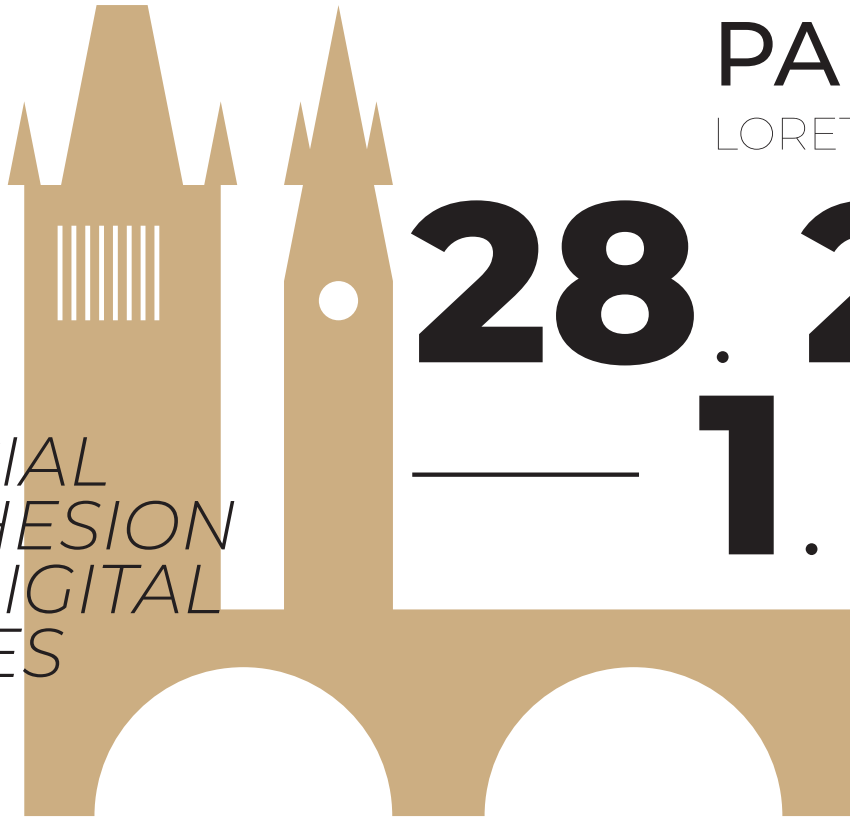


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The Masaryk Democratic Academy, the Czech representation of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies are jointly launching this high-level gathering in Prague, at the centre of Europe, to reflect about potential avenues to enhance European integration in the social sphere.

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This third edition of the Prague Social Europe Conference will focus on the European actions, in terms of politics and policies, which are needed to properly manage the on-going digitalisation process that is transforming labour markets and also requiring updates in the education and welfare systems. The implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights needs a coherent approach that keeps together national and European legislation providing rights and social protection to atypical and new forms of employment. Among other matters, also the financial backing from EU and national resources to uphold social outcomes all across Europe will be a subject of debate.



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

1ST DAY: 28TH FEBRUARY 2019

16.30

Registration

Welcoming remarks

Lubomír Zaorálek,

President of the Masarykova
Demokratická Akademie

Anne Seyfferth,

Director, FES Office in the
Czech Republic and Slovakia

Ernst Stetter,

Secretary General, Foundation for
European Progressive Studies

17.00

High Level Talk

***The European Pillar of Social
Rights: Implementation
or Stagnation?***

After an ambitious start in autumn
2017, the European Pillar of
Social Rights needs continuing

efforts to secure its correct and
prompt implementation. To avoid
stagnation in the implementation
process new energy and clear
guidance are needed in all three
large areas: 1) equal opportunities
and access to the labour market,
2) fair working conditions, and
3) social protection and inclusion.
Sadly, calls for nationalism and
authoritarianism or even welfare
chauvinism are becoming more
frequent and vocal. How shall we
face those challenges and build the
pillar more robust and ambitious?

Introduction by:

Björn Hacker,

HTW – University of
Applied Science Berlin

Talk with:

Jana Maláčová,

Minister of Labour and Social
Affairs of the Czech Republic



Maria João Rodrigues,

President of FEPS & Vice
President of the S&D Group at
the European Parliament

Moderator:

Lubomír Zaorálek,

President of the Masarykova
Demokratická Akademie

19.00

Keynote Address and Reception:

by **Tomáš Petříček,**

Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Czech Republic

2ND DAY: 1 MARCH 2019

9.00 – 11.00

Breakout Session

Workshop 1:

***European Financing for Socially
Relevant Priorities
(in ENGLISH)***

László Andor,

Senior Fellow, FEPS and Former
European Commissioner
for Employment, Social
Affairs and Inclusion

Sofia Fernandes,

Senior Research Fellow,
Jacques Delors Institute

Danuše Nerudová,

Rector, Mendel University in Brno

Ronny Mazzocchi,

Advisor to the Chair of the
ECON Committee at the
European Parliament (TBC)

Moderator:

Ania Skrzypek,

Senior Research Fellow, FEPS

Workshop 2:

***European Financing for Socially
Relevant Priorities
(in CZECH)***

Josef Středula,

President of the
Bohemian-Moravian
Confederation of Trade Unions

Ales Chmelař,

Deputy Minister of Foreign
Affairs of the Czech Republic

Michal Pícl,

Chief Advisor, Ministry of
Labour and Social Affairs
of the Czech Republic

Moderator: (TBC)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30

Expert Talk

***Social protections for the
digital transformation***

The so-called digital revolution
poses a series of challenges to
the way in which we organise
and regulate economic and
social development in Europe.
Often, misleading terms such as
“sharing economy” or “collaborative

economy” hide under an appealing
and modern cover, some old and
worrysome phenomena: workers’
exploitation, extreme precarisation
of work, race to the bottom, etc.
How can the European Union and
the new upcoming Commission
facilitate the soft and fair landing
of automation, robotization
and artificial intelligence?

Liina Carr,

Confederal Secretary, European
Trade Union Confederation

Lucie Studničná,

Bohemian-Moravian
Confederation of Trade Unions

Sacha Garben,

Permanent Professor of EU
Law, College of Europe

Moderator:

Kateřina Smejkalová,

Researcher, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

13.00

Light Lunch

The Conference takes place
under the auspices of Minister
of Foreign Affairs of the Czech
Republic Tomáš Petříček.