

## PANEL DISCUSSION ON INTEGRATION

### Context

The Swiss Embassy in the Czech Republic organizes on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the clampdown of the Prague Spring in August 1968 the exhibition *Second Life (Druhý život)*. The photographs of the Czech-Swiss photographer Iren Stehli capture the faces of twenty-five Czechs and Slovaks with different life stories, social situations and professional backgrounds who settled in Switzerland. Their narrative also portrays the remarkable image of this country and its inhabitants. Switzerland, surrounded by many prejudices, emerges as a community with a deeply rooted moral code and a solidarity sense. The exhibition will be presented in Prag, Zlin, Brno and Plzen.

### Project

The exhibition handles with a frequently debated topic in the last years: migration. The Embassy takes the opportunity of the exhibition to organize a panel discussion on “integration” which is one of the most important aspects related to migration.

### Panel discussion

The panel discussion is organized in cooperation with the State Secretariat for Migration Switzerland, the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, and the Learned Society of the Czech Republic. Two NGO's one Czech and one Swiss, will join the discussion under the title:

***“Challenges of integration in a new country.  
Traditions and present situation in Switzerland and in the Czech Republic”***

### Venue

The Learned society of the Czech Republic is offering the location and logistic support (translation/interpreters and technics). The panel discussion is therefore to be held at the place of the regular meetings of the Learned society, which is at the headquarters of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic at Narodni 3, Praha 1.

### Date and time

The space is available on **17<sup>th</sup> April 2018, from 16h00**. The estimated duration of the event is 90 minutes followed by a cocktail.

Language: Czech/English, with simultaneous interpretation

Moderator: Tomas Lindner, Editor Respekt

Audience: Members of the Learned Society, experts, students, NGO's member, media, and general public.

### Structure of the event:

- Welcome speech The Learned Society -3min
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- Academic introduction, Dr. M. Jelinkova; Faculty of Social Sciences/Charles University –10min
- CZ- situation/best practices/problems; Ms. H. Dluhosova, Integration Unity (or Deputy) – 10min
- CH-situation/best practices/problems; Mr. A. Gerber, Swiss State secretariat for migration – 10min
- NGO CZ /best practices/problems; Mr. M. Bejček, InBaze – 10min
- NGO CH /best practices/problems; Dr. C. Kopp, Swiss red cross (Health & Integration) – 10 min
- Moderator: discussion between the panelist and Q&R audience – 30 to 45min.
- Concluding words: one short conclusion from each panelist
  
- Cocktail

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**Druhý život**  
**A Second Life**

Příběhy lidí,  
jejichž novým domovem  
se po roce 1968  
stalo Švýcarsko

Stories of people  
who found a new home  
in Switzerland  
after 1968

duben–říjen

2018

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