



REPORT FORM FOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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Present appointment and employing institution

UCL

Role in activity

Chair of Panel

2. Activity details

Type and title of activity

Conference: The Changing Landscape of East-Central Europe since 1700 in Transnational Context

Location

Faculty of History, University of Oxford
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Date

From: 24 Sept 2009	To: 26 Sept 2009
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Brief Description of activities carried out (please include or attach a confirmed list of participants)

This was the fourth conference of the Forum of British, Czech and Slovak Historians and follows upon conferences organized over the last eight years at Dundee, Pardubice (Czech Republic) and Nitra (Slovakia). The conference broke with tradition to the extent that it did not examine its chosen topic within an exclusively historical framework but sought to embrace both a comparative and interdisciplinary approach and also to locate the study of the landscape in a contemporary framework.

Altogether there were 60 participants in attendance and 18 speakers. The range of geographical coverage was broad, including not just the Czech and Slovak lands but also Austria, Hungary, Poland and Scotland. The disciplinary and scholarly range was equally broad with contributions on cartography, peasant studies, historical geography, industrialization, cityscapes, literary representations, political space, and environmental campaigning.

The conference was organized by panels and key-note addresses. Altogether, there were seven panels and three key-note addresses, and these were arranged so as to facilitate discussion. Thus although formally designated as a conference, the proceedings followed more often in the pattern of a workshop with a free, and often intense, exchange of ideas.

The conference was followed up on 25 November by a lecture delivered under the auspices of the Forum by Professor Sheilagh Ogilvie at the Embassy of the Czech Republic on the condition of the Czech peasantry before emancipation. This provided a further opportunity to build on the network of contacts established at the Conference itself.

It is intended that a selection of the papers given at the Conference, together with Sheilagh Ogilvie's lecture, will be published by Oxford University Press for the British Academy in c. 2011.

A more detailed Conference Report by Professor Mark Cornwall is attached at the end of this Report

3. Achievement of stated aims and objectives

Please summarise how the stated aims and objectives of the activities proposed have been achieved and how these have helped to further the aims and objectives of CEELBAS.

The Conference acted as the most important event in recent years to bring together a new network of scholars drawn both from the CEELBAS region and the UK, conjoined by their research interest in landscape and the environment. The Conference was thus able to build on the networks already established by the Forum over the last eight years. In addition, the Conference organizers saw it as important to encourage the attendance of other stakeholders, most significantly through (accepted) invitations to Sheilagh Ogilvie and Pieter Judson (Swarthmore, and editor, *Austrian History Yearbook*), both of whom have strong international links, and to Michael Roberts, the UK's new ambassador to Slovakia.

The Conference saw significant attendance by younger scholars, one of whom was called upon at short notice to contribute a paper on his own doctoral research. The Conference thus comported with the CEELBAS Aims and Objectives in seeking to promote national and international collaboration and in providing a multi-disciplinary academic environment for postgraduate and postdoctoral study that offers the opportunity of regular contact with a major network of experts. The Conference additionally enhanced the role of CEELBAS by promoting and developing international networks.

Perhaps most importantly, the Conference and the proposed publication of proceedings will serve to set a research agenda for the future on a subject of increasing topicality, thus contributing to the UK's leading global presence in the study of Central and Eastern Europe.

4. Outcomes

Please indicate the outcomes and 'value for money' of activities carried out.

The outcomes comport with CEELBAS objectives and thus its understanding of 'value for money'. These outcomes may be defined as –

- Developing and promoting a network of scholars with a conjoined interest in the history of

the Central European landscape, and furthering an already established network of British, Czech and Slovak historians.

- Providing an opportunity for younger doctoral and post-doctoral students to embed themselves in a network and to develop contacts useful in the furtherance of their own academic careers.
- Establishing the UK's leading global position in the study of the landscape in Central and Eastern Europe.

5. Breakdown of total costs for workshops (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<p>Key speakers (Travel, accommodation and subsistence) <i>CEELBAS funding of £2,000 was used to cover some of the accommodation and subsistence costs of the Conference, provided by Oriel College.</i></p>	
Postgraduate participation	
Room/equipment hire	
Administration costs	
Printing and publicity (including conference packs)	
Other (please specify)	
Total expenditure (of the Conference)	9,130
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	2,000

6. Breakdown of total costs for projects (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Staff costs	
Equipment/technical costs	
Administration costs	
Other (please specify	
Total expenditure	
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	

7. Dissemination and further research

Please give details of dissemination of the outcomes of the workshop/project and any further research planned.

The proceedings of the conference will be published, after suitable selection and editing, by Oxford University Press for the British Academy. OUP/British Academy published in 2007 the previous conference proceedings – *Czechoslovakia in a Nationalist and Fascist Europe, 1918-48*.

8. Signature and date

Applicant's signature

Date:

Institutional authorisation (if required)

Position:
Date:

Institutional CEELBAS Network Primary Contact

Date:

This form must be accompanied by an invoice from the applicant's institution, supported by receipts or other evidence of the expenditure incurred.

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