



We cordially invite you to the Aperitív seminar organized by the Institute of History, SAV, v.v.i.

on Thursday, **March 20, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**
in the study room of the Central Library of the SAS,
Klemensova 19 (ground floor)

The presentation will be given by

Michal Kopeček

on the topic

Christian Human Rights in East Central Europe Before and After 1989. Between Universalism of Human Dignity and Particularism of National Mission

The presentation is based on my ongoing research on the plurality of "political languages" of human rights in East Central European dissent. The democratic revolutions 1989 in Central and Eastern Europe have long been perceived as human rights revolutions that reinforced the legitimacy of Western-style liberal democracy and global neoliberal capitalism. Dissidents were often viewed as central figures in this somewhat unexpected triumph of liberalism. Today, we know that the reality is more complicated. Illiberal movements that seek to fundamentally deconstruct the existing political order often invoke dissident roots, as did their liberal predecessors. And they have good reasons for doing so. The talk will focus on one of these currents, Christian human rights, which played a crucial role in the anti-communist opposition and became an essential factor shaping political development and the politics of rights in the region after 1989.

We look forward to meeting you!