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## Conflicts in the Time of the Crises of Universalism: Cross-Regional Perspectives

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Prague, Charles University, Faculty of Arts  
Šporkův palác, Hybernská 3, room 206

Charles University invites you to a multidisciplinary conference as part of the project *Beyond Security: Role of Conflict in Resilience-Building* (CZ.02.01.01/00/22 \_008/0004595).

9:45            **Opening**

10:00 – 12:00 **Universalism in question: Culture wars**

Contemporary value conflicts have shaped political cleavages and landscapes in most democracies—and even non-democratic regimes—for at least a decade. These conflicts are fought over values, social norms, collective memory, religion, and foreign policy. Since 2022, value conflicts within democracies have increasingly reflected the actual wars in and around Europe and their direct consequences. As a result, the consensus on the universalism of human rights and international law appears to be unraveling. How can we understand the impact of external conflicts and internal culture wars?

### Speakers

Monika Bobako (Poznan University): *The war in Gaza, the Shoah legacy and the crisis of universalism. A view from Poland*

Attila Meleg (Corvinus University of Budapest): *Marketization and migration panic*

Kristina Stoeckl (LUISS University, online): TBA

Chair: Zora Hesová (Charles University)

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

13:00 – 15:00 **Constitutional Evolution in the 21st Century: Bridging Conflict or Fostering Discord?**

Constitution-making often unfolds amidst political turmoil, emerging post-conflict, during democratization, or as a response to public discontent. This panel will delve into the challenges posed by these circumstances to constitutional change. Moreover, it will engage in a debate on the conditions under which constitution-making processes can successfully address the problems raised by these difficult contexts.

### **Speakers**

Christina Murray (University of Cape Town & United Nations): *Conflict and power: Can constitution-making play a role in securing peace?*

Nathan J. Brown (George Washington University): *Can One Fix the Car while Driving It? Constitutional Engineering after 2011 in the Arab World*

Gabriel Negretto (Carlos III University): *Constitutional Replacements in Democracies Under Stress: The Case of Chile in Comparative Perspective*

Chair: Tereza Jermanová (Charles University)