

REMEMBERING 1918 THROUGH FILM

1918 European Dreams of Modernity 100 years on

9th – 18th April 2018

The year 1918 has changed the history of Europe in a significant way, hundred years after it is important to remember this turning point in European politics and society and reflect on how it affected the century and today's Europe. We would like to commemorate this year but also the following hundred years of European history in a series of film screenings and debates.

You can plunge into the story of World War I in the Italian film "Greenery will bloom again" followed by a debate with journalist Marco Patricelli. Or you can embark on a journey through today's Central and Eastern Europe with the director Paul Rosdy in his film "New World", through countries which used to be part of Austro-Hungarian Empire described here through stories, legends and music. Or follow the story of Dulskie family throughout the 20th century in a Polish comedy "Damaged" followed by a debate with historian Lukasz Jasina.

The films are screened in original version with English subtitles, each screening is followed by a debate with an interesting guests. The series is accompanying a conference on the year 1989 which will be held at Václav Havel Library Prague on 11th April. More information about this event can be found here: <http://brussels.czechcentres.cz/nl/het-programma/reizen-evenementen/remembering-1918-cr/>

Date: 9th April to 18th April 2018 (see the dates below)

Venue: [Italian Institute Prague](#), Šporkova 335/14, 118 00, Prague 1

Free entrance. Registration is not required.

Program:

Date	Country	Film	Speaker
9th April, 18:30	Italy	<i>Greenery Will Bloom Again</i>	Marco Patricelli, journalist and historian
10th April, 18:30	Latvia	<i>Defenders of Riga</i>	Alberts Sarkanis, Latvian Ambassador
12th April, 18:30	Poland	<i>Damaged</i>	Lukasz Jasina, historian and publicist
16th April, 18:30	Austria	<i>New World</i>	Paul Rosdy, film director
8th April, 18:30	Romania	<i>A Century for Romania</i>	Adrian Mihai Cioroianu, historian and politician

ITALY

Monday 9th April, 18:30

TORNERANNO I PRATI / GREENERY WILL BLOOM AGAIN

(2014, 80 min, directed by Ermanno Olmi, screened in original version with English subtitles)

Greenery Will Bloom Again (2014) is an Italian film written and directed by Ermanno Olmi who depicts the physical and emotional torment of Italian soldiers during the First World War that costs the life of 16 million human beings.

The winter of 1917, the North-East front, the final clashes of the Great War. An Italian stronghold situated at 1800 meters above sea level, on the Asiago plateau. It is snowing everywhere; the Austrian trenches are so close that you can hear the enemy soldiers breathing.

Link: <http://www.filitalia.org/p.aspx?t=film&l=en&did=75869>

IMDB: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3478140/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31oVyVKg-GE>

Film screening will be followed by a short discussion with an Italian historian, **Marco Patricelli**.

Marco Patricelli (Pescara, 1963) is an Italian historian; his studies are focused mainly on World War II and on the Europe of the 20th century. He is internationally renowned expert; many of his books have been translated into different languages. Marco published numerous books and essays and was awarded several prizes including the XLII "Premio Acqui Storia".



This introductory film screening will be accompanied by a glass of wine, provided by the Italian Institute in Prague.

LATVIA

Tuesday 10th April, 18:30

RIGAS SARGI / DEFENDERS OF RIGA

(2007, 118 min, directed by Aigars Grauba, screened in original version with English subtitles)

After the Second World War Mārtiņš returns to Latvia to his beloved Elza. However, the decisive struggle both for her heart and for newly established state lies ahead. German troops led by the White Russian general Bermont intend to attack Riga and it seems the only hope for Latvia is the support of the Entente Powers. Nevertheless, Mārtiņš with a handful of brave men decides to fight.

IMBD: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0471359/?ref=nv_sr_1

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIClhGBdchw>

Film screening will be followed by a short discussion with **H.E. Mr Alberts Sarakanis**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Latvia to the Czech Republic.



POLAND

Thursday 12th April, 18:30

PANIE DULSKIE / DAMAGED

(2015, 91 min, directed by Filip Bajon, screened in original version with English subtitles)

A tragicomic variation on the classic drama by Gabriela Zapolska, *The Morality of Mrs Dulska*. The plot from the beginning of the 20th century newly set in the present day and brings a surprising point. The orderly Dulsky family is hiding a dark secret, which the lady of the house is willing to guard at any cost.

IMBD: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5078374/>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqDIRUAajHU>

Film screening will be followed by a short discussion with **Łukasz Jasina**, a young Polish historian.

Łukasz Jasina has a Ph.D in Film Studies (Polish Academy of Sciences). He graduated from Law Studies, History and Journalist Studies at John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. He was Head of the Eastern branch and publicist in internet weekly magazine *Kultura liberalna* and assistant professor at John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and Head of International Department in Polish History Museum. Łukasz Jasina is an author of few hundred publications.



AUSTRIA

Monday 16th April, 18:30

NEUE WELT / NEW WORLD

(2005, 103 min, directed by Paul Rosdy, screened in original version with English subtitles)

A nostalgic road movie that wanders from country to country, town to town, from old times to new, through the greater part of central Europe, territory that for nearly four hundred years boasted the name Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.

Using music, stories, anecdotes and legends, travel guides and newspaper clippings from the turn of the 20th century, documentarist Rosdy has created a fascinating journey through time built upon the juxtaposition of archive footage and photographs with contemporary shots of the same places.

More information about the film: <http://www.rosdyfilm.com/neuewelt/newworld/framesetnewWorld.htm>

IMBD: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1085470/?ref=nm_sr_2

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAEmzjQfvqM>

Film screening will be followed by a short discussion with the film director **Paul Rosdy**.

Born and raised in Vienna, Paul Rosdy had worked in the tourism industry and had travelled the world, then he decided to start film studies in Vancouver, Canada. He produced short documentary films and educational programs in Austria, Canada and the USA. Together with Joan Grossman, he founded a producing company, Pinball Films, in 1994.



ROMANIA

Wednesday 18th April, 18:30

UN SECOL PENTRU ROMANIA / A CENTURY FOR ROMANIA

(2013, 52 min, script: Adrian Cioroianu, screened in original version with English subtitles)

The documentary "A Century for Romania" covers 100 years of Romania's history, a road marked by 10 national priorities of the century. The film presents the events preceding the creation of Greater Romania, the political tension in mid-20th century, the Second World War, the consolidation of communism as well as the international context that influenced Romania's situation.

Being produced by the Romanian Television, the film is presented by historian Adrian Cioroianu, who also wrote the script and read the text.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKF10hhEYc>

Film screening will be followed by a short discussion with a historian **Adrian Mihai Cioroianu**.

Adrian Mihai Cioroianu is a Romanian historian, politician, journalist, and essayist. A lecturer for the History Department at the University of Bucharest, he is the author of several books dealing with Romanian history. Adrian Mihai Cioroianu has been a senator in the Parliament of Romania (2004 – 2007), member of the European Parliament (2007) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2007 – 2008). Since 2015, he is the ambassador of Romania to UNESCO.



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