

Department of Germanic Studies (Faculty of Philosophy/Charles University)

And

Tel-Hai Academic College (Israel)

Present

Kafka and Prague

An Academic Workshop (6.-8.5.2024)

Monday, 6th of May:

10:00-13:00: Tour of the Jewish Quarter.

Meeting point: Before the Entrance to the Faculty of Philosophy/Charles University (náměstí [square] Jana Palacha 1/2, 116 38 Praha 1)

Locations: Prague Jewish Quarter, Pinkas Synagogue, Klausen Synagogue, Maiselova Synagogue, Spanish Synagogue, Old Jewish Cemetery, The Old-New Synagogue.

Guide: doc. Filip Charvát.

Note: The Old-New Synagogue requires a special entrance ticket.

13:00-15:00 - Independent lunch.

15:00-18:00: Kafka Tour

Guide: Mgr. Matěj Král.

Tasks: Request places to visit.

18:00-19:00 - Festive concert on the occasion of Yom Hashoah Ve-Hagevurah.

Location: The Maisel Synagogue.

18:00-20:30 - Dinner + Day Summary.

Location: U-Milo Kosher Prague Restaurant.

Tuesday, 7th of May:

10:00-13:00: Four short lectures by members of the Department of Germanic Studies

Location: Faculty of Philosophy/Charles University (náměstí [square] Jana Palacha 1/2, 116 38 Praha 1), lecture room no. 317 (3rd floor)

1st lecture: “Interpretations of Kafka in the Jewish context” – Dr. Štěpán Zbytovský

2nd lecture: “Kafka and Prague” – Prof. Manfred Weinberg

3rd lecture: “Remarks on Kafka’s text *The Bucket Rider* [Der Kübelreiter]” – Vlastimil Kaňka (student)

4th lecture: “The Skeleton in the shadow of the father - About the topic of shame in Kafka's works” – Daniel Kozár (student)

13:00-15:00: Independent lunch (Kosher option – Restaurant Golem) (6 minutes walk).

15:00-18:00: Four short lectures by members of the Tel-Hai Academic College

Location: Faculty of Philosophy/Charles University (náměstí [square] Jana Palacha 1/2, 116 38 Praha 1), lecture room no. 317 (3rd floor)

1st lecture: “Levi’s suicide: Between Amery and Kafka” - Prof. Yochai Ataria.

2nd lecture: Dr. Matěj Král: “Kafka, ethics and the contemporary world”

3rd lecture: Shahar Zomer (student): “The sweet death in *Metamorphosis*”

4th lecture: Omer Ronen (student): “Seeking Connection”

18:00-19:30 - Dinner + Day Summary.

Location: 5th District Restaurant & Cafe by King Solomon (8 minutes walk from the University).

Wednesday, 8th of May:

10:00-13:00: Parallel reading groups

Location: Charles University, Faculty of philosophy, Jana Palacha 1/2, seminar rooms no. 317 and 319 (3rd floor)

Groups:

10:00-11.25:

Ataria: “*The Castle*” (room no. 317)

Weinberg/Smyčka: “*Jackals and Arabs*” (room no. 319)

11.35-13:00:

Pitcovski: “*A country Doctor*” (room no. 319)

Charvát/Zbytovský: “*A Report to an Academy*”/”*Josephine the Singer, or the Mouse Folk*”

13:00-15:00 - Independent Lunch

15:00-18:00: Tour from the Old Town to the Castle

Meeting point: Statue of St. Mary/Old Town Square

Locations: Old Town, Charles Bridge, Prague Castle.

Guide: Doc. Filip Charvát.

Dinner + Day Summary: Vegan's Prague (5 minutes walk from the Prague Castle).