



## **Military Historical Institute Prague**

**invites proposals for papers for the forthcoming scientific conference on the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the liberation of Czechoslovakia entitled**

## **New Perspectives on 1945**

The conference will take place on 20th and 21st May 2025 in the building of the Military Historical Institute Prague, U Památníku 2 Prague 3, Czech Republic.

The aim of the two-day scientific meeting is not only to commemorate the anniversary of the end of the Second World War, especially in that time Czechoslovakia, but also in Europe. We want to use the distance of many decades to present and discuss new perspectives on the whole dramatic year 1945. We will emphasize military topics, but offer space for presenting political, humanitarian, economic or security contexts. We are happy to provide opportunities for interpretations other than the traditional ones. We also want to give space to issues related to the aftermath of the war or the second life of the war.

### **Thematic headings:**

- 1945 as an object of historical research: theories, methods, sources.
- Frontline ground operations on the Czechoslovak territory until 12 May 1945: war events of spring 1945, liberation of the country, casualties of fighting.
- Air war over Czechoslovakia in 1945.
- Foreign National armies on the Czechoslovak territory in 1945.

- The Czech May Uprising: plans, management, development in the centre and throughout the whole territory.
- Czechoslovakia in 1945 in the diplomatic context: international political issues, the so-called Yalta myths, legal issues, international status of the restored state.
- The regaining (or losing) of political power in the territory of the liberated state and military operations after 12 May 1945: Kladsko, Těšín and the dispute with Poland, the loss of Subcarpathian Ruthenia, territorial changes, the restoration of control over the borderlands.
- Repatriation of prisoners, abducted children, forced labourers
- Retributions, forced population transfers, internment camps.
- Post-war violence.
- Slovakia in 1945: repatriation to the USSR, domestic troops, resistance fighters, partisans.
- Restoration of the Czechoslovak armed forces and return of foreign troops.
- Soviet and American troops on the territory of Czechoslovakia: legal aspects, relation to the population, war booty, dismantling.
- Activities of foreign intelligence services on the territory of Czechoslovakia.
- Economy: war damage, reconstruction, transition to peace production, national administration, nationalisation, confiscation.
- Restoration of political life.
- Commemoration and second life of the events of 1945 from the beginning to the present: different contemporary narratives, their instrumentalization, taboos.
- Archaeology of 1945.
- Funerary themes: graves and exhumations, care of war graves...

The list of topics is not final; you may suggest other topics the organisers.

Conference languages are Czech and English.

Please send short and concise annotations together with a brief biography of the author by 31 January 2025 at the latest to: [tomekp.vhu@seznam.cz](mailto:tomekp.vhu@seznam.cz)

The length of each presentation is set at twenty minutes. The organizing committee will decide on the acceptance of the proposed papers in the conference programme.

The written versions of the presented papers will be included in the peer-review process of the professional journal *History and Military Science*, which is indexed in the abstract and citation database Scopus.

The organizing committee of the conference: PhDr. Jiří Rajlich, Ph.D., PhDr. Jiří Plachý, Ph.D., PhDr. Prokop Tomek, Ph.D.