



# POPE

## April 24-26, 2009

### Prague Conference on Political Economy

University of Economics, W. Churchill Sq. 4, Prague 3



## Schedule

### Friday, April 24 - Program held at Prague University of Economics (sessions open to public)

12:30 - 13:30	Registration at University of Economics, Prague
13:30 - 14:00	Welcoming drink
14:00 - 14:15	<i>Josef Šíma - Opening of the Conference</i>
14:15 - 15:15	Čuhel Memorial Lecture: Hans-Hermann Hoppe – “The Yield from Money Held” Reconsidered
15:15 - 15:45	<i>The Ethics of Liberty</i> and other new books announcements
15:45 - 16:15	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
16:15 - 17:15	Wieser Memorial Lecture: Svetozar Pejovich - From Socialism to Socialism: A Property Rights Analysis of the Transition in Europe
17:15 - 17:30	Prizes Announcement
17:30 - 17:45	Closing Remarks
19:00 - 22:00	<i>Dinner</i>

### Saturday, April 25 - Program held at Prague University of Economics (sessions only for conference participants)

08:00 - 08:30	<i>Coffee and pastries at University of Economics, Prague</i>
08:30 - 10:30	Panel Sessions A
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 - 13:00	Panel Sessions B
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch at the University of Economics Academic Club</i>
14:30 - 16:30	Panel Sessions C
16:30 - 17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00 - 19:00	Panel Sessions D
20:00 - 23:00	<i>Dinner</i>

### Sunday, April 26 - Program held at CEVRO Institute [school of political studies] (sessions open to public)

09:45 - 10:00	Welcome at CEVRO
10:00 - 10:30	Svetozar Pejovich - On the Privatization of “Stolen Goods” in Central and Eastern Europe
10:30 - 11:00	Václav Klaus and Dušan Tříška - A Polemic with Svetozar Pejovich on the Transitional, i.e. Non-Classical Privatization
11:00 - 12:00	Discussion
12:00 - 12:15	<i>Josef Šíma - Closing of PCPE 2009</i>

## **Welcome at PCPE!**

We would like to welcome you at the Prague Conference on Political Economy 2009 – an international interdisciplinary gathering of scholars and supporters of the Austrian School of Economics and political economy of freedom.

During the following three days of the conference, you will have the opportunity to participate in lectures and debates focusing on economics, history, philosophy and other social sciences, and to discuss these issues with leading theorists in the field, both from Europe and overseas.

Following pages will provide you with a set of useful information that will make your stay in Prague during the PCPE as pleasant as possible.

On behalf of the preparation team,

Josef Šíma and Pavol Minárik

## **Organizers**

Prof. Josef Šíma, Ph.D. (president of PCPE) is currently the Chairman of Institutional Economics Department at the University of Economics in Prague and Editorial Director at the Liberální Institut.

Pavol Minárik (director of PCPE)

## ***Liberální Institut***

The Liberální Institut is a non-governmental, nonpartisan, non-profit think tank for the development, dissemination and application of classical liberal ideas and programs based on the principles of classical liberalism. Since its foundation in 1990, just after the Velvet revolution, it has been promoting ideas of freedom and sound economics in many fields – at universities; by organizing conferences, seminars, or summer universities; and last but not least through a vast array of publications. Liberální Institut is also a second-place winner of 2007 Templeton Freedom Award in Student Outreach category.

## ***Faculty of Economics and Public Administration of VŠE***

University of Economics in Prague (VŠE), comprising 15 000 students, is the biggest university of economics in the country. It is state funded (as are most universities in the region) and so is its Faculty of Economics and Public Administration. Nevertheless, it is probably the strongest intellectual free-market base in the Central Europe. There are various specialized courses devoted to Austrian economics and many Austrian or Austrian-friendly professors and pedagogues.

## **Prague**

The capital city of Czech republic counts among the most attractive European tourist destinations. For the members of the Austrian school of economics, however, it symbolizes also another significant point: Prague used to be an important center of the Austria-Hungary Empire and therefore resembles feelings of the former cultural environment where the first three (and half) generations of Austrian economists were grown up. **Carl Menger**, the founder of the Austrian school was studying here and **Friedrich von Wieser**, an important leader of the second generation, gained professorship at University of Prague and finished here an important controversial book Natural Value. **Franz Čuhel**, the author who was credited by Mises to bring the concept of impossibility to measure value in cardinal terms, lived in Prague for decades. Conference in Prague represents a formal merge of the old tradition on the one hand and the new fast growing stream of Austrians at the University of Economics in Prague on the other hand.

**Area:** 496 sq km

**Population:** 1,184,000

The Vltava river flows through the city in the length of 30 km, its maximum width being 330 m

**Parts of the historical centre:** Hradcany, Mala Strana (Lesser Town), Stare Mesto (Old Town) including Josefov, Nove Mesto (New Town) and Vysehrad

**Voltage:** 230 V

**Currency:** Czech Crown (1.- CZK = 100 pennies); 1.- EUR = 26.- CZK; 1.- USD = 20.-CZK;  
Basic Prices: Mineral Water 15.- CZK, Beer 25.- CZK, Hamburger 30.- CZK

## **Your support**

During the Prague Conference on Political Economy there are PCPE organizers available at your service. You can easily recognize them by their special name-tags. In case of any difficulties, please, feel free to ask them for help. PCPE organizers are here for you!

## **Phone**

**Roaming:** There are 3 GSM mobile operators in the Czech Rep: T-Mobile, Vodafone and Telefónica O2. You have to check your operators' offers and choose the most suitable one.

**Public Phones:** Except the phone in your hotel, you can also use Telefónica O2's public pay-phones. In general, there are two types – coin pay-phone and card pay-phone. For coin pay-phone, you need coins in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10 or 20 CZK. For card pay-phone, you have to order an O2 TRICK card (200 CZK denomination), which is available in every news stand. For cheaper calls abroad in the evening, at night or during weekends, you can use service X-Call. You just insert coins or card into the pay-phone and call the three-digit number: 970 + international access code 00 + country code + the number you wish to call. For the current X-Call rates check the flyer available nearby every pay-phone.

**PCPE Hotline:** In critical cases, when no PCPE organizer is available, do not hesitate to call our PCPE hotline. Contact either Josef Sima at (+420) 777 069 323 or Pavol Minarik at (+420) 776 135 573.

## Internet Cafés in Prague

Short list of selected internet cafés could be found below:

**Internet Café Spika** – Dlazdena 4, Prague 1, 8am to 12pm  
Prices range from 20 CZK per 15 minutes from Monday to Friday to 16 CZK per 15 minutes at weekends.

**Planeta.cz** – Vinohradská 102, 130 00 Praha 3, open daily 8am to 11pm; 0,88 CZK/min

It is also possible to use the internet on the grounds of the University of Economics. If you need internet, just tell one of the organizers (best during the registration) and we will prepare a laptop with internet connection or a desktop PC for you.

## Health Insurance

If you do not have any travel insurance from your country nor any which goes with your credit card, you can ask General Health Insurance Company of the Czech Republic. They offer Short-term Contractual Health Insurance product which is good for foreigners. Contact them at Orlicka 4 (close to the metro station Flora on green line A) or dial (+420) 221 752 121.

## Lost credit cards

List given in hope, that you will not need this numbers:

American Express, phone:	(+420) 222 800 333
Visa, phone:	800 142 121
Diners Club, phone:	(+420) 267 197 450
Eurocard/Mastercard, phone:	800 142 494

## Transportation

**Taxi services:** Here are some radio-called taxi companies to make sure that you will not be cheated on the price.

AAA TAXI – 14014  
HALOTAXI – 2 4411 4411  
PROFITAXI – 844 700 800

Please do ask about the price in advance (or when talking to the operator). From the airport to the centre or University it should be not more than 600 CZK.

**Subway, trams, buses:** If you're looking for the easiest and cheapest way of traveling in Prague, your best choice is Prague's Public Transportation system. Three subway

lines (A, B, C) in combination with highly extended bus and tram systems, satisfy even demanding visitors with its very dense schedule. There is a wide range of tickets available:

- transfer ticket – 26 CZK
- non-transfer ticket – 18 CZK

Transfer tickets: Tickets for three fare zones can be used 75 minutes from validation. On working days from 08.00 PM to 05.00 AM and on Saturdays and Sundays round the clock such tickets can be used 90 minutes from validation.

Non-transfer tickets: Apply to trams and buses 20 minutes allowing no change. On the Metro such tickets are valid for the distance of 5 stations from the station of validation (not including the station of validation) allowing to change between the lines A, B, C, but no longer than 30 minutes. These tickets do not apply to night routes and funicular railway.

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO VALIDATE YOUR TICKET IN THE VALIDATING MACHINE AS TICKET CONTROLS ARE COMMON!!!**

Additional ticket sale from bus drivers: 30,- CZK

Season tickets:

- 24-hour ticket 100,- CZK

Tickets can be bought at all Metro Stations (either from a slot machine or at the counter), at newspaper stands and when using the bus also from the bus driver, however, as mentioned above for a higher price.

Should you lose your season ticket, please contact the Central Control of Prague Public Transit Co. Inc., Prague 2, Na bojišti Street 5, ticket office on the ground floor, or call (+420) 296 192 173.

Should you lose various property, please contact the Lost Property Office, Prague 1, Karoliny Světlé Street 5, tel.: (+420) 224 235 085.

There are two disadvantages of Prague's Public Transportation – pick pocketing and homeless people. Whereas homeless people are harmless in general and sometimes smell disgustingly, pickpockets (especially in the subway) are generally highly organized and very hard to prevent. Therefore watch out always for your belongings when in the Public Transportation.

## **General safety information**

The Czech Republic generally has a low rate of crime. However, street crime – particularly pickpocketing and mugging – is a problem, especially in major tourist areas in Prague and on public transportation. Incidents of violent crime have become

more common in Prague. Travelers should be very careful while riding the trains, trams, or metro, where most pickpocketing occurs. Keep a copy of your passport in a safe place separate from the passport itself; this copy can help you to apply for a new passport if yours is lost or stolen. Visitors should be alert to the potential for substantial overcharging by taxis, particularly in areas frequented by tourists. Radio-dispatched taxis are often much more reliable.

The loss or theft abroad of a passport should be reported immediately to the local police and the nearest Embassy or Consulate. In Prague this report should be made at the police station in the district where the theft occurred.

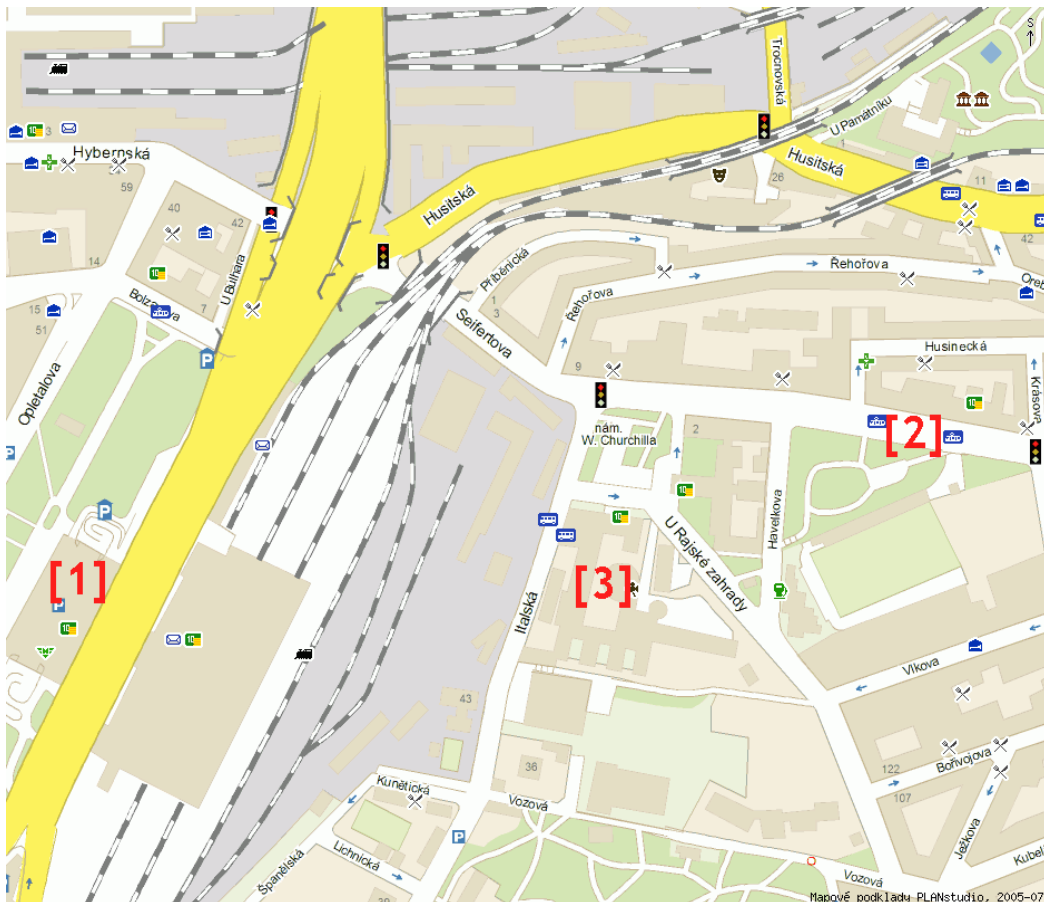
## Maps & Instructions

Set of maps with corresponding list of transportation instructions was prepared for you in order to make your orientation in Prague during the PCPE and its events easier.

**How to get... From Prague Ruzyně Airport to the University of Economics (nám. W. Churchilla 4, Prague 3)**

In case that you would like to use the public transportation, there are two basic options. The first alternative is to take the bus **179** and get off at “**Motol**”. At “**Motol**”, you can take the **Tram No. 9** (direction “**Spojovací**”) and get off at “**Husinecká**” (**Point [2]**) station which is in a 5-minutes walking distance to the University of Economics (**Point [3]**). Or your second alternative is to take the bus **119** and get off at its final stop – “**Dejvická**”. Then use the subway system (**Metro A** – direction “**Skalka**”) and get off at the “**Můstek**” station. At the station, use the exit “**Václavské náměstí**” which is on your right when you leave the Subway. After getting into the streets at the “**Václavské náměstí**”, find the tram station and take the **Tram No. 9**, direction “**Spojovací**”, and get off at the “**Husinecká**” (**Point [2]**) station which is in a 5-minutes walking distance to the University of Economics (**Point [3]**). The first alternative takes roughly 60 minutes, the second one about 40 minutes.

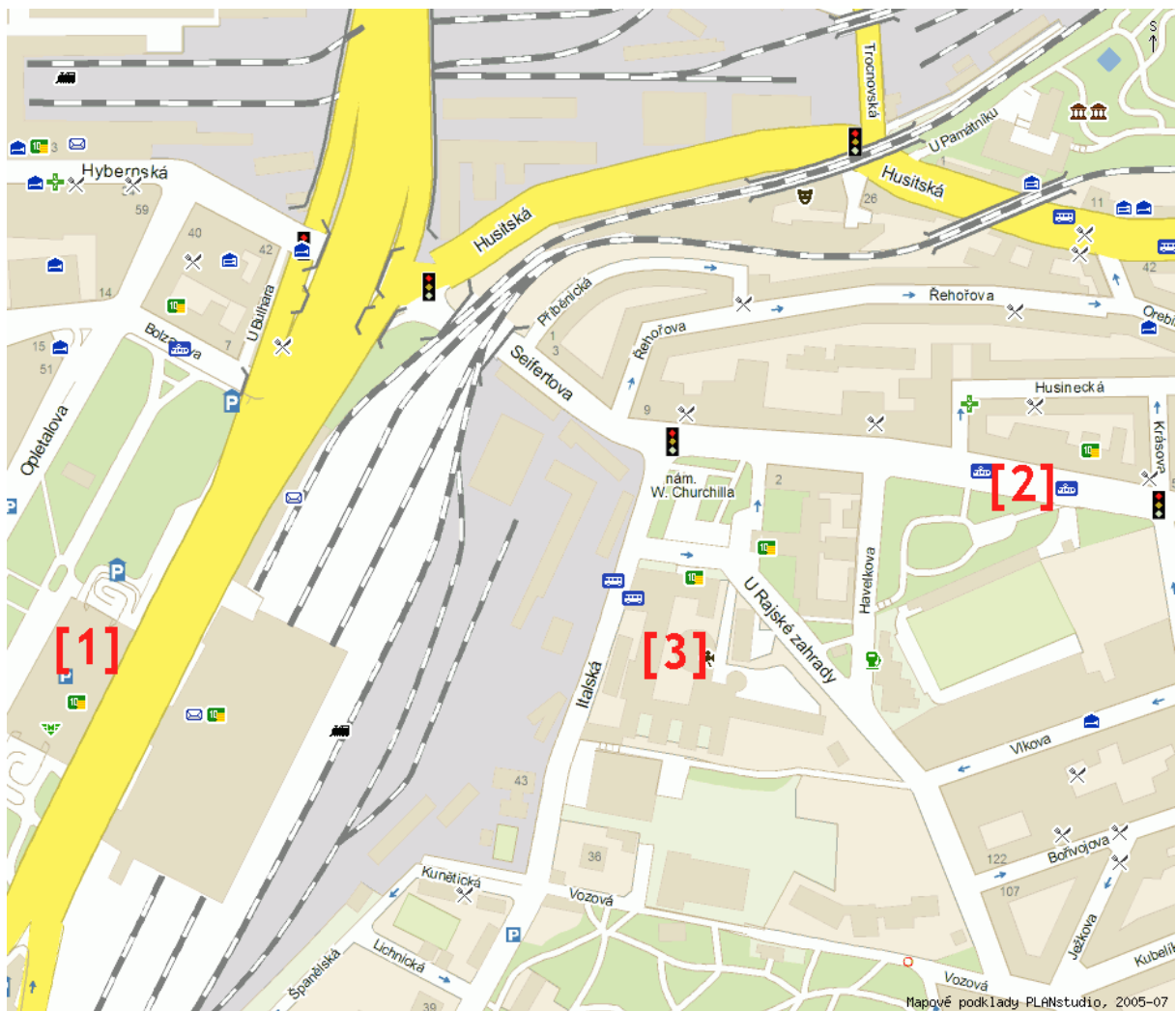
Map 1



## How to get... From Prague Main Train Station to the University of Economics

You are standing outside the **Main Train Station** building (**Point [1]**), just behind you is the lobby of the station. 50 meters in front of you is Opletalova street (between you and the street is the park). Turn right and go approximately 100 meters straight until you reach the Tram station “**Hlavní nádraží**”. Get on one of the trams on your side of the street going in direction of Point [3] and get off at the next station – “**Husinecká**” (**Point [2]**). All trams from the tram station “**Hlavní nádraží**” go to the station “**Husinecká**”. **Point [3]** is the University of Economics, Prague.

Map 2



**How to get... To the conference venue at the University of Economics on Friday afternoon?**

### Primary Entrance

If you followed previous steps (**Point [1]** being tram station “Husinecká”) you are standing in front of the University of Economics at the Winston Churchill’s Square nearby the Churchill’s statue. You see the old main entrance with huge inscription “VŠE”. This is the entrance of the Old Building (“Stará Budova”) and you will **NOT** use this one! The **Primary entrance** is when you go right and then follow the road to the left, up the hill, until you will approach a new building with glass sliding doors. Just enter there and you will find yourself right where you need to be (**Point [2]**).

### Secondary Entrance

On the left side (from your point of view) of the Old Building, you can see a road and a sidewalk leading into the University complex. You will go down this sidewalk, pass the gatehouse and straight ahead – about 50 meters in front of you, you see the entrance of the New Building (“**Nová Budova**”). You will go inside and follow the signs inside the building leading to the registration point (**Point [2]**).

Map 3



**How to get... To the dinner in Restaurant Achát on Friday afternoon?**

At the tram station **Husinecká** (see map 3 – Point [1]) take tram No. 9 to the station **Národní divadlo**. Get off and go along the Vltava river to the right until you see the Charles' bridge on your left (Point [1]). Then turn right to get to Restaurant Achát (Point [2]).

Map 6



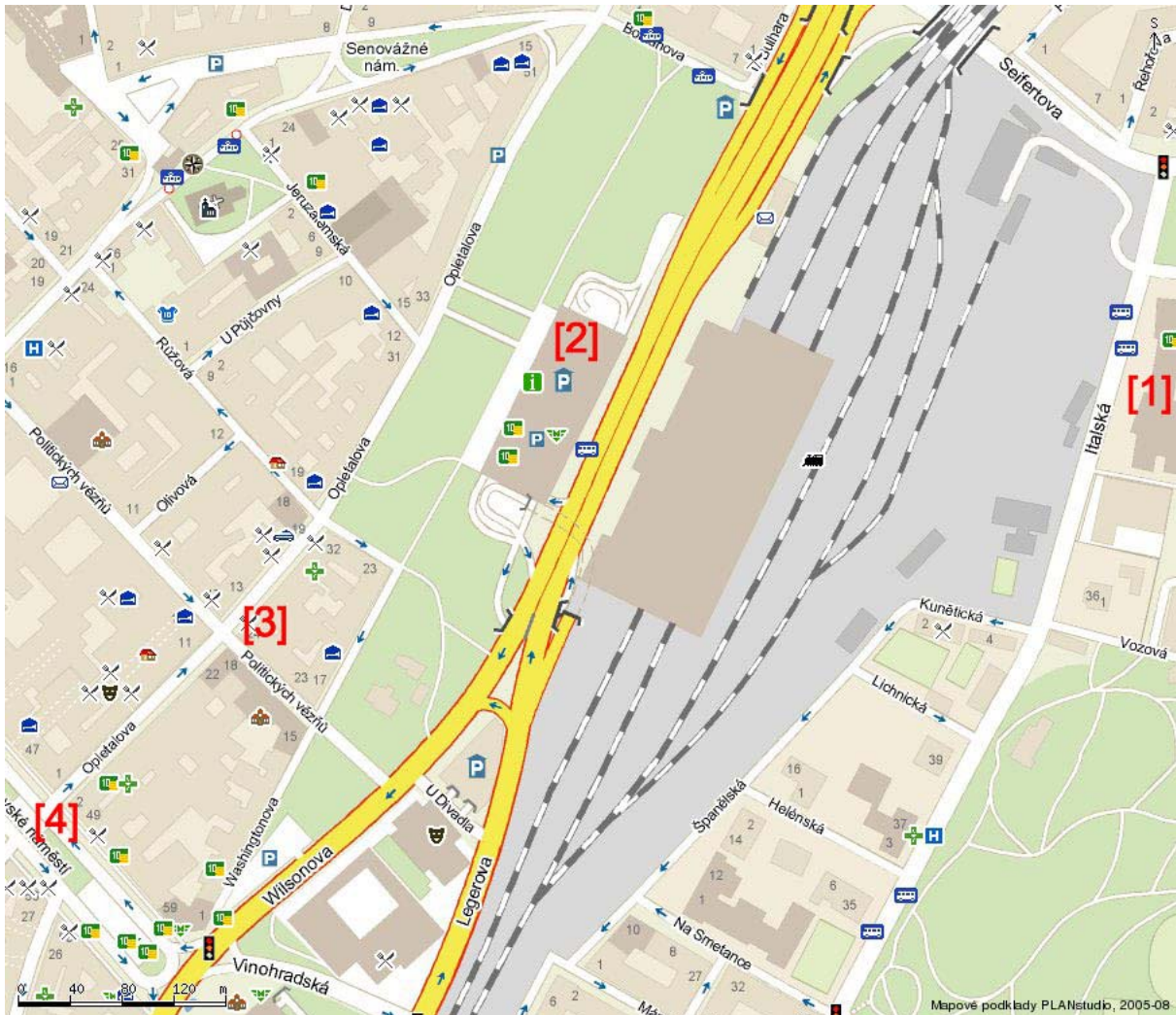
**How to get... To the panel sessions on Saturday?**

The panel sessions take place in the same building as the Friday part of the conference. See Map 3.

### How to get... To the dinner in Restaurant Ferdinanda on Saturday?

Restaurant Ferdinanda (**Point [3]**) is located right in the center of Prague, near the University of Economics (**Point [1]**). **Point [2]** is the Main Train station and **Point [4]** shows where the Wenceslas Square is located.

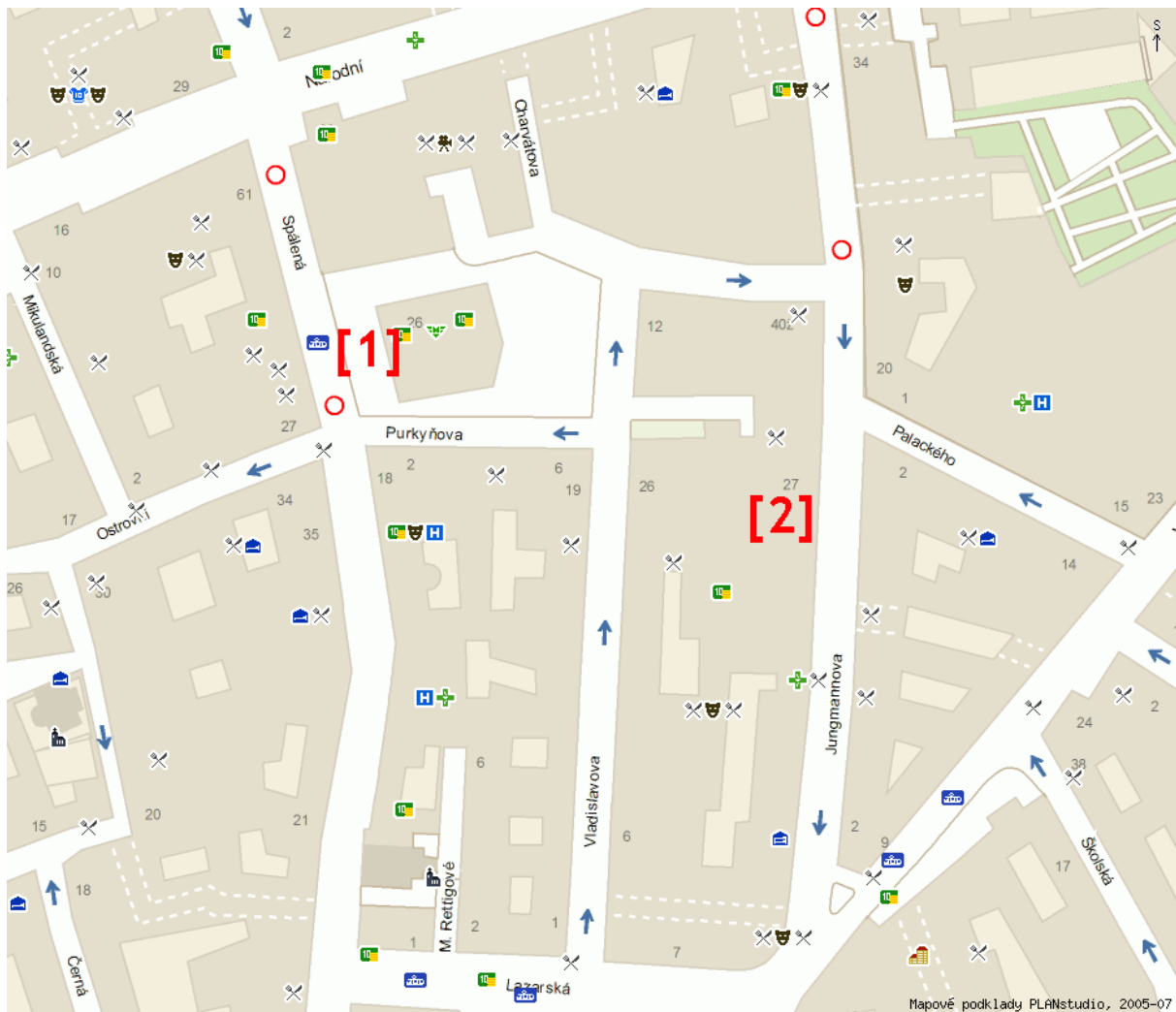
Map 4



## How to get... To CEVRO on Sunday?

Take a **tram No. 9** and get off at the station **Národní třída (Point [1])**. You can also take the subway **line B** and get off at the station of the same name. CEVRO is in Jungmannova Street, **Point [2]**.

Map 5



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