

X. BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF
THE CZECH SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY STUDIES

Universal Schooling and School Reform in the Late 18th Century

Perspectives from the Habsburg Monarchy and Central Europe

November 6 & 7, 2025



A conference organized by
the Czech Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ČSVOS) and
the National Pedagogical Museum and Library of J. A. Comenius,
with the collaboration of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University



FACULTY OF ARTS
Charles University

Venue: National Pedagogical Museum and Library of J. A. Comenius
– Valdštejnská 20, Prague 1 –

— Thursday, November 6, 2025 —

9:30 Welcome coffee & registration

10:00 Welcome speeches: Jan ŠIMEK, Marc NIUBO, Daniela TINKOVÁ

PANEL 1.
PEDAGOGICAL THEORIES AND OPINIONS

10:15 Helmut GLÜCK (University of Bamberg): *Basedow, Wolke, Campe, das Dessauer Philanthropinum und die Schulreformen in Österreich-Ungarn und Russland*

10:35 Henning SCHLUß (University of Vienna): *Pedagogy as a Science – an Enlightenment Attempt to Academise the Teaching of School and Education – Ernst Christian Trapp – From the Philanthropin in Dessau to the University in Halle*

10:55 Teodora SHEK BRNARDIĆ (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb): *Reimagining Noble Upbringing: Franz Joseph Kinsky's Enlightenment Educational Reforms*

11:15 Discussion

— 11:30 Coffee break —

11:40 Eva DVOŘÁKOVÁ KANĚČKOVÁ (Palacký University, Olomouc): *Ignaz Felbiger and the Transformation of the Teaching Profession in the Habsburg Monarchy: "Methoden Buch" on the Border of Teaching Instructions and Formal Didactics*

12:00 Pavel NEUMEISTER (Palacký University, Olomouc): *School as a Tool of State Hegemony*

12:20 Discussion

— 12:30 Lunch Break —

PANEL 2.
BUILDING A SCHOOL NETWORK

- 13:30 Veronika MACHÁŇOVÁ (Masaryk University, Brno): *Implementing School Reforms in Late 18th-Century Moravia. Elementary Schools in Regional Perspective*
- 13:50 Marie MALIVÁNKOVÁ WASKOVÁ (Plzeň City Archives): *Military Educational Institutes in Czech Towns*
- 14:10 Discussion
- 14:20 Mirosław ŁAPOT (Jan Długosz University in Częstochowa): *The Commission of National Education in Warsaw (1773–1794). The Forgotten Contribution of Poland to the Beginnings of Public Education and School Administration in Europe*
- 14:40 Barnabás SZEKÉR (Piarist Order Hungarian Province): *Maria Theresa's School Reforms and the Piarists in the Kingdom of Hungary*
- 15:00 Stefan ZDRAVINAC (Independent researcher, Bonn): *Serbian Textbooks of the Theresian School Reform*
- 15:20 Discussion

— 15:35 Coffee break —

PANEL 3.
TEACHERS AND PUPILS

- 15:45 Karel RÝDL (University of Pardubice): *On the Early Stages of the Professionalisation of Teaching in the Czech Lands under the Influence of Compulsory School Attendance (1774–1870)*
- 16:05 Igor SERDIUK (Kyiv School of Economics, Kyiv / CEFRES associate, Prague): *Schools and Schoolchildren in 18th-Century Hetmanate: A Socio-Demographic Portrait Against a Persistent Historiographic Myth*
- 16:25 Discussion

— End of day 1 —

— Friday, November 7, 2025 —

9:00 Welcome coffee & registration

PANEL 4. THE QUESTION OF LANGUAGES

- 9:30 Dmitrij TIMOFEJEV (Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague): *Why Studying German? (as Well as Other Languages). Educational Language Books of the Late 18th and the Early 19th Century in Bohemia*
- 9:50 Alena A. FIDLEROVÁ (Charles University, Prague): *"To Teach by the Improved Method": German for Czech Pupils in the Enlightenment Primary School*
- 10:10 Discussion
- 10:20 Jana STRÁNÍKOVÁ (University of Pardubice): *'Writing by the Rules': Composition Teaching in Elementary Schools in Bohemia after 1774 as a Tool of Linguistic Socialisation*
- 10:40 Benedikt STIMMER (University of Vienna): *A Quest for (Linguistic) Standardization? School Reform, Language Attitudes and State-Building in the Late 18th-Century Habsburg Monarchy*
- 11:00 Nenad NINKOVIĆ & Isidora BJELAKOVIĆ (University of Novi Sad): *Reforms of Orthodox School System in the Habsburg Monarchy in the 18th Century and the Issue of the Status of the Serbian Language and the Cyrillic Alphabet*
- 11:20 Discussion

— 11:35 Coffee break —

PANEL 5. THE RELIGIOUS ISSUES. JEWISH & PROTESTANT EDUCATION

- 11:50 Andrea JELÍNKOVÁ (Library of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague): *Jewish Educational Literature in the Czech Lands at the End of the 18th Century*
- 12:10 Piroska BALOGH (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest): *From Enlightenment Pedagogy to Confessional Adaptation: The 1806 Second Ratio Educationis and Its Lutheran Response*
- 12:30 Gabriela EICHLOVÁ ÖRDÖGHOVÁ (Charles University, Prague): *"Jansenist" Translations and Language Teaching: The Role of the Book and Translation in Pre-Enlightenment and Enlightenment Education in 18th Century Europe*
- 12:50 Discussion

— 13:00 General Discussion and Conclusion of the Conference —