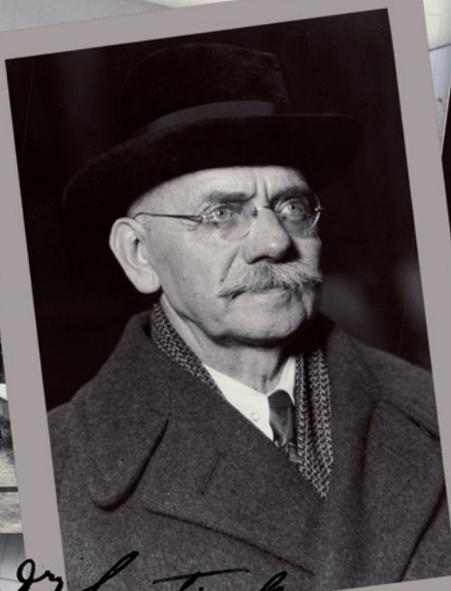


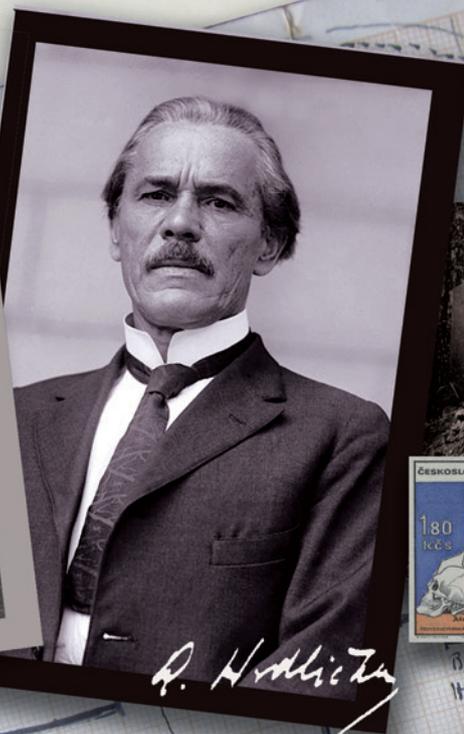
Workshop Programme:

# The Building of Czechoslovak Anthropology

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The Institute of the History of Charles University and Archive of Charles University  
in collaboration with the Hrdlička Museum of Man, Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague;  
the Czech Society for the history of sciences and technology  
and the Institute for the History of Medicine and Foreign Languages, 1st Faculty of Medicine, Charles University in Prague

invite you to an international workshop to mark the 70th anniversary of Aleš Hrdlička's death

## The Building of Czechoslovak Anthropology Science of Man in Czech Lands and Aleš Hrdlička (1869 – 1943)

In the last decades of the 19th and the first of the 20th century, a new science was institutionalised throughout Europe: the science of man, or, anthropology. In the case of the Czech lands, Aleš Hrdlička (1869-1943), an outstanding figure of U.S. anthropology of Czech origin, played a major role in the establishment and development of anthropology, its theories, and practices. The workshop, marking the 70th anniversary of Hrdlička's death, will be predominantly concerned with his influence on the shaping of Czechoslovak and Czech anthropology, its position in international anthropological networks, and also the broad cultural, social and political dimensions the science of man seemed to have in the late Austro-Hungarian Empire and the newly formed Czechoslovakia. While Hrdlička's transnational project of personal, financial, political, and institutional support for "Slavic", "Czech", and "Czechoslovak" anthropology substantially influenced the final shape of the science of man in the Czech lands, past historiographies often reflected on his role in an uncritical or even idealised manner. Hrdlička as a scientist of an internationally renowned name and an important (albeit informal) figure of Czechoslovak diplomacy also influenced how anthropology was received outside scientific circles.

The workshop will also present an update on the research regarding the recently discovered correspondence between Hrdlička and Jindřich Matiegka (1862-1941), one of the founding figures of Czech anthropology. Based on the workshop, a collective monograph concerning Hrdlička's legacy in the Czech lands and a (commented) edition of his correspondence should be published.

### Workshop programme

(For latest updates check [https://sites.google.com/a/natur.cuni.cz/building\\_anthropology/](https://sites.google.com/a/natur.cuni.cz/building_anthropology/))

**October 17, 2013**

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16.00 – 17.30 Plenary lecture - Jane Buikstra : Aleš Hrdlička: 21st Century Perspectives in the United States

Welcome drink at the Hrdlička Museum of Man, Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague, Viničná 7

**October 18, 2013**

**(Library of the Institute for History of Medicine and Foreign Languages (U Nemocnice 4, ground floor, behind the entrance to the left))**

9.00 – 9.30 Marco Stella: The Building of Czechoslovak Anthropology. Aleš Hrdlička and the Museum of Man at the Charles University in Prague

9.30 – 10.00 Hana Havlůjová: The Hrdlička Museum of Man in Prague in Context of ‚New Museology‘: A Modern Anthropology Collection as a Controversial Heritage

10.00 – 10.30 Jule Tomsová: Hrdlička, Matiegka a jejich příspěvek české egyptologii (in czech)/ Hrdlička, Matiegka and their contributions to czech egyptology

10.30 – 11.00 Jan Cvrček: Rekonstrukce vybraných původních sbírek kosterních pozůstatků Hrdličkova muzea člověka (in czech)/ Reconstructing some of the original osteological collections of the Hrdlička Museum of Man

until 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 13.45 – Milada Sekyrková - Marek Ďurčanský: Korespondence mezi Alešem Hrdličkou a Jindřichem Matiegkou. Příprava edice a její úskalí (in czech)/ The Hrdlička-Matiegka Correspondence. The Edition and it's Problems

13.45 – 14.15 – Ondřej Švorc: Matching the Unmatchable? Post WW II views on Aleš Hrdlička reflected on views of his own

14.15 – 14.45 – Petr Toman: Eugenics in the Works of Aleš Hrdlička

14.45 – 15.00 – Coffee Break

15.00 – 15.30 – Ursula Ferdinand: The concept of „Umvolkung“ of Karl Valentin Müller (1896-1963)

15.30 – 16.00 – Ana Cergol Paradiž: Slovene Anthropologist Božo Škerlj and his Czech Connections

16.00 – 16.15 – Coffee Break

16.15 – 16.45 – Michal Šimůnek: Great Dispute. Attempts to defeat the Nazi racial concepts that rooted in Czechoslovakia, 1933–1939

16.45 – 17.15 – Jan Janko: Člověk jako pohádka. K „antropologickým“ snahám Karla Slavoj Amerlinga (in czech)/ Man as a fairy-tale.

Notes to „anthropological“ efforts of Karel Slavoj Amerling

17.15 – Final discussion

Facultative guided walk, dinner

**The workshop will be held in English and Czech; abstracts will be available in both languages.**

## Conference premises



U nemocnice 497/4, 128 00 Praha 2-Nové Město



Viničná 1594/7, 128 00 Praha 2-Nové Město

Maps available at: [https://sites.google.com/a/natur.cuni.cz/building\\_anthropology/premises](https://sites.google.com/a/natur.cuni.cz/building_anthropology/premises)

Kind regards,  
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