drive towards socialism with human face? Why did half-million soldiers and six thousand tanks march into a state of 15 million? Why did not we defend ourselves and why did our government ultimately agree to the occupation?

Answers to these questions will be provided by experts from Slovakia and abroad at the **international conference called Operation Danube**. They will expand the awareness of older generations with regards to the events of August 1968 in the former Czechoslovakia and will help younger generations to even better understand the current geopolitical situation, in which independent Slovakia finds itself in.

Entrance to the conference is based on **registration**

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1st day of the conference

9:00 - 9:45 Registration

10:30 Alexander Dubček
Prof. Ivan Laluha
Society of Alexander Dubček

11:25 - 11:45 Coffee break

12:10 Ryszard Siwiec
Dr hab. Mirosław Szumiło
Maria Curie-Skłodowska University

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:30 Josip Broz Tito
Prof. Ljubodrag Dimić
Institute of History of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

10:00	Introduction - film August 68 <i>Address by the Chairman of the board of Camera Obskura</i> <i>Address by the representative of SAV</i>
11:00	Intervention from year 1968 Alexander Stykalin <i>Institute of Slavic Studies of Russian Academy of Sciences</i>
11:45	Jan Palach PhDr. Petr Blažek, Ph.D. <i>Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes</i>
12:30	János Kádár Miklós Mitrovits PhD. <i>Institute of History of Hungarian Academy of Sciences</i>
14:00	Nicolae Ceaușescu Prof. Dr. Virgiliu ȚĂRĂU <i>Babes Bolyai University</i>

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break



15:10 ČSSR and West
PhDr. Slavomír Michálek, DrSc.
Institute of History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

16:15 Panel discussion

15:45 "Eto vaše dělo".
Year 1968 through Soviet optics
Mgr. Michal Macháček, PhD.
History Zoo Prague

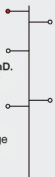
17:00 Closure of the 1st day of the conference

19:00 Reception

2nd day of the conference

main hall

9:00 - 9:45 Registration



10:30 ČSSR and Bulgaria
Assoc. Prof. Mihail Gruev, PhD.
Institute for Studies of the Recent Past

10:00 ČSSR and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Dr. Martin D. Brown
Richmond University in London

11:30 1968 Czechoslovak year and West, comparison, contrasts and varying heritage
Jackques Rupnik
Center for International Studies, Sciences Po

11:00 Russians have attacked us: Prešov 1968
Prof. Mark Stolarik
University of Ottawa

hall no. 2

10:00 Innocent – victims and their stories
Mgr. Peter Jašek, PhD.
Nation's Memory Institute

10:20 Public toilets made of gold
PhDr. Jiří Suk, Ph.D., DSc.
Institute for contemporary History Czech Academy of Sciences

10:40 Pre August 1968
PhDr. Stanislav Sikora, CSc.
Institute of History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

11:05 Operation Danube
PhDr. Michal Štefanský, CSc.
Historian

11:25 Ladislav Bielík and Emil Gallo
PhDr. Elena Londáková, CSc.
Institute of History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

11:45 Post August 1968
PhDr. Miroslav Londák, DrSc.
Institute of History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

12:00 Closure of the 2nd day of the conference

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

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