

HABILITATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Masaryk University	
Faculty	Faculty of Social Studies
Procedure field	political science
Applicant	PhDr. Michal Smetana, Ph.D.
Applicant's home unit, institution	Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
Habilitation thesis	The Foundations of Nuclear Order: Norms, Attitudes, and International Institutions

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Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly qualifications

Michal Smetana participates in research in international relations and international security at the Institute of Political Science (IPS) and the Peace Research Center of Charles University. When launching the habilitation procedure, he published twenty papers in scholarly journals indexed by the Web of Science or Scopus databases. Smetana's publication outlets include such prestigious journals with high impact in the academic community as *International Affairs*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *European Security*, or *Survival*. Palgrave published his book on nonproliferation. He contributed with many book chapters emerging, among the others, in Oxford University Press. The number and structure of citations confirm the impact and originality of Michal Smetana's research and academic work. His citations (without auto-citations) reached 17 in the Web of Science database and 32 in Scopus when issuing this report. The habilitation committee would like to stress that part of his research has clear applied aims, which can be confirmed by the two classified research reports for the Czech Ministry of Interior.

The habilitation committee especially recognises Michal Smetana's activities' broad and intensive international dimension. Michal Smetana has developed a vast network of international research collaborations, including, among the others, the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University, Peace Research Institute in Frankfurt, Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Reading University, and the Stockholm International Peace

Research Institute. He has been active in the European Consortium for Political Research framework, where, as a program committee member of several conferences, he helped set the agenda for future research and international cooperation. He was co-principal investigator of the research project sponsored by the International Studies Association, a prestigious global network in international politics research.

Conclusion: The applicant's scholarly capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of political science.

Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience

Michal Smetana has realised his pedagogical activities mainly at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University since 2012. The courses he teaches correspond very well with his research aims and interest. We can find strategic studies, arms control, or nuclear proliferation among the topics he covers. Most of his courses are offered for graduate students, yet since 2021, he has delivered a lecture in political psychology for undergraduates. Smetana's courses represent an essential pillar of graduate programs security studies taught both in Czech and English. The quality of Smetana's pedagogical performance was rewarded with the 'Golden Course' Award for the course in Crisis Games in 2015. Such award is assigned annually to the best course at the Institute of Political Sciences (IPS), a workplace covering three departments and many politics and international relations programs. Although he did not supervise any doctoral student yet (quite common praxis in Czechia demands at least level of associate professor for supervision of PhD students), he helped set new standards of the doctoral study program as a deputy head of the Center for Doctoral Studies of the IPS. Smetana regularly issues educational materials and participates in popularising science in Czech and foreign media, such as The Washington Post.

Conclusion: The applicant's pedagogical capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of political science.

Habilitation thesis evaluation

The author declared that the habilitation thesis falls under the format (b) of Directive 7/2017 (section 5, article 1), i.e. that it is a collection of already published scholarly works. Professor Milada Polišenská, one of the opponents, made a similar statement in her review. After studying the text, the committee concluded that it is formally a different type of thesis, namely category a) of the same article of the Directive, i.e. a written thesis that introduces new scholarly or scientific findings. The fact that the greater part of the manuscript has been published does not formally justify classification in category (b). Formally, it is a manuscript of which substantial parts have already been published but some chapters have not yet been published.

However, the Committee also notes that this minor formal misclassification and mislabelling, it concerns a fraction of the work submitted, of the type of habilitation thesis has no negative impact on the quality of the manuscript itself, on the ability of the referees to assess it and on the ability of the Committee to evaluate the habilitation thesis as a whole in the light of the referees' opinions.

Michal Smetana submitted his habilitation thesis called "The Foundations of Nuclear Order: Norms, Attitudes, and International Institutions" in the form of 15 chapters with the introduction. Parts of the thesis were already published, for instance, in *International Studies Review*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* etc. The committee asked the following distinguished

experts to submit their reviews of the habilitation: professor Milada Polišenská from Anglo-American University in Prague, associate professor Dr Francis Raška from Charles University, and professor Martin Senn from the University of Innsbruck. Professor Polišenská mentioned the thesis's topical homogeneity and methodological and epistemological heterogeneity. She praised the connection between research that was already done and Smetana's plans for further study while he offers both deep insights into the empirical data and innovative research perspective. She acknowledged that Smetana tried to cover the blank spots of the research with his innovative application of the Moral Foundations Theory. Professor Senn stressed that the thesis constitutes a substantial contribution to the debate on nuclear order. He evaluated the methodological skills of the author very positively, both in the field of qualitative and quantitative methods. Special praise went for Smetana's ability to go out from the academic ivory tower since some of his papers addressed the broader audience of the political stakeholders. Dr Raška commented in his review in detail on each of the 15 chapters coming to the clear conclusion of convincing arguments and excellent quality of research in each of the cases. All three reviewers unanimously stated that the submitted habilitation thesis is of excellent quality and fulfils the expected requirements.

Conclusion: The applicant's habilitation thesis **meets** the requirements expected of habilitation theses in the field of political science.

Secret ballot results

Number of board members	5
Number of votes cast	5
Number of votes in favour	5

Board decision

Based on the outcome of the secret vote and following an evaluation of the applicant's scholarly or artistic qualifications, pedagogical experience and habilitation thesis, the board hereby submits a proposal to the scientific board of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University to

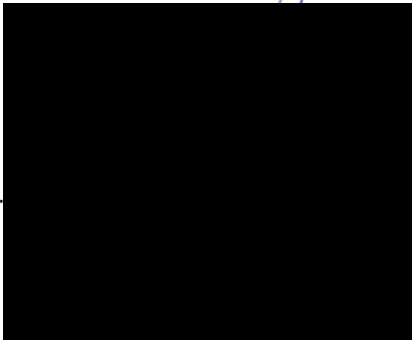
☒ appoint the applicant associate professor of political science.

Date: 21 April 2022

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