

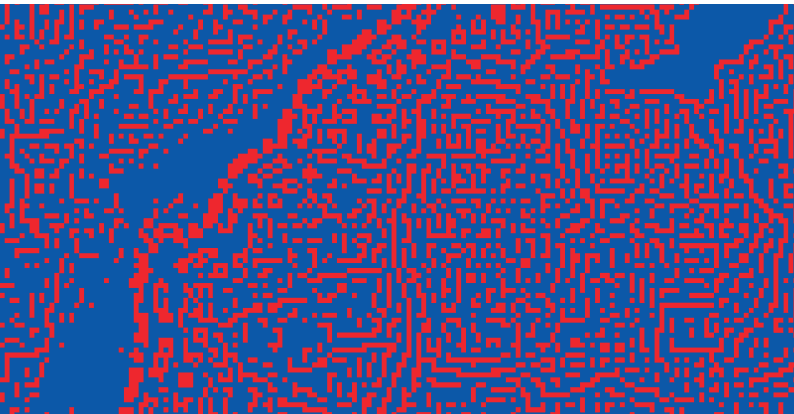
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# Lessons of 1968

International Conference

Moscow, May 30 - June 1, 2018





**EU Delegation to Russia**

**International Memorial**

**Gorbachev Foundation**

**Czech Center in Moscow**

**Slovak Institute in Moscow**

**French Institute in Russia**

**Czech Republic Memorial**

**Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes in Prague**






# Lessons of 1968

For most European countries, 1968 is a symbolic year. For many, it represents a deep watershed, the beginning of a new era. It is no coincidence that people coming of age at that time became known as the '68 generation. The intellectual and social revolution that swept the continent had a huge impact on the way of life and on the cultural and political development of the Western world.

The purpose of the conference “Lessons of 1968” is to discuss the various forms in which the historical memory of those events was preserved in Western and Eastern Europe. Ludmila Ulitskaya, Adam Michnik, Zdeněk Hazdra, Sergei Lukashovsky, Elena Londakova, Irina Shcherbakova, Vladimir Lukin, Petr Pithart, Alexander Daniel, Andrei Kolesnikov, Gerd Koenen and others will talk about how those events have been remembered in different countries and what myths have developed over time. Did 1968 have the same consequences for the cultural development of different European countries? Is the memory of the protest spirit still alive? How has the European experience been reflected in the Russian context? What is the significance of the memory of the events of 1968 for Eastern Europe and what did the protest demonstrations against the invasion of Czechoslovakia mean for the USSR?





## PROGRAMME

May, 30th 2018

### 1968 on the screen

Open to the broader public

Venue: French Institute in Russia

Vorontsovo Pole, 16, building 1

18:30

A screening of the film  
“May 68th, strange spring”  
(Documentary, France, 2018)

Q&A with director, Dominique Beaux

This film tells about the events of 1968 from the position of those who opposed the demonstrators: policemen, company executives, statesmen, military personnel and communist leaders.

May, 31st 2018

### From Prague Spring to Perestroykan

By invitation only

Venue: Gorbachev Foundation

Leningradsky Prospekt, 39/14

10.30–11.00 Registration

11.00–11.30 Welcoming remarks

Olga Zdravomyslova, Executive Director, Gorbachev Foundation, Russia

Peter Priputen, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Russian Federation

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**Vítězslav Pivoňka**, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Russian Federation

**Markus Ederer**, Ambassador of the European Union to the Russian Federation

## 11.30–12.30 **Prague Spring 1968: Public Responses and Cultural Changes**

**Moderator: Sergei Lukashvskiy**, Sakharov Centre, Executive Director, Russia

### **KEYNOTES:**

#### **Prague-1968 and Moscow-2018: a journey through time**

**Andrei Kolesnikov**, Senior Fellow and Chair, “Russian Domestic Politics and Political Institutions”, Carnegie Moscow Center, Russia

#### **The importance of Russian archives for key events, not only those of modern Czech history**

**Zdeněk Hazdra**, Director, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic

#### **Slovak society on the way to the “Prague Spring” 1968. Political and cultural foundations**

**Elena Londakova**, historian, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia

#### **The impact of the 1968 events on the formation of cultural dissent in Czechoslovakia**

**Martin Valenta**, historian, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic





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**12.30–12.45 Coffee break**

**12.45–14.00 1968: active participants**

**Moderator:** Olga Zdravomyslova, Executive Director, Gorbachev Foundation, Russia

**KEYNOTES:**

**Alexander Dubček: the individual in history**

Zuzana Máčeková, elected village head in Uhrovec, elected official in the town of Bánovce nad Bebravou, Trenčín region, Slovakia

**The role of František Kriegel in the 1968 events and his legacy**

**Martin Groman**, historian, journalist, Czech Republic

**Andrei Sakharov and the crisis of the “Socialism with a human face” idea**

**Sergei Lukashevskiy**, Executive Director, Sakharov Center, Russia

**14.00–14.30 Coffee break**

**14.30–16.30 The events of the Prague Spring and the processes of the socialist camp and the communist movement**

**Moderator:** Andrei Ryabov, Chief Editor, ‘World Economy and International Relations’ journal, Russia



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## KEYNOTES:

### **The “West-East” factor in the Soviet evaluation of the Prague Spring 1968**

**Artem Ulunyan**, leading researcher, Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

### **1968 - a milestone in the history of the socialist and communist movement and Slovakia**

**Miroslav Londák**, historian, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia

### **The Prague Spring of 1968 and disagreements in the socialist camp**

**Alexander Stykalin**, historian, leading researcher at the Institute of Slavic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

### **Prague Spring – Croatian Spring – Perestroika**

**Sergey Romanenko**, professor at the Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia

## Round table

## “1968: memory and myth?”

### Public Discussion

**Venue: Tablica co-working space, conference hall**

16 Novoslobodskaya Street, 3rd floor

### **19:00–19:20 Welcoming remarks**

**Markus Ederer**, Ambassador of the European Union to the Russian Federation

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**Vítězslav Pivoňka**, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Russian Federation

**Irina Sherbakova**, Historian and publicist, Head of educational and enlightening programs of International Memorial, Russia

## 19:20–19:45 **Reading of fragments of the 1968 documents**

Actors of the Stanislavsky Electrotheatre

## 19:45–22:00 **Round table**

**Personal perception and involvement in the events of 1968. Family memory and social reflection.**

### DISCUSSION

**Moderator: Irina Scherbakova**, historian and publicist, Head of educational and enlightening programs at International Memorial, Russia

**Lyudmila Ulitskaya**, writer, Russia

**Vladimir Lukin**, politician and historian, a member of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Russia

**Petr Pithart**, politician, lawyer and political scientist, the first Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic

**Martin Milan Šimečka**, journalist, writer, Chief Editor of Respekt magazine, Slovakia





# PROGRAMME

June, 1st 2018

## Memory and the Cultural Legacy of 1968

Open to the broader public, Registration required

Venue: International Memorial

5/10 Karetny Ryad Str.

### 10:00–10:30 Welcoming remarks

**Mirko Kruppa**, Head of the Political Section of the EU Delegation to the Russian Federation

**Jan Rachinskiy**, Board Chairman of International Memorial, Russia

**Zdeněk Hazdra**, historian, Director of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech Republic

### 10:30–12:00 **The 1968 generation: historical and social contexts.** The phenomenon of the “Sixtiers”. The role of participants and witnesses of 1968 in the later political, cultural and social life of European countries. The generation of 1968 today.

**Moderator: Elena Fanailova**, writer, poetess, journalist, Russia

**Alexander Daniel**, historian, researcher of the USSR dissent culture, board member, international memorial society, Russia

**Galina Zvereva**, historian, professor, Head of the Department of History and Theory of Culture at the Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia

**Adam Michnik**, historian, book author, Chief Editor of Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland





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**12:00–12:30 Coffee break**

**12:30–14:00 1968 and its influence**

**on modern discourses:** the dichotomy between the individual and the state, between men and women, between the young and the old. Changes in attitudes to the past. The meaning and content of public protest.

**Moderator: Michail Fishman**, journalist, TV presenter, columnist and contributor, Russia

**Tomáš Glanc**, philologist, senior researcher at the University of Zurich, member of the editorial board of the Russian magazine “New Literal Observation”, Czech Republic

**Helen Petrovsky**, Head of the Department of Aesthetics at the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, laureate of the Andrei Bely Prize, Russia

**Yves Cohen**, historian at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, published author, France

**14:00–15:30 Lunch**

**15:30–17:00 1968: Intellectual lessons and political consequences.**

**The intellectual heritage of 1968 today - political lessons and the radicalization of the left-wing political movement.**



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**Moderator: Jens Siegert**, Team leader of the “Public diplomacy. EU and Russia” project, political scientist, publicist, Moscow

**Libora Oates-Indruchová**, specialist in gender studies, 1968 history and socialism in Czechoslovakia, Austria / Czech Republic

**Krzysztof Ruchniewicz**, historian, Director of the Centre of German and European Studies, Wrocław University, Poland

**Gerd Koenen**, historian and former communist and politician, researcher of the German-Russian relations in the XX century and the history of communism, Germany

**Maria Lipman**, chief-editor of Counter-point Magazine, Russia

**17:00–18:00** **Summing-up.** Consequences of 1968 and the challenges that modern European society now has to deal with.

## 1968 on the screen

Open to the broader public

**Venue: Eisenstein Library**

5/10 Karetny Ryad Str.

**18:30–20:30** **Screening of the film “The Ear”**  
**(Drama, Czechoslovakia, 1970, 91 min)**

**Welcoming remarks: Petr Krouzhek**, minister counsellor of Embassy of the Czech Republic

**Q&A with Yulia Liderman**, culturologist, contemporary art researcher, theatre and cinematography researcher, and **Josef Pazderka**, journalist and author of a book on the Soviet invasion of the Czech Republic.