

The European Subject in the Czech Context

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Reflections about the current state of Europe and the European Union following the admission of ten new member states. What are its prospects? Where is it heading?

The End of Europe?

Niall Ferguson, Herzog Professor of Financial History in the Stern School of Business at New York University, and senior research fellow at Jesus College, Oxford University.

The American lecture by the renowned historian at AEI in which he refers to the current state of European integration in the sense that the United States has no need to fear the European Union since the European economy, demography and, above all, its culture are increasingly decadent. He feels that the crucial problem of the Union is the fact that Germany is no longer willing or capable to continue subsidizing European integration and that the enlargement of the Union will only aggravate existing problems.

Why am I a Europeanist?

(Record of an Interview by the Broadcaster Aleš Cibulka with Vojtěch Cepl, Broadcast on Czech Radio 2 on 30/4/2004).

Vojtěch Cepl, a Former Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, Professor at the Faculty of Law of Charles University and of Several Major U.S. Universities.

In his radio talk Professor Cepl defends the European Constitutional Treaty in an intelligent manner and offers a number of arguments in support of its acceptance. But he also points to the so far inadequate harmonization of ethical and juridical awareness, which is one of the problems confronting the current European Union.

The Lower Edge of the Spiral of Fortune

Christian Schmidt-Häuer, Regular Contributor to the Weekly *Die Zeit*.

The article states that the enlargement of the EU was a premature political birth since none of the candidates had been thoroughly prepared. What is more, the coffers are virtually empty and Europe will unite only if it succeeds in creating an economically strong and socially cohesive community. But this will happen neither rapidly nor easily.

Europe and the Middle East. Europe Is Facing an Unprecedented Responsibility and It Is Lacking Political Personalities

Tomáš Klvaňa, Lectures at New York University in Prague and Is a Member of the

Czech Euro-Atlantic Council.

He deals with a subject concerning the shortage of major political personalities in Europe, a subject that is so far not very transparent; this concerns personalities, who would have the courage of imposing new ideas, especially in foreign policy. But it will not be easy to come to terms with this weakness of the European Union since the European institutional arrangements do not provide for this.

Delay and a Divided Europe

Jiří Schneider, works at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

His reflections concern the psychological state of the Project Europe after its enlargement. The author compares the new Union members to school children who have been transferred to a new school and have to adapt to its rules which creates problems not only for the children and the former school children but also for the school as such since the school has its own plans for a future enlargement.

The EU Political System. Specific Aspects of Elections To the European Parliament /II. Final Part/

Oldřich Krulík, PhD Graduate Student in Political Science at the Faculty of Social Science of Charles University, on the Staff of the Security Policy Department of the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic.

In his comparative study this young political scientist analyses the European elections, their subject and orientation in the European Union countries. He shows foresight in drawing attention to the possible problems that these elections could encounter in the Czech Republic.

What Did the Elections to the European Parliament Bring?

Lukáš Macek, a Political Scientist, Graduate of the Institute of Political Science in Paris (Sciences Po).

A detailed analysis of the results of the elections to the European Parliament, which reveals an excessive one-sided assessment that fails to stand the test in a closer scrutiny. The author argues that the European elections did not lead to any radical changes as compared to the previous Parliament.

Going Critical: American Power And the Consequences of Fiscal Overstretch

Niall Ferguson, Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Professor of Economics at Boston University.
The authors analyse the structure of the American internal debt in the light of social security. They arrive at the conclusion that the United States is threatened far more from within than from without. They point to possible consequences of this pending gigantic problem.

Speech by Edmund Stoiber, Bavarian Prime Minister, at the 55th Sudeten German

Days at Nuremberg on May 30, 2004

Edmund Stoiber, Bavarian Prime Minister and Chairman of the CSU.

In his speech at the Sudeten German Days in Nuremberg in 2004 he again recalls that Bavaria and its political representatives are and will remain on a German and European level advocates of the demand of the abolition of the Benes Decrees. These Decrees are and will remain a European issue.

The Rise and Downfall of Bohumír Molnár. The Creation And Development of the Czechoslovak Intelligence Service in the 1950s (III. final part)

Pavel Žáček, a Former Member of the Staff of the Office for the Documentation and Investigation of the Crimes of Communism, Now Working at the Institute for Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

Final part of the essay on the work of the Czechoslovak communist intelligence service and on General Bohumír Molnár, one of its main representatives.

Peter Glotz, a Senior Representative of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), Who Teaches in Switzerland; (Together With Erika Steinbach, a Deputy of the Bundestag), He Is a Major Representatives of the Foundation of the Centre Against Expulsion.

The Topical Nature of Expulsion

A concise and realistic address at the Sudeten German Days in Nuremberg on the subject of expulsion and how to deal with this most topical issue. The speaker opposed, above all, the tendency of regarding the process of expulsion as a closed chapter of the past.

Martin Jeřábek, Working at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University As an Assistant Lecturer and PhD Graduate.

The Drama of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss Seventy Years Ago (the Nazi Attack Against Austria in 1934)

The article recalls the anniversary of the attempted Nazi coup in pre-war Austria and the personality of the then Chancellor Dollfuss. It, furthermore, explains why the victorious allies after World War 2 referred to Austria as „Hitler’s first victim“.

Josef Forbelský, a Significant Czech Hispanist, a Longtime Member of the Editorial Board of the Review *Střední Evropa* (Central Europe).

Berija

Recalling the circumstances around the death of Lavrentij Berija in the light of a recently published publication on this Soviet „Himmler“, especially his activities after Stalin’s death, which caused unrest in the Soviet military and political leadership.