

Reconciliation with the Past and Transitional Justice: Comparing Taiwan and Czechia

Roundtable co-organized by:

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Venue: Václav Havel Library, Ostrovní 129/13, 110 00 Nové Město, Praha 1

Taiwan and the Czech Republic share a legacy of troubled past. Although their transitions to democracy have been successful in many respects, in both countries the reflection of historical experience remains complicated. In Taiwan, many unresolved issues of the past are being addressed only after Tsai Ing-wen became president in 2016 and initiated a new approach to transitional justice. The speakers will discuss how controversial historical issues are reflected by collective memory and public debate in Taiwan, and how the country's past affects its present social and political trends. The discussion will then compare the reconciliation with the past in Taiwan and in the Czech Republic.

Speakers:

Prof Chen Fang-ming (*National Chengchi University, Taiwan*)

Prof Chang Chia-ming (*Central and Eastern European Center, Soochow University, Taiwan*)

Prof Olga Lomová (*Director, Institute of East Asian Studies, Charles University, Prague*)

Mr Michael Žantovský (*Director, Václav Havel Library*)

PROGRAM:

14:00 – 14:05	Opening remarks by HE Representative Mr Wang Chung-I (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office)
14:05 – 14:10	Opening remarks by Mr Ondrej Beranek (Director, Oriental Institute)
14:10 – 15:00	Keynote speech by Prof Chen Fang-ming
15:00 – 15:15	Remarks by Mr Michael Žantovský
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 16:15	Speech by Prof Chang Chia-ming
16:15 – 16:30	Remarks by Prof Olga Lomová
16:30 – 17:25	Roundtable discussion
17:25 – 17:30	Concluding remarks

The event will be held entirely in English. Czech interpreting is not arranged for.

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