



EU AND THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

Date: **Tuesday, 16th December, 2008**
Time: 9:00 – 13:00
Venue: Česká spořitelna, a.s., Rytířská 536/29, Praha 1 (newly renovated building formerly serving as the Museum of Klement Gottwald)

PROGRAM:

9:00 - 9:30 **Registration**

9:30 – 9.45 **Introduction:**
Monika MacDonagh Pajerová, Chairperson, ANO pro Evropu
Ondřej Karas, Director of the European Affairs Information Department, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic
Irena Moozová, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic

I. Panel – What is the role of Europe in human rights and democracy promotion?

Chair: **Olga Hajflerová**, Department for Human Rights and Transformation Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

9.45 – 10:30 **Speakers:**
Džamila Stehlíková, Minister for Human Rights, Czech Republic
Francois Zimeray, Ambassador for Human Rights of the French Government
Catherine von Heidenstam, Swedish Ambassador in the Czech Republic and former Ambassador for Human Rights of the Swedish Government

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 11.30 **Special Address:**
Václav Havel, Playwright and former Czech President

II. Panel - Policies and tools in human rights and democracy promotion

Chair: **Jiří Pehe**, Director, NYU, Prague, Czech Republic

11.30 – 12.30 **Igor Blaževič**, Director, Human Rights and Democracy, People in Need Foundation
Monika MacDonagh Pajerová, Chairperson, ANO pro Evropu
Jan Jařab, former Government Representative for Human Rights, Czech Republic
Berel Rodall, Vice Chairman, International Center on Non-Violent Conflict, Washington

12.30 – 13.00 **Jan Kohout**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

13.00 – 14.00 **Buffet-lunch**

At the conference a collection of essays will be launched entitled:

Europeans write on Europe

and also an exhibition installed by People in Need Foundation entitled:

Spark of Bravery



Following the conference program

at 2.30 p.m. in the Kampa Park in front of the Café Mlýn
(Café Mlýn - Kampa Park, entrance from Říční 1, Praha 1)

an opening of two exhibitions will take place:

„Podrobena zkoušce světem“
(A l'épreuve du monde)

and

„Revoluční plakáty“

This event is organized by

The Embassy of France in the Czech Republic in cooperation with
ANO pro Evropu, o.s. and **Opona, o.p.s.**

in the presence of

H.E. Françoise Zimeray, Ambassador for Human Rights of the French Government and
Monika MacDonagh-Pajerová, chairperson of ANO pro Evropu

There will be a short performance by folk singer **Jaroslav Hutka** at the opening.