

THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

cordially invites you to a lecture by

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Demographic Avant-Garde. Jews in Bohemia between the Enlightenment and the Shoah

The lecture elucidates the unique trends and context of the demographic behavior of Jews in Bohemia from the mid-eighteenth to the mid-twentieth century. It examines what made Bohemian Jews true forerunners of the demographic transition in Europe and explains why this occurred. It shows the main demographic trends of Bohemian Jews such as population growth, fertility, mortality and migration and interprets them in a larger social-historical and international context and points out the socio-economic position of Jews within Czech society. In the interpretation of the early Jewish demographic transition the role of human capital, culture, the legal environment and economic development is put into a forefront. The lecture will highlight the essential findings from the new book of Jana Vobecká *Demographic Avant-Garde: Jews in Bohemia between the Enlightenment and the Shoah* published in 2013 at the CEU Press.

Tuesday, October 22 at 6 p.m.
In Gellner Room



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A reception will follow

