

## HABILITATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

<b>Masaryk University</b>	
<b>Faculty</b>	Social Studies
<b>Procedure field</b>	Sociology
<b>Applicant</b>	Mgr. et Mgr. Adéla Souralová, Ph.D.
<b>Applicant's home unit, institution</b>	Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University
<b>Habilitation thesis</b>	Grandchildhood: Practises, Meanings, Relations

### Board members

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### Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

Adéla Souralová has been a talented and promising scholar from the very beginning of her academic carrier. She received her MA sociology degree in 2009 and in 2013 graduated as PhD—her PhD thesis entitled *New Perspectives on Mutual Dependency in Care-giving* was published by Ashgate in 2015. From that time on, she has become gradually – thanks to her intense academic activities – an internationally recognized scholar in various areas of sociology, namely *migration studies, family studies, gerontology, childhood studies* and/or *urban studies*. In those fields, she published and co-published already 32 articles in journals, 4 books (one in Ashgate), and 4 book chapters (all of them in international publishing houses (e.g. Routledge, Ashgate, Brill). When we look at the names of the journal, quite a few of them are at the top level of quality. According to the Journal Citation Reports (JCR), these are first-decile *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, Q1 *Global Networks*, *Journal of European Social Policy* and Q2 *Housing Studies, Childhood, Ageing and Society, Social Politics*.

The board appreciates that Dr. Souralová has been collaborating academically with international scholars – she was invited to collaborate on journal special issues, e.g. *Asian Pacific Journal of Migration* and book projects (book chapters mentioned above and a forthcoming book by Palgrave Macmillan). Adéla Souralová has also been a frequent participant at international sociological conferences. She has presented almost fifty conference papers. In 2013, her poster presentation at the sociology conference in Norrköping (Sweden) on “*Family Life in the Age of Migration and Mobility: Theory, Policy and Practice*” was awarded The Best Poster Prize. As far as the awards are concerned, Dr. Souralová has been already awarded four awards: (i) Scholarship of Jan Hus Educational Foundation (2010-2011), (ii) Rector's Award for an Outstanding Doctoral Thesis (2014), (iii) Rector's Award for Outstanding

Research Results Achieved by Young Scientists under 35 (2016) and (iv) MUNI Scientist 2020 (2020).

Dr. Souralová has been quite successful in grant competitions: already, as a young scholar, she was a member of the research team of the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission on ethnic minorities (2009–2010). Later on, she participated as a regular researcher in two projects of Czech Science Foundation (GAČR 2013-2014 and GAČR 2016-2017). Finally, in 2018-2020 she received her own grant and became the principal investigator of the project entitled '*Care, kinship and intergenerational relations in three-generational living*' (again Czech Science Foundation).

An important feature of Dr. Souralová's scholarly profile is that she demonstrates a commitment to researching issues that are timely and socially relevant. An example is her work on intergenerational relationships with the emphasis on the perspective of the youngest generation of grandchildren. Results of her analysis of grandchildren's perspective on intergenerational relations were the topic of her public "habilitation lecture" on February 11th with a very positive assessment both by the evaluation board as well as by the audience.

The benefit of her academic work also lies in the fact that she has brought the topic of grandchildhood into Czech sociology and her work has potential to refresh the international interest in this field, that is still under-researched (as was also stated by the reviewer of Souralová's habilitation thesis, Professor Eva Kahana).

Adéla Souralová also serves as a reviewer for a number of leading academic journals (*Global Networks, International Migration Review, Journal of Family Studies, NORA – Nordic Journal of Feminist Review, Families, Relationships and Society*). She was the guest editor of the special issue of *Sociální studia/Social Studies* in 2014 and co-organized the conference Visual Studies in 2012.

### **Conclusion:**

The applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of Sociology at MU.

### **Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience**

Adéla Souralová has taught in the Sociology department at Masaryk University since 2010. She has offered innovative compulsory and elective courses both at undergraduate and graduate levels in the Social Anthropology programme. She has taught gradually courses on *anthropological theories, ethnographic methods in the field research, anthropology of life cycle, anthropology of migration, or migration and ethnicity*. Her classes have been quite popular and she has regularly received very high evaluations from the students.

Lately, Dr Souralová composed an interdisciplinary BA programme in English entitled *Global Challenges* that connects five study programmes of FSS (sociology, social anthropology, political science, security studies and environmental studies). This programme is, in a way, a unique effort to get together FSS academics and their expertise to build up courses from various fields of social sciences interesting and relevant both for Czech as well as international students.

Souralová has been active as a supervisor for Bachelors' (so far 40 students) and Masters' theses (10 students). Currently, she supervising one PhD candidate Kateřina Čanigová.

One of the very good pedagogical features of Dr Suralová's work is her collaboration with students in preparing and publishing articles and even books. Among the examples of such an activity are the book *Péče na prodej: Jak se práce z lásky stává placenou službou* (Care for Sales. How labors of love turn into paid service, 2017), articles indexed in WoS database (e.g. with Matouš Jelínek published in *Women's Studies International Forum*- 2018), Dubenská Tereza (*Journal of Religion in Europe*-2018), Simona Hortová (*Slovenský národopis* -2019) or article indexed in SCOPUS.

The evaluation board also appreciates the fact that despite her broad range of scholarly and pedagogical activities. Dr. Suralová also serves the FSS academic community as the Vice-Dean for Education and she previously served as the Vice-Dean for Internationalisation. It is a time-consuming position but she manages to do it effectively and with grace.

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

### **Habilitation thesis evaluation**

Adéla Suralová's thesis *Grandchildhood: Practices, Meanings, Relations* has been reviewed by Prof. Eva Kahana (University of Chicago), Prof. Haldis Haukanes (University of Bergen) and Dr. Martina Cvajner (University of Trento). All three reviewers evaluate Suralová's work in a very positive way.

Kahana is praising it as an *important contribution to the literature on intergenerational family and for reflecting a sophisticated understanding of complex issues.*

Haukanes says *this habilitation thesis offers a thorough and unique exploration of the phenomena of grandchildhood* and she concludes that *it is a well written, analytically clear habilitation thesis, of high academic quality.*

Cvajner states *the thesis is clearly written and the research material the applicant has worked with is coherent, rich and interesting. The applicant demonstrates a good knowledge of the literature relevant to the thesis topic.*

Naturally, they all have their comments on the text and several suggestions for its improvement; however, on the whole, they recommend it as complying with habilitation standards.

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

## Secret ballot results

Number of board members		5
Number of votes cast		5
of which	in favour	5
	against	0
	invalid	0

## 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 Sociology.**

Date: 1.3.2021

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