

# Ronald Reagan: Inspired Freedom

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International Conference  
June 30 — July 1, 2011  
Prague, Czech Republic

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

*The conference is held under the auspices of Miroslava Němcová, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic; Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; and Alexandr Vondra, Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic.*

### JULY 1

*Venue: The Large Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, Prague 1*

8:30–9:00     **REGISTRATIONS AND COFFEE**

9:00–9:15     **OPENING REMARKS**

**Welcome: Oldřich Černý**, Executive Director, Prague Security Studies Institute, Czech Republic

**Opening Remarks:**

**Karel Schwarzenberg**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

**Alexandr Vondra**, Minister of Defense, Czech Republic

9:15–10:45     **PANEL 1**

**Ronald Reagan's Foreign Policy: How the Cold War Was Won**

*The conference's host city, Prague, witnessed the impact of a totalitarian regime, as well as the effect of the liberating power of President Reagan's foreign policy. His bold and straightforward approach was not the only factor that brought communism down, but there is little doubt that without it Central and Eastern Europe's road to freedom would have been far more complicated and uncertain. The obsolete communist apparatus proved no match for Reagan's active foreign policy. What were the influences, ideas and principles that shaped this policy? How did the communist elites in the Soviet block react to Reagan's presidency? How did the other Western countries respond to his efforts to build an anti-communist coalition?*

**Moderator: Roman Joch**, Director, Civic Institute, Czech Republic

**Panel Discussion:**

**John O'Sullivan**, Executive Editor, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Czech Republic/United Kingdom

**Pete Wilson**, Former Governor of California, USA

**Petr Luňák**, Historian, Czech Republic

**Charles Kesler**, Senior Fellow, The Claremont Institute, USA

10:45–10:55     **COFFEE BREAK**

10:55–12:25 **PANEL 2**

***The West at a Crossroads: Lessons from the Ronald Reagan Era?***

*Despite the post-Cold War optimism, the triumph of liberal democracy and peaceful and democratic world order has not materialized. The concept of universality of human rights is increasingly questioned, the economic success of authoritarian China is seen by many as a tempting alternative for economic growth without democratic reforms, the strength of transatlantic relations is being challenged. The West, lead by the United States, is confronted with a world in which it has to share leadership with other players. What should be the role of the West in this emerging multipolar world? What kind of vision should the West promote? Are the new actors like China and India prepared to accept their share of political responsibility for the state of the world? Should the West again be more articulate and assertive about the goals it wants to promote? Are there any lessons to be learnt from the Reagan era?*

**Moderator: Peggy Noonan**, Columnist, The Wall Street Journal, USA

**Opening Remarks:**

**Norman Eisen**, Ambassador to the Czech Republic, USA

**Panel Discussion:**

**Alexandr Vondra**, Minister of Defense, Czech Republic

**Fyodor Lukyanov**, Editor in Chief, Russia in Global Affairs, Russia

**Jay Nordlinger**, Senior Editor, National Review, USA

**Jan Hamáček**, Member, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic

12:25–12:50 **SPECIAL ADDRESS (The Large Hall)**

**Condoleezza Rice**, Former Secretary of State, USA

**Introduced by John Heubusch**, Executive Director, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, USA

13:00–14:30 **LUNCH (Garden)**

17:00–17:45 **RONALD REAGAN STREET RENAMING CEREMONY**

Venue: Dr. Zikmunda Wintra/Ronolda Reagana 3, Prague 6

**Welcome: Norman Eisen**, Ambassador to the Czech Republic, USA

**Remarks:**

**Marie Kousalíková**, Mayor, Prague 6, Czech Republic

**Pete Wilson**, Former Governor of California, USA

**Kevin McCarthy**, Majority Whip, US House of Representatives, USA

**Tomáš Chalupa**, Minister of Environment, Czech Republic

**Condoleezza Rice**, Former Secretary of State, USA