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Topic of the issue: The life of the political exile community in Great Britain during the Second World War

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The prepared issue of the journal will focus on the Czechoslovak exile community in Great Britain during the Second World War with the aim of contributing to the research with inspirations from the areas of cultural and social history and media sciences. Prominent politicians referred to their exile community as “Czechoslovak London”, “the big village” and “a city within a city”. Although the Czechoslovak exile community did not reflect the proportions of ordinary society, it had a number of attributes of an actual nation: citizens, armed forces, media and book production, unions, shops and restaurants, as well as a “presidential court”, a government with ministries, an administrative apparatus and movable and immovable property. All figures in the exile community experienced together a war that had to be won.

The editorial board welcomes contributions on the migration agenda in the broadest sense, as well as on political exile communities in wartime Britain (not only the Czechoslovak community), their everyday life and the ways in which this space was set up and how it was shaped symbolically. They shall also focus on the structure of political exile communities as “centres of power” and their political culture. Contributions may cover, but need not be limited to, the following topics:

- Contexts of migration
- Us and them: “exiled citizen” in wartime Britain
- Everyday life in wartime and connection with the host environment
- Formation of exile communities as centres of power and their political culture
 - Setup of the government administration, the matter of ceremony, symbolic devices and the role of propaganda and commemoration
- Comparison with previous political methods and with the situation of other exile milieus
 - The armed forces as part of the government in exile

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