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Invitation to Café Collaborations event about

# Research Excellence in Czechia and Germany

Over the last few years there has been much talk about so-called research excellence in both Czechia and Germany. Yet what exactly does it mean? What defines high-quality science? One thing is clear: research excellence requires not only excellent working conditions, including the most modern laboratory

equipment, but also excellent minds. What are the most efficient ways to attract leading international scientists? What are the institutional tools available in Czechia and Germany? And what can the two neighbouring countries learn from each other in this respect?

## Pavel Tomančák

*Research group leader at the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics in Dresden  
Director of the CEITEC consortium in Brno*



Pavel Tomančák is one of the most respected Czech scientists. He has worked as a research group leader at the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics in Dresden since 2005. He started his scientific career at the Masaryk University in Brno, and completed his doctoral studies at the prestigious European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) in Heidelberg, Germany. He then worked for five years at the University of California, Berkeley, in the group of the well-known American geneticist Gerald M. Rubin. He has co-authored more than a hundred scientific publications that have been cited more than 38,000 times, which makes him one of the most cited scientists of Czech origin. Since February 2021, he is the Director of the CEITEC consortium in Brno.

## Jelena Lange

*Department of Physical Geography and Geoecology*



Jelena Lange studied Geography in Hamburg (Germany) and Geneva (Switzerland). She worked as a research assistant at the University of Greifswald (Germany), where she focused on tree-ring research and peatland restoration. After obtaining her Ph.D. in 2020, she started a Postdoc at Charles University in Prague, where, since this year, she holds a Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and leads a research project of the Czech Science Foundation. Her research focuses on the effects of climate change on tree growth in subarctic and subalpine forests around the globe. Since May 2022, she is a board member of the Association for Tree-Ring Research.

### Moderator

Kateřina Králová, Head of the Research Centre for Memory Studies at the Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague

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