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JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

cordially invites you to a lecture by

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**'We Know That You Are Not Guilty!'
Postwar Myths of Jewish Collaboration,
Czech Victimhood, and Slovakian
Heroism**

In postwar Europe, nobody could deny that it was the Germans who were guilty of the crimes of the Second World War. While the Holocaust was not forgotten in postwar or Communist Czechoslovakia (especially in the small survivor community), stories of national suffering and courage established already in the midst of the war have since dominated the memory of the Second World War in Czechoslovakia. Local collaboration got pushed to the background, and if it appeared on the surface, as with the retribution trials, it was seen as a responsibility of the higher-ups, obscure characters, and the fascist standing at the fringe. Hana Kubátová's talk addresses how the inability to reflect on the societies' co-responsibility for the genocides enabled to stretch charges of collaboration to include the Jews.

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Nádor 9, Monument Building, Gellner Room



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Contemporary European History or *Holocaust Studies: Journal of Culture and History*. She has recently coauthored *The Jew in Czech and Slovak Imagination, 1938-89: Antisemitism, the Holocaust, and Zionism* (Brill, 2018) and coedited *Jews and Gentiles in Central and Eastern Europe during the Holocaust: History and Memory* (Routledge, 2018; both with Jan Láníček).