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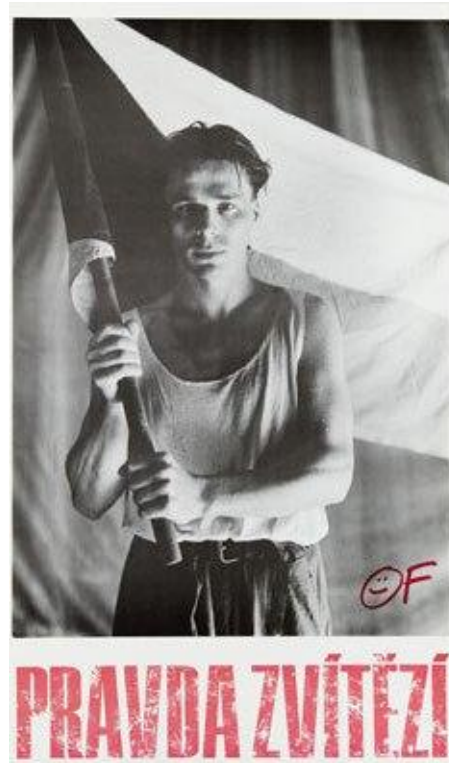
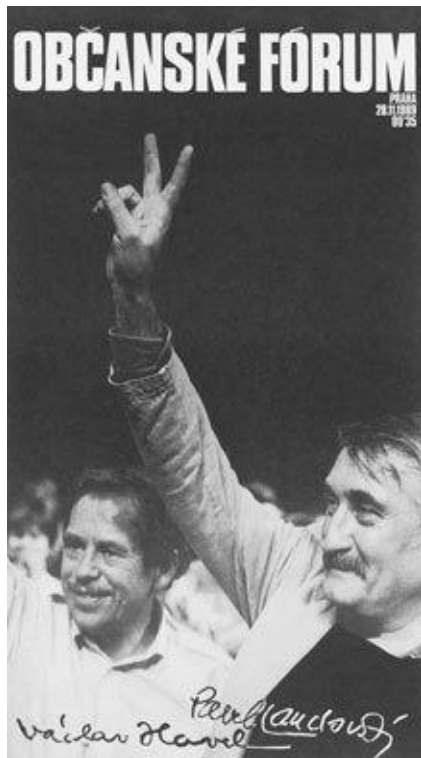
Czech experience with the transformation  
of civic movements into political parties

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## 1989 revolution and the Civic Forum

- Reference to the dissident tradition (discussion)
- Czech protest tradition: non-violence, humour
- Democratic and decentralized structure of the Civic Forum as a burden
- „National consensus“ vs. political differentiation



*„Parties are for party members – the Civic Forum for everybody“  
(1990 election campaign)*

# Transformation of the Civic Forum

(after 1990 election)

- Václav Klaus pressing on efficiency of the Civic Forum (centralized party as a better backing for economic reform)
- App. 1 year after the Revolution the Civic Forum split up into Klaus's Civic Democratic Party and post-dissident Civic Movement (did not survive the 1992 election)
- Civic Democratic Party presented as right-wing, neo-liberal but joined by friends from the past, Civic Forum opponents rather than informed right-wingers

