

cordially invite you to an international seminar

# THE SOLIDARITY OF THE SHAKEN

which will take place at

**The Běhal Fejér Institute,  
Pevnostní 651, Praha 6, Střešovice  
on May 15 and 16, 2013.**

The basic aim of this seminar is to discuss the philosophical issues connected with the concept of human rights in today's "post-European" world. The elementary point of departure should be the experiences and philosophical underpinnings of Central European dissent and specifically the spiritual legacies of Václav Havel and Jan Patočka.

**The invited participants and follow-up discussions will focus on the following themes:**

1. the relationship between "law-based" and "philosophical" approaches to the questions of international human rights as it appeared in the discourse of Central European dissidents' during the 1970s and 1980s;
2. the search for spiritual authority in our current post-modern/post-European world, which is particularly noticeable in the arguments of human rights defenders confronted with the oppressive state apparatuses of today's totalitarian/authoritarian/semi-authoritarian regimes;
3. the current quest for the source of moral obligation to respect human dignity and human rights in the "post-European" world "anchored in the general human experience of the absolute" (Havel), as a fundamental value common to all world cultures, religions and civilizations.

The seminar will be conducted in English without consecutive translation

**PROGRAM: MAY, 15**

- 10:00 – 11:15 **Martin Palouš:** Introductory Remarks – Patočka's "Solidarity of the Shaken" and the Human Rights Discourse in Transition from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- 11:30 - 12:45 **Jiří Příbáň:** Socialist Legality and the Politics of "Dissent"
- 12:45 - 14:00 **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 15:15 **Glenn Hughes:** Understanding the Principle of Inalienable Human Dignity
- 15:15 – 16:30 **Josef Moural:** Whose Solidarity? Which Shattering?
- 17:00 – 19:00 **Garden Reception**

**PROGRAM: MAY, 16**

- 09:00 – 10:15 **Ludger Hagedorn:** Solidarity – But whose and for whom?
- 10:30 – 11:45 **Henryk Syse:** The Difficult Ethics of Communication and Ideological Difference: How to Uphold Human Dignity in the Face of Disagreement
- 12:00 – 13:15 **Ivan Chvatík:** Patočka's Concept of the Solidarity of the Shaken and the Possibility of a Meaningful Existence
- 13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 14:50 **Jan Macháček:** Without fun and humour, there would have been neither dissent nor solidarity of the shaken
- 14:50 – 15:30 **Martin Palouš:** Concluding Remarks
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Wine and Cheese**

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