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Collegium Carolinum e.V., Forschungsstelle für die böhmischen Länder, Munich

invite You to the following international conference: **Different Images: Perceptions of Edvard Beneš in Czech and European Contexts**, which is to be held on 13–14 October 2011 in Prague as part of the Czech grant project: Edvard Beneš, the Germans and Germany.

In recent decades, modern historiography has paid significant attention to the issue of notions and conceptions of images and representations. Social sciences frequently refer to the “image of the other”, stereotypes, or mental images.

Edvard Beneš is among the most disputed personalities of modern Czech (and Czechoslovak) history. This holds true not only in the Czech context, but also internationally. When analyzing views that assess the public and private activities of Edvard Beneš, no “objective reality” or infallible truth is sought. Researchers place greater emphasis on historical processes and intellectual constructs instead. In turn, they investigate individual and collective orientations influencing the formation of the given image of Beneš in a society during a limited time period.

Aim of the conference is to examine the development of the reflection of Beneš’s personality from different political points of view, the changing nature of his image in historiography, works of art, and the media (literature, film, press, cartoons, etc.) as well as in the context of remembrance (memoirs, correspondence, etc.). The conference organizers would like to cover the following areas:

- 1. The development of Beneš’s image in political reflection;**
- 2. The reflection of Edvard Beneš in intellectual and art circles and the media;**
- 3. Beneš’s image in works of remembrance and memoirs.**

Individual presentations should not exceed 20 minutes. Conference languages will be English and German.

Abstracts of contributions should be sent by 30 March 2011 to the following e-mail addresses:
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On behalf of the organizers

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