A QUARTER CENTURY LATER:
9/11 – A MEMENTO AND A LESSON

Friday, October 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
ČTK PressCentrum, Opletalova 919/5, Prague 1

PROGRAM

10:00 – 10:10
OPENING: Miloš Balabán, Chairman of Prague Security Conference
A minute of silence for the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in New York and Washington

10:10 – 11:15 / BLOCK 1 /
MY SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 – A PERSONAL MEMORY AND LESSON FROM THE DAY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

PANELISTS *(in alphabetical order):*

- **John Nicholson**, U.S. Army General (ret), Independent Member of the CSG Board of Directors
- **Jiří Šedivý**, former Chief of the General Staff of the Czech Armed Forces (1998-2002)
- **Alexandr Vondra**, Member of European Parliament, former Ambassador of the Czech Republic to USA (1997-2001)
- **Jaromír Zůna**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and Minister of Defence

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11:15 – 11:30 BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 / BLOCK 2 /
9/11 AS A SECURITY BREAKTHROUGH?

- Key Lessons of 9/11 for the Foreign, Security and Defence Policy of NATO, the EU and the Czech Republic
- How we think about „black swans" today – unpredictable and unexpected events with global impact
- What were the impacts of 9/11 on the development of the security system of the Czech Republic and what condition is it in today?
- Development of new technologies and national security
- Crises, catastrophes, collapses – is the Czech society ready for them? How can its vulnerability be reduced?

PANELISTS *(in alphabetical order):*

- **Břetislav Brejcha**, Director of the National Centre against Terrorism, Extremism and Cybercrime, Police of the Czech Republic
- **Eva Filipi**, Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, former Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Lebanon, Turkey and Syria
- **Thomas Berge Nielsen**, CSG Director of Strategy
- **Petr Ošlejšek**, Director General of the Fire Rescue Service of the Czech Republic (designated acting General Director) - introductory speech
- **Petr Svoboda**, Commander of Territorial Command of the Czech Armed Forces

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13:00 – 13:10
CONCLUSION: Chairman of the Prague Security Conference

13:10 – 14:00
Refreshments & Networking

Generální partner: CSG

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