



Lecture

The Czech Republic between the Past and the Future

*Reflections on International Politics in the beginning of
the 21st century from the perspective of a small state*

Wednesday, November 28, 2012
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Ambassador Martin Palouš

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Martin Palouš was Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States of America from 2001 to 2005 and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (2006 - 2011). His other diplomatic appointments include Czech Republic's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (1998-2001). He served also as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia (1990-1992).

Being one of the first signers of Charter 77, he served as spokesman for the human rights group. In 1989, he became also a founding member of the Civic Forum. He was elected to the Federal Assembly in 1990.

Martin Palouš studied Natural Sciences, Philosophy and Law. He received his Ph.D. in Public International Law from Masaryk University in Brno where he defended his doctoral thesis Freedom of Expression in the European Court of Human Rights in 2007. Ambassador Palouš has also had an active academic career, holding a number of teaching positions and being author of numerous publications both at home and abroad.

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