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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Accomplishments of the SSA in 2023-2024

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Thanks to everyone on the current and previous Executive Committee for their contributions to all the SSA has achieved in 2023-2024. Of course, none of it would have been possible without the support of a dedicated membership.

In May 2024, the SSA elected a new Board of Directors. The current Officers-at-Large are Michael R. Cude (Schreiner University) and Juraj Buzalka (Comenius University). Marty Manor Mullins (Flathead Valley Community College) shifted from being an Officer-at-Large to taking on the position of Secretary, which is appointed. Carol Skalnik Leff (University of Illinois) remains the Treasurer, another appointed position. The Webmaster, also an appointed position that Marty Manor Mullins once held, now is in the hands of Paul A. Soderdahl (University of Iowa). Michael Kopanic (University of Maryland Global Campus) and Marty Manor Mullins work together on managing the SSA Facebook page. M. Mark Stolarik holds the appointed position of Newsletter Editor. David Doellinger (Western Oregon University) won re-election as Vice-President, and I remain the President. The SSA extends special thanks to Marty Manor Mullins and Leslie Waters (University of Texas, El Paso), both of whom cycled off the Executive Committee as Officers-at-Large. I wish to offer my personal thanks to everyone mentioned here for their diligence and hard work for the benefit of the SSA.

In addition to voting on the Executive Committee, the membership passed important changes to the Association's By-Laws. Some of the alterations are seemingly minor and either clarify wording or bring the document up to date so the SSA functions smoothly. For example, the SSA By-Laws now have wording that enables it to have annual meetings, not only in person during the conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), but also electronically. There is one important addition—the SSA Lifetime Achievement Award. Any member can nominate someone at least a month before the annual meeting, and if the Executive Committee finds no difficulty with the nomination, the SSA membership votes on the submission at the annual meeting. The By-Laws now contain an article that describes the other SSA awards, and the explanation will eliminate confusion resulting from the need to rely on institutional memory.

On 1 December 2023, at the ASEEEES conference in Philadelphia, PA, the SSA joined with the Czechoslovak Studies Association (CSA) in hosting a social gathering. Based on the success of the event, the Executive Committee agreed that a repeat performance was in order, so the SSA will join the CSA in hosting another social gathering at the 2024 ASEEEES conference. If you attend the conference in person, be sure to join us on Friday, November 22, from 6.00 to 8.00 pm, at the Rose Bar in the Copley Square Hotel complex in Boston. This event is not only a chance for SSA and CSA members to socialize, but it is a wonderful opportunity for the SSA to attract new members.

At the 2024 Boston ASEEEES conference, the SSA will hold its annual meeting on 21 November. Last year, there was no award for the best graduate student paper because of a dearth of entries, but this year, at the annual meeting, the SSA will present its award for the best book in Slovak studies. During the conference, as in other years, the SSA has a sponsored panel. The annual meeting for 2023 did not take place at the ASEEEES conference in Philadelphia, PA, but in January 2024 by Zoom because some officers could not attend the Philadelphia conference.

With the CSA and the University of Texas at Austin, the SSA helped fund the Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop (CSSW) that took place at the University of Texas at Austin on 23-24 February 2024. Each year, the CSSW brings together a select group of senior scholars, junior scholars, and graduate students for a weekend of paper presentations and critiques. Support for the gathering represents an important part of the SSA's mission, so the SSA will help sponsor the upcoming 2025 workshop.

In April 2024, the SSA endorsed the American Association of University Professors' 1940 "Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure." The SSA now has joined with the American Historical Association, the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, the Czechoslovak Studies Association, and more than 300 other academic groups that have supported the statement. The list of signatories is at <https://www.aaup.org/endorsers-1940-statement>.

After many attempts at cutting through banking bureaucracy and legalese, Carol Skalnik Leff and past SSA treasurer Bradley Abrams met in New York, NY, to resolve the issue of authorized signatures for the SSA account at Chase Bank. The bank not only demanded some paperwork but also required that they both be present at the same branch office to make the changes. The Executive Committee thanks Brad for his patience in cooperating with the SSA to resolve the matter.

Readers will find more about many of the items I outlined here in the following pages of this newsletter, which Mark Stolarik kindly edits (please provide him with any updates and articles for the next *Newsletter*). Finally, I hope to see you at the 2024 ASEEEES conference in Boston.

EDITORIAL

As a follow-up to Dan Miller's suggestion, please send me updates on your activities/accomplishments for the next *Newsletter*. Only four of you did so for this *Newsletter*, which is a poor showing. We have over 70 members and I am sure that you are all doing serious research and publishing important books/articles pertaining to Slovak history. Let's "toot our horns" a bit to show each other and interested observers that we are a serious and vibrant community of scholars. What I am looking for are the following: recent publications; awards/prizes received; promotions; and other items of interest to our members. You can reach me at stolarik@uottawa.ca

SSA PRIZE CONTESTS

The Slovak Studies Association presents 3 prizes (in a 3-year cycle) for scholarly works in Slovak studies:

- **Best Book:** *2024 Prize*
- **Best Article or Book Chapter:** *2025 Prize*
- **Best Graduate Paper**
 - Watch the [SSA Facebook page](#) for information about current competitions.

At its annual November 2025 meeting, during the ASEES conference, the Slovak Studies Association will award a prize for the *Best Article or Book Chapter in the humanities and social sciences about Slovakia published in 2022 or later*. Submissions must be in English, but they may be published anywhere in the world. The authors must be members in good standing of the SSA.

Authors may submit **articles, chapters, and graduate papers as hard copies or in electronic form (PDF)**. *The deadline for postmarking submissions for the Best Article or Book Chapter Prize is 1 May 2025.*

- **Send Article or Book Chapter entries to Edward Snajdr:**

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Professor/Chair, Department of Anthropology
John Jay College, CUNY
524 West 59th Street
Room 9.63-22
New York, NY 10019, USA

- The **SSA Awards Committee** consists of Susan Mikula (Benedictine University, in Lisle, IL), M. Mark Stolarik (Prof. Emeritus, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada), and is Chaired by Edward Snajdr (City University of New York, in New York, NY).

“THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF P.M. ROBERT FICO”

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., University of Maryland Global Campus

On May 15, 2024, the world learned of the attempted assassination of Slovakia’s Prime Minister, Robert Fico. He was attacked after a government meeting in the central Slovak town of Handlová, and suffered four gunshot wounds. He survived. The 59-year-old populist had returned to power last year, but in recent months his controversial policies have led to widespread public protests against him.

Such events were not supposed to happen in Slovakia, a country with very little history of political violence. Slovak citizens were in disbelief. The assassination attempt also sent shock waves across the European Union, as such violent attacks on politicians have been rare in recent years.

Let's look at this event in relation to the few earlier instances of political violence in Slovakia. Two cases occurred shortly after Czechoslovak independence in 1918, in the tense political climate connected to Slovak autonomy. The first of these took place in March of 1920, when the Catholic priest and poet Ján Donoval, a supporter of Czechoslovak state unity who wrote under the pseudonym Tichomír Milkin, was stoned by *Ludáci* (supporters of the Slovak People's Party that advocated Slovak autonomy) when he spoke at a pre-election rally in Lakšárská Nová Ves.. Donoval subsequently died of his injuries.¹ A similar incident occurred on March 28, 1921, when over 5,000 farmers gathered to hear Andrej Hlinka, leader of the Slovak People's Party, speak in Trnava at the Congress of the Christian Farmers' Association. An angry left-wing mob attacked Monsignor Hlinka, and an enraged attacker surged at him, threatening to kill him. When Štefan Mikuš intervened to defend Hlinka, he was hit on the head with a club and died a few days later.²

During Slovakia's first experience with independence under Nazi control during World War II, President Jozef Tiso could walk the streets of Bratislava without security guards, albeit in a tightly controlled state which outlawed opposition parties. Tiso's tenure remains a touchy and divisive topic to this day in Slovakia, as Jews suffered discrimination and property confiscation, and the Hlinka Guards did not refrain from using wanton violence and participating in the forced transport of Jews to concentration and death camps in Poland. During the communist era, the totalitarian regime's repressive policies kept a lid on most serious crimes among ordinary citizens; but the regime persecuted political opponents.

Since the peaceful Velvet Divorce with the Czechs in 1993, Slovakia has generally been considered one of safer states in Europe, even though everyday crime did rise significantly compared to the communist era. The first years of the transition to independence under Prime Minister Vladimír Mečiar were somewhat turbulent, as he adopted some underhanded methods to eliminate opponents. For instance, the kidnapping of President Michal Kováč's son was never solved, as well as the murder of Róbert Remiáš, an ex-police officer who had testified about the involvement of Mečiar and Ivan Lexa (Director of Slovak Information Service) in this crime. After these episodes and the success of Mikuláš Dzurinda in the 1998 parliamentary elections, the situation stabilized politically, with Slovakia joining NATO and the EU by 2004.

However, the political climate has been changing. In 2018, journalist Ján Kuciak and his fiancée were brutally murdered because of Kuciak's investigation of corruption connecting government officials. Public sympathy poured out for the slain couple, and Fico's third government fell after revelations that some of his close associates had ties with the mafia. The courts confirmed that a close associate of Fico, Alena Zsuzsová, had ordered the murder. She may very well have been hired by her

¹ Tomas J., "Tichomír Milkin: Básnik, ktorého ukameňovali," *Top Desat*, 26 October 2019, <https://tinyurl.com/55wusnrm> (Accessed 20 May 2024).

² Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., "Štefan Mikuš—He Sacrificed His life in Defense of the Father of the Nation," *Jednota*, March 10, 1921, p. 19.

close friend, the businessman Marian Kočner, who used mafia methods, but prosecutors could not prove his guilt or connections to the Italian mafia.

Several unstable coalitions followed, and Slovak citizens elected a reformist anti-corruption president, Zuzana Čaputová. The changes that followed did not stabilize politics; dissatisfaction over policies toward the war in Ukraine, EU mandates, and the relentless push of progressive social politics have divided urban and rural areas of the country.

Recently signs of potential violence have been rising. In October 2022, two people were killed and a third wounded in a shooting outside a gay bar in Bratislava. On May 7 of this year, shortly before the assassination attempt, over 1300 schools had to close due to social media and e-mail bomb threats that also included at least 110 banks and 40 electrical stores. Many of the threats appear to have originated in Russia.

Society in Slovakia has been becoming increasingly polarized and political jabs among politicians have grown more bitter and aggressive. In 2023, Fico won election to another term as Prime Minister by questioning further military assistance to Ukraine, adopting a more benign policy toward Russia, and denouncing gender “ideology” and LGBTQ rights. Once in office, he reduced penalties for corruption and shortened the statute of limitations for such cases. He sought to dismantle the Special Prosecutor's Office investigating serious corruption, and has moved to increase control of the media by replacing the public radio and television network, RTVS, with a new entity that a government-appointed council would oversee. Both moves have led to widespread peaceful demonstrations across Slovakia's cities, though the one planned for the weekend was called off due to the assassination attempt. However, Fico's position was strengthened when Čaputová decided in June 2023 not to run for president again. Fico's ally Peter Pellegrini won the presidential elections this spring, cementing Fico's grip on power.

In April, Fico stated on Facebook that rising tensions in the country might lead to the assassination of politicians, and he squarely blamed the media for these tensions. Ironically, his fears bore fruit and he was the victim. President Čaputová denounced the attempted murder and viewed it as an attack on democracy, as did leaders in many other EU states.

Although some, such as right-wing Slovak National Party leader Andrej Danko, have called the shooting a conspiracy and blamed the opposition for starting “a political war,” Slovakia's Interior Minister Matúš Šutaj Eštok reported that a “lone wolf” carried out the attack. The alleged attacker, a retired 71-year-old poet named Juraj Cintula from Levice, harbored political grievances against Fico and recent moves by his government, though precise details are lacking as to his motives beyond that he “was motivated by his disagreement with the government and its reforms.” On May 19, however, the government announced that a “third party” might have been “acting for the benefit of the perpetrator.”

In many ways, Slovakia could be at a turning point in its history. Will extremism continue to escalate or will the assassination attempt bring people to their senses and stand firm in their support for democracy? Encouragingly, President Čaputová and future President Pellegrini met and jointly

denounced violence, calling for calm and inviting the parliamentary parties to the presidential palace to plead for an end to confrontation and recriminations among politicians.

On May 21, Slovakia's Parliament responded. Delegates voted unanimously on a resolution condemning the politically motivated assassination attempt on Prime Minister Fico and pleaded with people to "put an end to hateful rhetoric." While also mentioning the need for increased security, the resolution called for "social reconciliation, stability and peace in Slovakia." The resolution also noted the indispensable role of responsible and critical journalists in a healthy society, while adding "but their work must be based on facts and not on spreading hatred. People must not become targets of hatred because of their political views, as pluralism, diversity and respect for other opinions are the basis of any free and democratic society."³

For democracy to succeed and a civil society to take firm hold, Slovakia must insist that its citizens accept the results of free elections and politicians learn the art of polite disagreement and reasonable compromises. The alternative is simply unacceptable. A friend of mine who has lived and worked in Britain, but returned to Slovakia, wrote me that he could not understand it and wondered if he should return to the UK.

** I am grateful for the comments and suggestions by Professor Ján Golian of the University of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia.*

JOINT RECEPTION AT ASEEEES 2024 in Boston

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It's my pleasure to announce that the Czechoslovak Studies Association (CSA) and the Slovak Studies Association (SSA) will be co-hosting an ASEEEES conference reception on **Friday, November 22 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Rose Bar within the Copley Square Hotel complex in Boston.** The Rose Bar/Copley Square Hotel is located at 90 Exeter Street, which is about a 5-minute walk from the conference hotel. When you arrive, ask for the CSA/SSA event or give my name. We have reserved a semi-private space.

Appetizers and other light food options will be provided. Graduate students and early career scholars are welcome to request one drink ticket at the bar. We will announce the winners of this year's Pech article prize and the Emerging Scholars award around 7:00 pm. Partners, friends, and good colleagues are welcome to join – especially if they are potential CSA and/or SSA members!

The event is sponsored by the CSA and SSA and is only possible thanks to your dues and generous donations. Support has also been provided by the Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies and the Center for European Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill as well as the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

With kind regards,

Chad Bryant,

President, Czechoslovak Studies Association

³ (Accessed May 25, 2024 "Parliament Okays Resolution Condemning Attack on Premier," TASR, 21 May 2024, <https://newsnow.tasr.sk/parliament-okays-resolution-condemning-attack-on-premier/>).

SLOVAK LEAGUE ARCHIVES AT UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

On August 13-14, 2024, Mark and Anne Stolarik, along with Roman Krakovsky, drove down to Passaic, NJ and back, loaded down with nine boxes of archival material pertaining to the history of the now-defunct Slovak League of America. The League was founded in Cleveland in 1907 as a lobbying organization to fight the Magyarization of Slovaks in Hungary. During World War I it joined with Czech organizations and with T.G. Masaryk to lobby for the destruction of Austria-Hungary and the creation of Czecho-Slovakia. In the interwar period it lobbied the Czechoslovak government to implement the autonomy promised to the Slovaks in the Cleveland (1915) and Pittsburgh (1918) Agreements. After World War II it lobbied the U.S. government to help the Slovaks achieve independence. Once Slovakia became independent in 1993, the Slovak League lobbied the U.S. government to restore the right of American Slovaks to dual citizenship, which the Czechoslovak government had denied them in 1928. This right was restored in 1998.

Because Slovakia is now independent, the League lost its “raison d’être” and it slowly ceased to exist. Two years ago Daniel Tanzone, the long-time President of the League, called Mark Stolarik and asked him to come to the headquarters of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in Passaic, where the League had its offices, to pick up the League’s archives, which date from 1974 when John A. Holy became the Secretary of the League. The earliest archives of the League are housed in the Spolok Sv. Vojtecha in Trnava and in the Slovak National Archives in Bratislava. Mrs. Nina Holy, the last Secretary of the League, along with her two daughters, facilitated the transfer of the League’s Archives to the University of Ottawa. Roman Krakovsky and I are grateful for this very valuable addition to the Slovak Archives in the Archives and Special Collections at the University of Ottawa

NEW MUSEUM

A new Slovak-Americans Veterans WWII Memorial has been established called the “Eldred WWII Museum” in Eldred, Pennsylvania. The memorial was created in 2023 so that Slovak-American WWII Veterans could be remembered for their service. It features a series of plaques dedicated to those who served and the stories submitted about them which are housed in the archives.

The originator of the idea for the project was Charles Boone of FCSU Jednota Branch 853, who was a student at the time. He started the project “in order that no Slovak-American WWII Veteran is forgotten.”

NEW SSA BOARD MEMBERS AND BY-LAWS CHANGES

The entire slate of SSA board elected positions, as well as all updates to the Bylaws were unanimously approved in our May 2024 elections. **Here are your [2024 SSA Board Members](#):**

- **President:** Daniel E. Miller, University of West Florida
- **Vice President:** David Doellinger, Western Oregon University
- **Treasurer:** Carol Skalnik Leff, University of Illinois (retired)
- **Secretary:** Marty Manor Mullins, Flathead Valley Community College
- **Officer at Large:** Juraj Buzalka, Comenius University

- **Officer at Large:** Michael R. Cude, Schreiner University
- **Newsletter Editor:** M. Mark Stolarik, University of Ottawa (emeritus)
- **Webmaster:** Paul A. Soderdahl, University of Iowa Libraries

Our website lists the [updated By-Laws](#) including the **addition of the “Slovak Studies Association Lifetime Achievement Award.”** Any member may nominate an individual for the award and present a brief rationale explaining the nominee’s eligibility at least one month before the annual SSA meeting [to be held at November’s ASEEES Convention in Boston]. Approval requires a majority of all members attending the annual meeting. *Please send nominations for this new award to slovakstudies@gmail.com.*

CALL FOR DUES PAYMENTS

Members may *renew their membership (due every calendar year) via PayPal on our website* (<https://slovakstudies.org/membership/>). Our dues start at \$10/year for Jr. faculty, retirees and equivalents and \$20/year for Sr. faculty and equivalents. No charge for graduate students and first year members!

- **SSA Membership Benefits Include:**
 - Access to platforms for finding and connecting with other members of similar interests (including [showcasing](#) your biography & research on our updated website)
 - Eligibility for Slovak Studies Association [prizes](#) for articles, books and graduate papers
 - Eligibility to apply for SSA sponsorship of your panel at the annual Assoc. of Slavic, E. European and Eurasian Studies ([ASEEES](#)) Convention
 - The right to vote on organizational matters
 - Annual (e)mailing of the *Newsletter*
 - Support the annual [Czech and Slovak Studies Workshop](#)

SLOVAKIA JOURNAL NOW ONLINE!

The full run of **the academic journal Slovakia is now online (all 8,000 pages)**--both at a dedicated journal website (<https://slovakia.omeka.net/>) and a forever copy at Internet Archive. Full-text **searchable** in both locations with a complete **index of authors here:** <https://slovakia.omeka.net/authors>.

- *Slovakia* authors (including book review contributors) can now **add an article hyperlink to their CV's.**

- This project was completed by our new SSA Webmaster, **Paul Soderdahl**, Associate University Librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries.
- Please forward this information to your university librarian!

MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Haughton, Tim, Podmorská, Karolina, Malová, Darina, and Deegan-Krause, Kevin, “Going in Different Directions? The 2023 Elections in Poland and Slovakia and Their Aftermath” *JMCS Journal of Common Market Studies*, 2024, pp.1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13656>.

Nešťáková, Denisa, *Be Fruitful and Multiply. Slovakia's Family Planning Under Three Regimes 1918-1965*. Marburg, 2023.

-----, “Forgotten Women. Slovak Communist Women Struggle for Reproductive Rights on Pages of *Proletárka* in the 1920s,” in: Ivelina Masheva, Susan Carin Zimmermann (eds.): *Through the Prism of Gender and Work. Women’s Labour Struggles in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th to 20th Centuries*, Leiden 2023: 167-201

-----, *In the Name of Helping Women. Women against the Family: Policy of Slovak Republic during the Second World War*, Central Europe (2024).

-----, “Family Conceptions at the Intersection of Feminism, Public Health, and Nationalism in Czechoslovakia (1918–1939).” *Journal of Family History*, 48, 2023 (3), pp. 309-322.

Stolarik, M. Mark, “Die Beziehungen zwischen der slowakischen Emigration in Nordamerika und der Katolischen Kirche in der Slowakei,” in Martin Zükert and Anna Bischoff, eds., *Handbuch der Religions-und Kirchengeschichte der Slowakei im 20. Jahrhundert*. Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2024, 711-28.

Editor’s note: This book chapter appeared in a monumental publication of the Collegium Carolinum in Munich, Germany, which specializes in Czech and Slovak history. In this publication thirty-one leading scholars, in 845 pages, wrote about the Catholic Church in Slovakia in the 20th century, covering such topics as Religion, the State and the Nation, the Various Forms of Religion in Slovakia, Religion and Ethnic Groups in Slovakia, Religion in the Slovak State, Religion During the Second World War and the Communist Era, the History of Seminaries and Religious Training, International Contacts and Developments after 1989. This book will soon be translated into English and Slovak, to make it widely accessible to scholars all across the world.

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

Mullins, Marty Manor, Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell, Montana

- Interviewed by “**BBC Live**” TV after assassination attempt on Slovak Prime Minister Fico, May 2024
- Appeared in the [ASEEES Member Spotlight](#), July 2024

- Delivered a community lecture entitled, “[Subconscious Seduction: Russian Cyber Meddling in Eastern Europe](#)” at Flathead Valley Community College, Oct. 2023

Nešťáková, Denisa, Research Associate Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Marburg Germany

- Received a Non-Residential Fellowship, University of Southern California, Shoah Foundation <https://sfi.usc.edu/fellows/denisa-nejstakova>

Stolarik, M. Mark, Emeritus, University of Ottawa: He and his family will be featured in an exhibit entitled “Stolárikovci” at the Kysucké Museum starting on September 27th in Čadca, Slovakia. After a few months in Čadca, the exhibit will travel to filial museums in Turzovka and Stará Bystrica. Stolarik will open the exhibit on September 27th at 11:00 a.m. with a lecture to students and the general public on “Slovak Emigration to North America.”

2024 ASEEES CONVENTION SLOVAK-RELATED PANELS, October 17-18 (virtual) and November 21-24 (in-person)

The following panels at the annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, European and Eurasian Studies, which will be held in Boston, MA this year, are **related to Slovak or Czechoslovak Studies** and may be of interest to some of our members.

Virtual Convention, Oct. 17-18, 2024

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

- **1:00 to 2:45pm Virtual Convention, VR4**
 - “Tableaux Vivants, Rubber Stamps, and X-Ray Photographs: Transformation and Emancipation in Modern Art”
- **3:15 to 5:00pm Virtual Convention, VR4**
 - “From Eurovision to Military Propaganda: Reckoning with Liberation and Violence in Contemporary Media”

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

- **10:45am to 12:30pm Virtual Convention, VR1**
 - “Red Cities: Urban Planning in Eastern Europe, 1960-1990”
- **1:00 to 2:45pm Virtual Convention, VR5**
 - “Liberation from Uncertainty and Instability in Eastern Europe”
- **1:00 to 2:45pm Virtual Convention, VR8**
 - “The Periphery Rebels: Liberation, Subjugation, and (De)Sacralization in Literature and Language”

In-Person Convention, Boston, Nov. 21-24, 2024

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

- **12:00 to 1:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom Salon D
 - “The Social Fallout of Socialist Extractivism: Constructing and Disrupting Race, Class, and Gender Hierarchies in Landscapes of Devastation”
- **4:00 to 5:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor, Clarendon
 - “Compromise, Collaboration, and Dissent: Christians and Church-State Relations in the Shadow of the Cold War”
- **4:00 to 5:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor, Fairfield
 - “New Directions in the Study of Czechoslovak Dissidence: Charter 77 in Transnational Perspective”
- **4:00 to 5:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor,
 - “Provincetown Periodicals Unbound I: Communities across Borders”

SLOVAK STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

- **6:30 to 8:30pm, Boston Marriott Copley Place, 1st Floor, Columbus 2**
- At this meeting the **SSA Book Prize winner** will be announced.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

- **8:00 to 9:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor, Simmons
 - “The Limits of Liberation and the Central European Avant-Garde”
- **10:00 to 11:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor,
 - “Boston University Celebrating Three Historic Slavic Collections on Their Anniversary Year: New York, Prague, and Helsinki”
- **10:00 to 11:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom Salon J
 - “Falling by the Wayside: Expertise on Unwanted Children, Youth Criminals, and Sadistic Women in Socialist Czechoslovakia and Poland”
- **10:00 to 11:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Yarmouth
 - “The Cost of National Liberations: Post-Imperial Transitions in East Central European Business Realms”
- **1:30 to 3:15pm**

- Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom Salon A
- “National Awakeners in Carpathian Rus”
- **3:30 to 5:15pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor, Berkely
 - “Habsburg-Pop: Musical Markets and Multiculturalism in the Late Habsburg Empire”
- **3:30 to 5:15pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor, Fairfield
 - “Steps to Liberation: Poland and Czechoslovakia”
- **3:30 to 5:15p.m.**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Vineyard
 - “Past-Present Rewind: Remembering History in Central European Popular Culture”
- **6:00-8:00pm-- Joint CSA-SSA Reception at the Rose Bar** (90 Exeter Street) within the Copley Square Hotel complex in Boston

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2024

- **8:00 to 9:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 1st Floor, Columbus 1
 - “Left Perspectives on State Socialism I: Post-Stalinist Marxism in East Central Europe”
- **8:00 to 9:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor, Regis
 - “Literature and/as Liberation: Studying Early Queer Literature from Central and Eastern Europe”
- **10:00 to 11:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom Salon E
 - “Biography, Memory, History: Are Narrators of the Past Custodians of Historical Accuracy or Architects of Selective Oblivion?”
- **10:00 to 11:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom Salon H
 - **“Waiting for Liberation: Authoritarian Rule in Slovakia” (SSA-Sponsored Panel)**
- **10:00 to 11:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, Floor: 3rd Floor, Wellesley
 - “Contemporary Czech Literature: “Free to Write About What and How?”
- **12:00 to 1:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, Floor: 3rd Floor, Berkeley
 - **“Politics of Urban Space in the Late Habsburg Bohemian Lands” (CSA-Sponsored Panel)**
- **12:00 to 1:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, Floor: 4th, Falmouth

- “Who Is Liberating Whom? Liberations and Oppressions in the Anti-Gender Politics of Central and Eastern Europe”
- **12:00 to 1:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom Salon B
 - “Days of Our Lives in Secret Police Files”
- **12:00 to 1:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place: 4th Floor,
 - “Hyannis Subalterns That Sing: Fighting the War, Overcoming Peripherality in Central Europe”
- **12:00 to 1:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor,
 - “Nantucket Stories of Disability Liberation in Eastern Europe: Art, Migration, (De)institutionalization, and Ecology”
- **4:00 to 5:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Grand Ballroom Salon D
 - “Local Dynamics of Collectivization in Central and Southeastern Europe”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

- **8:00 to 9:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor, Fairfield
 - “Holocaust Remembrance of Roma and Sinti in Communist East Central Europe: Panel of the Prague Forum for Romani Histories”
- **10:00 to 11:45am**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 3rd Floor, Berkeley
 - “Eastern European Emigrants and (Self-)Liberation: National Emancipation and Personal Freedom in Polish and Czechoslovak Discourses Abroad”
- **12:00 to 1:45pm**
 - Boston Marriott Copley Place, 4th Floor, Nantucket
 - “Reclaiming Urban Space: Fighting Unequal Representation and spatial Marginalization in Urban Narratives”

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