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Golden Prague: Art and Politics in the Heart of Europe

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Thursday, December 18, 2025 - 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. ET

My Lecture will be based on excerpts of my new book: *Prague: The Heart of Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2025).

This book offers a sweeping account of Prague's history from its tenth-century foundations to the present day.

Further Reading on Prague:

Cynthia Paces, *Prague Panoramas: National Memory and Sacred Space in the Twentieth Century* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2009)

Chad Bryant, *Prague in Black: Nazi Rule and Czech Nationalism* (Harvard University Press, 2007)

Chad Bryant, *Prague: Belonging in the Modern City* (Harvard University Press, 2021)

Jan Royt, *The Prague of Charles IV* (Karolinum, Charles University, 2016)

Eliška Fučíková Prague in the Reign of Rudolph II: Mannerist Art and Architecture in the Imperial Capital, 1583-1612 (Karolinum, Charles University, 2016)

More from Cynthia Paces:

["In Prague the Personal is Historical"](#) *Pittsburgh Review of Books*. Sept. 25, 2025.

Podcast Interviews about *Prague: The Heart of Europe*

[Historically Thinking](#): Interview by Al Zambone

[CEU Review of Books](#): Interview by Dr. Andrea Talabér

[Converging Dialogues with Xavier Bonilla](#)

[New Books Network](#): Interview by Caleb Zakarin

[This Guy Sucked](#) with Dr. Claire Aubin

In this interview I discuss Edward Kelley, the English Alchemist who lived in Prague