

SNSF-GACR Project Workshop —Modern times without us!—

CERGE-EI Prague

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March 26-28, 2026

- Venue:** CERGE-EI
Politických vězňů 7
110 00 Prague (Czech Republic)
- Organizer:** Christian Ochsner (CERGE-EI Prague), GACR-PI & Local Organizer
Lukas Schmid (University of Lucerne), SNSF-PI & Organizer
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Thursday, March 26, 2026

-	Arrival
18:30	Meeting in front of Hotel Adria
19:00	(Informal) Welcome dinner at Restaurant U Tellerů

Friday, March 27, 2026

09:30 – 09:50	Registration and welcome reception: Coffee and croissants
09:50– 10:00	Welcome address by Christian Ochsner
10:00 – 12:00	Session #1
10:00 – 11:00	Farewell to Psalms: The supply and demand for scientific careers in Nineteenth-Century Britain PATRICK GAULE (UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL)
11:00 – 12:00	Creating expectations: Propaganda and the economic recovery in Nazi Germany STEPHANIE ETTMEIER (CERGE-EI PRAGUE)
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch: Hoffa bar
13:30 – 15:30	Session #2
13:30 – 14:30	Pandemics' backlash: The effects of the 1918 influenza on health attitudes and behavior CHRISTIAN OCHSNER (CERGE-EI PRAGUE)
14:30 – 15:30	Gendered voting after war: Casualties and victimization during nation-building SINARA GHARIBYAN (IOS/UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 18:00	Session #3
16:00 – 17:00	Opposition and gradual acceptance of new technologies: The case of a breakthrough technology in the early 20th century BENEDIKT MARXER (UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE)
17:00 – 18:00	Siting, sorting, and socio-demographic change: US power plant openings over the Twentieth Century KAREN CLAY (CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, HEINZ COLLEGE)
18:00 – 19:00	Break
19:00 –	Workshop Dinner: Café Imperial

Saturday, March 28, 2026

08:30 – 09:00	Coffee and Croissants
09:00 – 11:00	Session #4
09:00 – 10:00	Innovation networks in the Industrial Revolution LUKAS ROSENBERGER (LMU MUNICH)
10:00 – 11:00	Fast car to boom and bust: Transportation technology and its causal effects on rural economic development FLAVIO MALNATI (EUBA–BRATISLAVA UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS)
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:15	Session #5
11:15 – 12:15	Constituent-representative interaction outside of elections: Theory and evidence from the early U.K. Women's Rights Movement WALKER HANLON (NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY)
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch: Restaurace Tiskárna Jindřišská
13:30 – 14:30	Session #6
13:30 – 14:30	Do firms hire politicians as board members? Evidence from close elections LUKAS SCHMID (UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE)
14:30 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 17:30	Prague Old Town city tour and goodbye