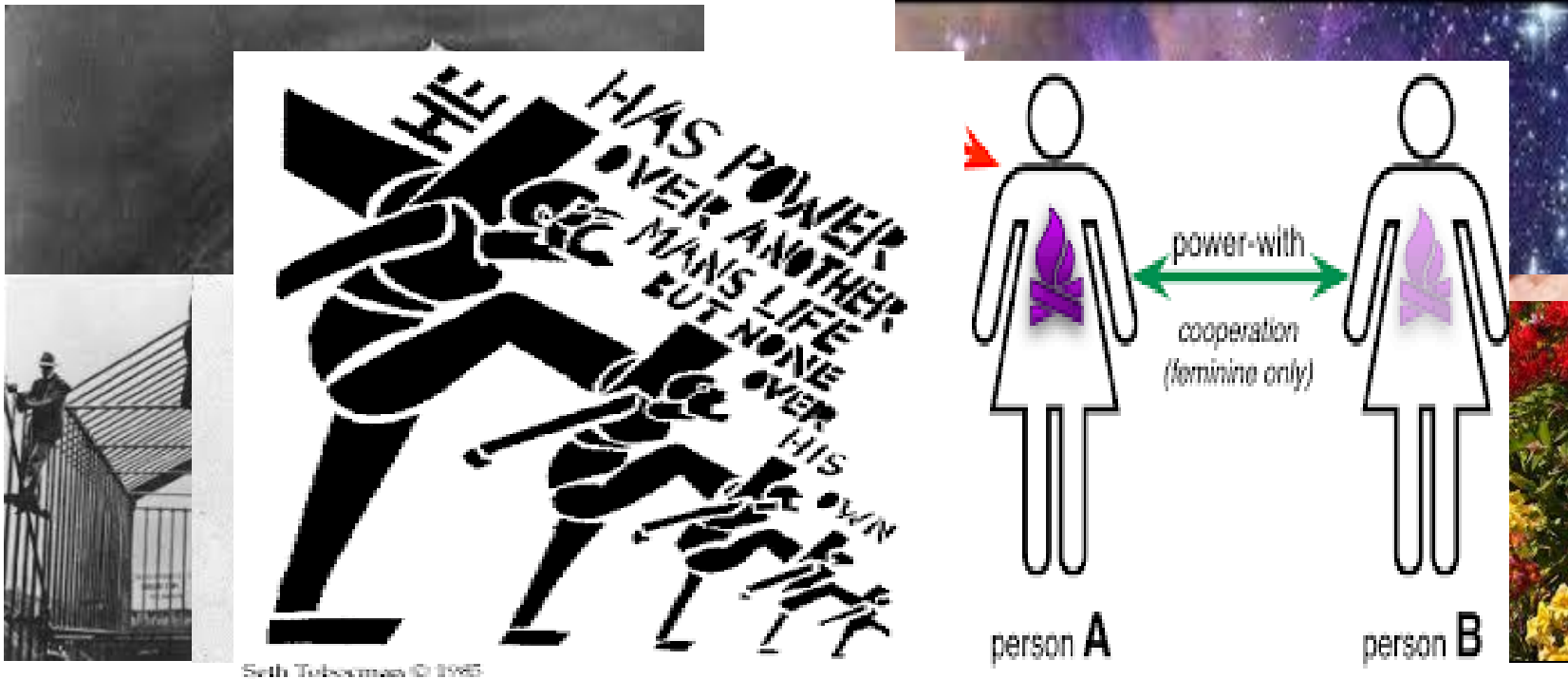




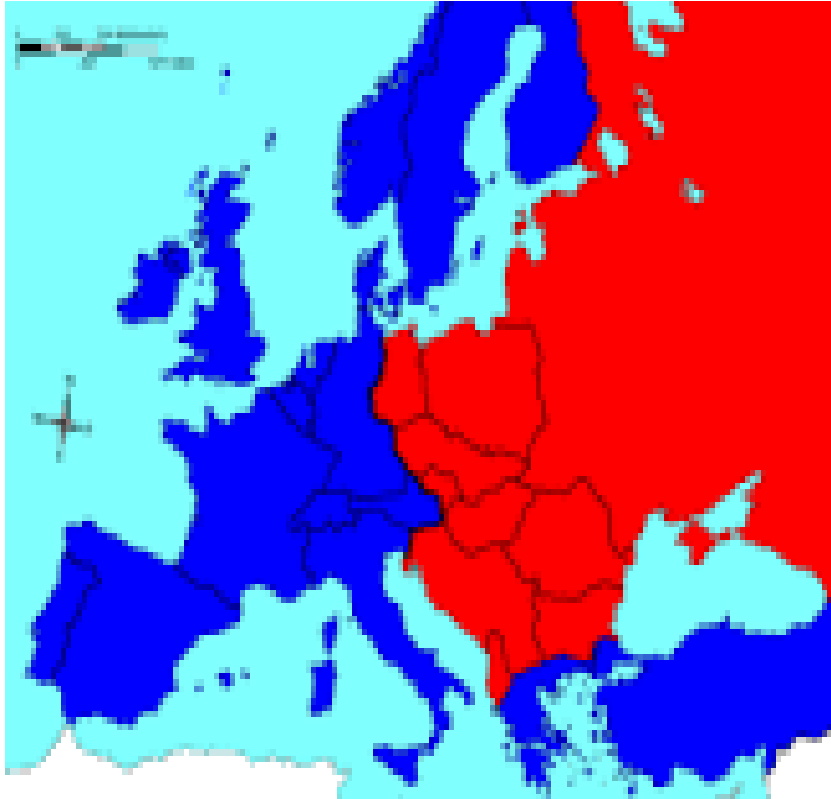
Opening address Jan Pfeiffer

- The name Prague comes from the word "threshold", which is interpreted as a magical dividing line between the material world and the spiritual plane. The city is steeped in history and still serves as a space where rational reality and the spiritual dimension merge. Emperor Charles IV had the city built according to strict esoteric and astrological rules.

POWER OVER – POWER WITH



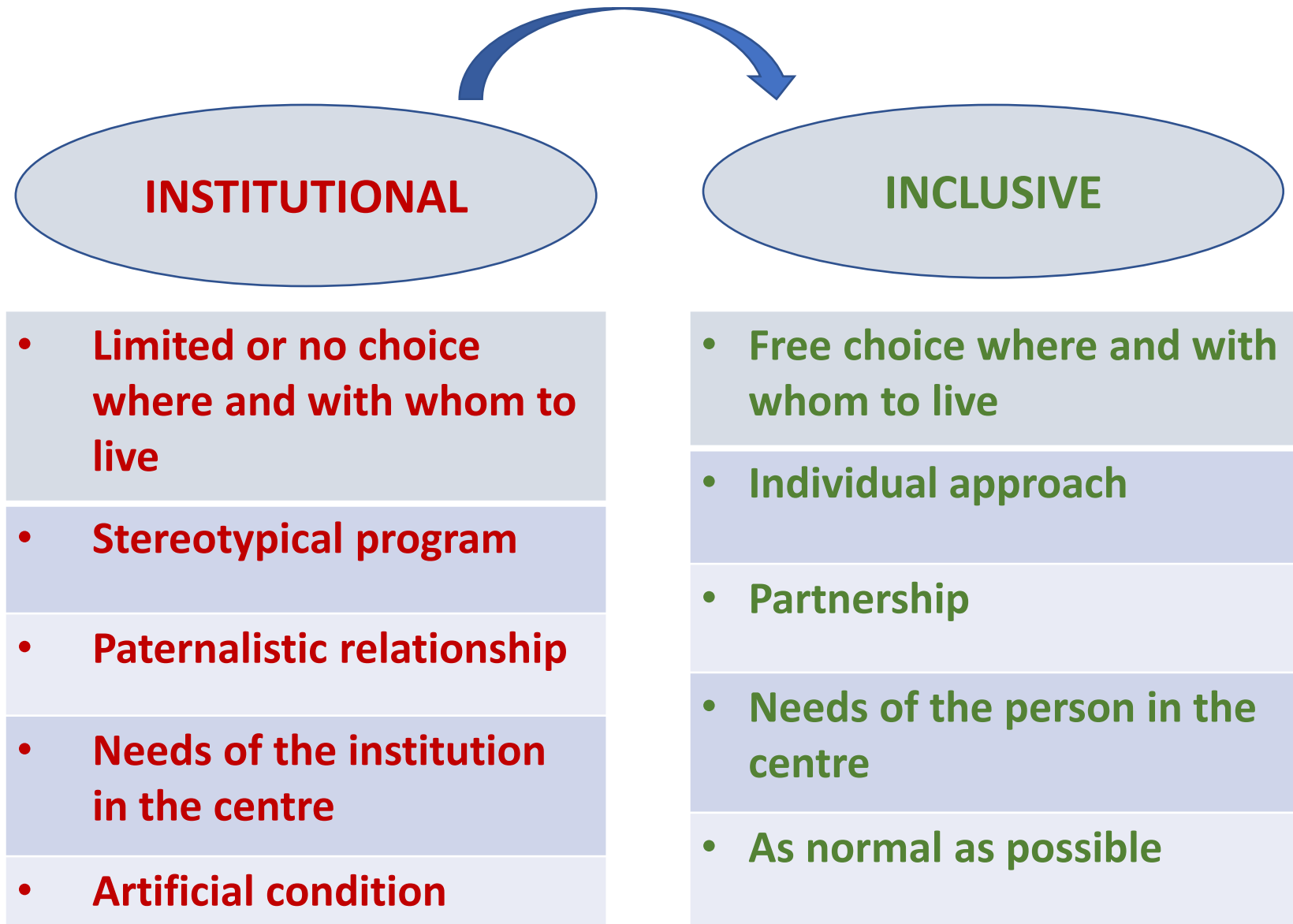
DEMOCRATIC AND TOTALITARIAN EUROPE



- At least 40 year of division of Europe.
- The totalitarian principle of psychiatric hospitals was multiplied by the totalitarian atmosphere of the entire society.
- We are living 37 year in “democracy”
- But the shadows of the past are still present

CULTURE

Institutional settings and culture must not be reproduced in community-based services and EU funds should not be used for the segregation of people.



THE WAY FORWARD



**CHANGING THE
THINKING**



**CHANGING
THE PRACTICE**



**CHANGING
THE SYSTEM**



- Change fighters can often be isolated and lonely
- Support from others in times of attacks and oppression from "conservatives" is the light at the end of the tunnel
- Creating networks of positive deviance is key to continuing the humanization of mental health care.
- Mutual exchange of experiences, knowledge and simple human support both in one's own country and across Europe is lifeblood.
- Networks as CARE are the future



I wish you that the angels of Prague protect your meetings and be with you on your next journey of changing mental health care.

AHOJ

Ad Honore Jesus

It's a greeting English sailors called out to each other when they met another ship.

Thank you for your attention