

To commemorate the **50th anniversary**  
of the **Prague Spring** and the **invasion of the Warsaw Pact armies**  
the Embassy of the Czech Republic arranges a symposium

## 21 August 1968 and its Consequences

on Wed 15 August 2018 from 16:00 to 17:30  
in Eurooppasali, EC Representation in Finland (Malminkatu 16, Helsinki)  
Exhibition: **Prague Spring 1968**

Opening remarks:

Dr. Jouni Järvinen, Aleksanteri Institute,  
University of Helsinki

Confirmed guest speakers:

Erkki Tuomioja, Member of Parliament  
Markku Jääskeläinen, 1968 leader of ETUC  
Reijo Nikkilä, former YLE journalist  
Alpo Collanus, eyewitness of the invasion

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**Erkki Tuomioja** is a Member of the Finnish Parliament and former Minister for Foreign Affairs. Mr Tuomioja took part in the illegal occupation of the Old Student House (Vanha ylioppilastalo) in Helsinki in 1968.

**Markku Jääskeläinen** was in leading position in The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) in 1968 and took part in the exceptionally big demonstrations held in Helsinki immediately after the occupation.

**Reijo Nikkilä** is a retired TV journalist of YLE and also an eyewitness of the invasion in Prague in August 1968. Later he was sent to Moscow as the YLE TV correspondent.

**Alpo Collanus** is eyewitness of the invasion of the Warsaw Pact Armies in August 1968. Together with his two Finnish friends they were in Prague when the first tanks arrived to the city centre. Two days after the invasion they provided the first authentic interview for the Helsingin Sanomat correspondent in Vienna.