



Department of Russian and East-European Studies,
Institute of International Studies
Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University,
French Research Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (CEFRES),
and Prague Civil Society Centre

cordially invite you
to the roundtable discussion

Power of the Powerless in the 21st Century: Non-Violent Protests in CEE



Recent mass protests in Armenia, which ousted the long-standing head of the country, were dubbed a “Velvet Revolution”. Did the moniker refer to the Central European events 30 years back? And, if so, what is their legacy in the 21st century? Is “power of the powerless” still a viable recipe for social and political transformations? Another crucial question here is whether non-violent protests are capable to deliver their agenda in a long-run, or is it just a momentum followed with “business as usual”? And, finally, what are convergences and divergences between popular movements across space and time?

The roundtable discussion brings together the cases of mass protests in Poland, Ukraine, and Romania to expose their peculiarity but also to compare them with the recent wave of protests in Germany, the U.S., and elsewhere. The main question it aims to tackle is the prospects of political transformations based on “the power of the powerless”, as well as broader reverberations of local mass protests in the globalized world.

Speakers:

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Prague Civil Society Centre)
Valeria Korablyova (Senior Researcher,
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Moderated by Kateřina Kralova (Head of
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10:00 – 12:00**

**Where: CEFRES Library (Na
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