Preliminary program

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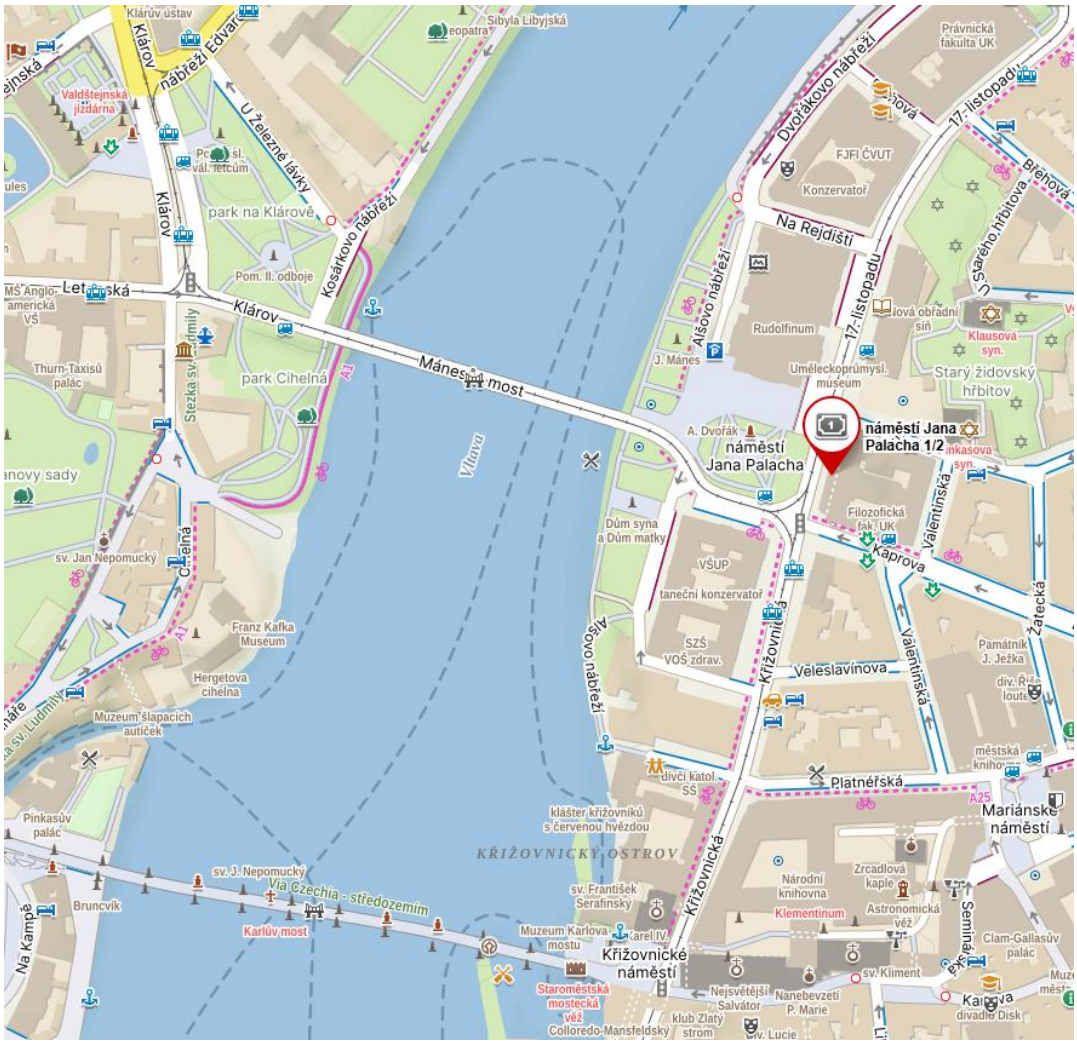

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The building of the Faculty of Arts at Charles University is located in the historic city center, a 5-minute walk from Old Town Square.

Accompanying program: „People and Money exhibition“ – ČNB Visitor Centre
September 23, 2026 – Wednesday 15:00-16:30
https://nc.cnb.cz/pub/en/exhibitions/people-and-money-exhibition-in-prague/
We kindly ask participants to let us know if they are interested in joining this exhibition. Please reply (preferably immediately in response to this email) even if you are unable or uninterested to attend.

The final program will be announced in early September.

main organizers: Barbora Štolleová and Eduard Kubů (Faculty of Arts, Institute of history),
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Day one: September 24, 2026 – Thursday

8:45-9:15 Registration

9:15-9:30 Welcome speech and introduction (organizers)

9:30-11:00 Panel 1: Sources of business financing

Chair: Eduard Kubů

Michal Jirman: Between consumption and investment: The Central Treasury of the Schwarzenberg estates and the allocation of capital in the 19th century

Gyula Horváth: Foreign capital and the Hungarian insurance industry in the interwar period. The case of the Turul Insurance Company

Ivan Smiljanić: Finding a loophole: Two cases of controversial self-financing in Slovenian interwar economic history

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15 Panel 2: Bank-firm relationship I

Chair: Alfred Reckendrees

Judit Klement: Interlocking directorates among the Budapest steam milling companies and banks before 1914

Tomáš Gecko: Between capital and power: bank-industry relations in the economic field of building materials in interwar Czechoslovakia

12:15-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00 Panel 3: Bank-firm relationship II

Chair: Ágnes Pogány

Nataša Henig Miščič: Credit, ownership and upgrade: Ljubljana Credit Bank and United Paper Mills in the interwar period

Svatopluk Herc: Banking power and group companies: The case of Živnostenská banka (1918–1938)

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-17:15 Panel 4: Money, barter, aid? How to get enterprises running after war and communist takeover in East Central Europe and China (late 1940s/1950s)

Chair: Valentina Fava

Tomasz Olejniczak, Mariusz Jastrząb, Martin Gumiela, Karol Banach, Jan Koryś: Barter or brotherly aid? Competing financing models for FSO's technology transfer, 1948–1951

Aleš Skřivan, Tereza Strejčková: Financing transformation: Nationalisation, governance and control in Škoda Works, 1945–1960

Valeria Zanier, Wenjie Zhou: Financing industrialization in times of scarcity. The case of the Shanghai motor vehicle sector cluster (1945–1956)

Jan Zofka: Reviving East German-machine building enterprises after the Second World War: The means of reconstruction of Textima (Chemnitz) and Polyisus (Dessau)

18:30 Dinner

Day two: Septemer 25, 2026 – Friday

9:15-10:15 Panel 5: Financial infrastructures and modernization in pre-WWI period

Chair: Barbora Štolleová

Niklas Platzer: Financing industrial modernization: capital, banks, and business strategy in the Austrian-Hungarian sugar industry, c. 1830–1914

Lilija Wedel: Business, Media, and Infrastructure in the Baku Oil Economy: Local actors and industrial transformation in the late Russian Empire

10:15-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:15: Panel 6: Financing business in the interwar period

Chair: Judit Klement

Roman Masyk: Lending to the oil industry by the domestic banks in interwar Poland

Katrin Schreiter – Giovanni Favero: Financial re-organisation after the end of Empire: Transnational strategy in the Westen Group, 1918–1929

Jorge Alonso Rodríguez Ortiz: Financing technology and armaments across borders: Škoda and Colombia in the early twentieth century

12:15-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00 Panel 7: Cross-bloc economic relations during the Cold War

Chair: Tomasz Olejniczak

Martin Gumiela: A Bank for People's Poland's Business in the West: The "Centro Internationale Handelsbank" in Vienna, 1970s-1980s

Walter M. Iber, Christian G. Schmidt: The Eastern business of Creditanstalt-Bankverein and Raiffeisen Zentralbank, 1970–1995

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:45: Panel 8: Mechanisms for financing state-owned and private enterprises under state socialism

Chair: Volodymyr Kulikov

Ľudovít Hallon: The role of the centralized Slovak Tatra Bank in financing of nationalized enterprises after the establishment of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia

Gábor Kertézs: Plan execution or risk management? Lending practices and professional autonomy of the Hungarian National Bank (1968–1985)

Mladen Zobec: Who finances whom in socialist Yugoslavia? Towards the study of private business workers' self-management

16:45-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:00 Concluding discussion