



Lifelong Learning

Christianity in the Czech Lands: A History of Complex Relations of Faith, Politics and Society

Course annotation

The Czech Republic is widely known as one of the world's most secular societies. At the same time, its landscape, culture, and public life are rich in religious buildings, traditions, and symbols. How can we understand this apparent paradox? This course takes interested public on a journey through the history of the Czech Lands, exploring the dynamic relationship between religion, politics, culture, and society from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Participants will learn about major turning points from the medieval religious traditions and the Reformation, through the development of religious freedom and tolerance under the Habsburg monarchy, the impact of nationalism, fascism, and communism on religious life, to the diverse forms of Christianity in the twentieth century. The course concludes by addressing contemporary Czech attitudes toward religion and the place of faith in one of Europe's most secular societies.

Application

Discover how religious ideas and institutions helped shape Czech history — and how their legacy continues to influence contemporary society. Scan the QR code below to visit our website or contact the International Office directly at czv@etf.cuni.cz



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Course schedule

Lecturer: Dr. Peter Morée

Oct 5th 2026	Introduction: Religion and Secularization in the Czech Lands in historical perspective
Oct 19th 2026	Looking back: Religious Traditions in the Czech Lands – Middle Ages and Reformation
Nov 2nd 2026	The Emergence of Modern Problems: Freedom and Tolerance in Habsburg Times
Nov 9th 2026	Faust in the Church: Religion Seduced by Ideology
Nov 23rd 2026	Marx in the Ideal Conditions: Religion abused and why it didn't work
Dec 7th 2026	Versions of Christianity in the Czech Lands in the 20th century: churches and ecumenism
Jan 4th 2027	Not Relevant? Contemporary Czech Views on Religion and Contemporary Religious Views on Czech Society

The lectures are held in Prague on selected Mondays from 5.30PM to 7PM at the Faculty of Protestant Theology (Charles University).

The course fee is 1000 CZK, the minimal number of participants is 10 and the maximum is 40. For further information please visit the link provided below.



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