

Associated Event to the Forum 2000 Conference

“World We Want to Live In”

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Title:

Lesson taken (?)

Role of Political Prisoners in our Past, Presence and Future.

Discussion panel is organized by a volunteer initiative [Politictí vězni.cz](http://Politicti.vezni.cz) / [Political Prisoners.eu](http://PoliticalPrisoners.eu) on Tuesday, 12 October 2010 from 17:15 – 18:45 pm in the Goethe-Institut Prague, Masarykovo nábřeží 32, Prague 1. Working language of the panel is English.

Panel Abstract

The aim of this session is to attract the attention of present leaders as well as wide public and tackle the phenomenon of political oppression and imprisonment around the globe. We wish to focus on following issues:

Is there a common definition of political prisoners?

What is it we should learn from their life stories?

Which role does democracy play in the process of their remembrance?

Survivors, eyewitnesses and historians will share their answers.

Speakers

Keynote Introduction:

Trudie Bryksová, journalist, the widow of Josef Bryks, Brigadier General in memoriam.

Speakers:

Françoise Mayer, Director CEFRES, Prague,

Tomáš Bursík, Head of Department of Modern History, Historical Museum, Prague,

Jana Švehlová, *Enemy's Daughter*, Washington, (TBC)

Miroslav Vaněk, President of IOHA, Prague.

Honorary Guest:

Jose Luis Garcia Paneque, medical doctor and freelance journalist, recently released political prisoner from Cuba.

Moderator:

Tomáš Bouška, Chairperson, [Politictí vězni.cz](http://Politicti.vezni.cz) / [Political Prisoners.eu](http://PoliticalPrisoners.eu).

