

Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Scientific Board FF MU 5 March 2026

Venue: Dean's meeting room, the FF MU, Building C, second floor + online

1. Application for extension of accreditation for the doctoral degree programme – Study of Religions

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3. Habilitation procedure – Mgr. Vojtěch Juřík, Ph.D.

Field: Psychology

Chair:

Prof. PhDr. Marek Blatný, DrSc.

Members:

Prof. Keith A. Hutchison, Ph.D.

Prof. I-Ping Wan, Ph.D.

doc. Mgr. Tomáš Apeltauer, Ph.D.

doc. PhDr. Martin Jelínek, Ph.D.

Proceedings: At the start, the chair of the habilitation board, prof. Blatný, introduced the applicant and summarised the board's work.

Afterwards, the applicant delivered his lecture entitled '*Možnosti využití technologie virtuální reality v psychologickém výzkumu a aplikaci*'. The potential of virtual reality (VR) technology has been intensively researched and evaluated in recent years across a range of fields, including the humanities and social sciences. Although VR has found practical applications in many domains, in some areas the expected benefits have not been realised. Research and expert discussion therefore continue. In psychology, VR represents a promising tool that enables the creation of controlled, standardised yet realistic conditions for studying human experience and behaviour. The aim of the lecture was to present the VR main applications in psychology, with a focus on experimental research and psychological applications. VR was discussed as a technology enabling the transfer of a person into an immersive, reality-like situation that can be fully controlled and in which cognitive, emotional and behavioural reactions, and possibly also physiological indicators, can be systematically monitored. Emphasis was placed on the possibility of replicating situations and safely modelling scenarios that are difficult to access or ethically problematic in a real-world environment. The lecture included an overview of selected areas in which VR finds application. Specific examples of research and applied projects carried out by the author using VR were briefly presented and critically evaluated. In conclusion, the findings and recommendations arising from this research and applied practice were summarised.

The lecture was followed by a lively discussion, during which the applicant answered questions from the reviewers and members of the Scientific Board.

Conclusion: The FF MU Scientific Board agrees with the proposal to appoint Mgr. Vojtěch Juřík, Ph.D. as an Associate Professor in the field of Psychology.

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doc. Mgr. Irena Radová, Ph.D.
Dean

Recorded by: prof. PhDr. Mgr. Tomáš Knoz, Ph.D.
Mgr. Kateřina Kalová, Ph.D.