



Habilitation Board Decision on the Nomination for Appointment to Associate Professor

Masaryk University	
Faculty	Faculty of Social Studies
Procedure field	Political Science
Applicant	PhDr. Věra STOJAROVÁ, Ph.D.
Applicant's home unit, institution	Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University
Habilitation thesis	The Far Right in the Balkans

Board members

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Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

Habilitation Board appointed by the Scientific Council of FSS MU for Habilitation Procedure PhDr. Věra Stojarová, Ph.D. met the documents submitted for the habilitation procedure, her habilitation text and all three review reports. The members of the commission stated that they had all the documents required by law.

On the basis of this, the Habilitation Board notes that PhDr. Věra Stojarová, Ph.D. is one of the prominent representatives of the middle generation of Czech political science, and as an expert in the Balkans she has international reputation. She is a graduate of the MA in European Studies and Political Science at the Faculty of Arts at Palacky University Olomouc (2002). In 2006 she graduated at the Department of Political Science at the Faculty of Social Sciences (Masaryk University), where she works as a lecturer at the Department of Political Science. In 2014, dr. Stojarová received the MU Rector's Award for Young Scientists.

Her publications (published partly under her girl name Stýskalíková) devoted mainly to the issues of domestic and foreign policy of the Balkans and Latin American countries.

Specifically, Věra Stojarová is the author or co-author of 7 monographs, including monograph *The Far Right in the Balkans* published by Manchester UP, a monograph with Peter Emerson from De Bord Institute Belfast *Party Politics in the Western Balkans* published by Routledge Publishing House and a monograph (with R. Chytilék, L. Kopeček and J. Šedo) *Political Parties in Central and Eastern Europe: In Search of Consolidation*, published in Stockholm's publishing house IDEA.

In addition, she is the author or co-author of 10 chapters in monographs (3 of which include a publication in Routledge), 1 article in WoS databases (and actually 2 other articles are accepted to publish in the journals in WoS databases), 10 articles in peer-reviewed journals, and 9 articles in proceedings (4 of which are abroad). She was also the editor or co-editor of 2 thematic collections. She has 61 citations in international databases and 109 other citations.

As a solver or a member of the research team, dr. Stojarova participated or participates in 4 grant projects (Grant Agency of the Czech Republic, Grant Agency of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and currently Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic). She also works as an expert for foreign projects, among others, she is a country expert of the Democracy Variety Index of the Göteborg University. Last but not least, Věra Stojarová worked in the editorial board of the Central European Political Studies journal in 2002-2008.

As regards contacts with foreign institutions, Věra Stojarová spent a one-year study stay at the University of Heidelberg and two semester stays at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Institute at the Free University in Berlin and at the Vienna Institute for the Wissenschaften vom Menschen within the Andrew Mellon Fellowship. She also completed several short-term stays abroad, including in the Haagse Hoogeschool or number of Balkan workplaces (her co-operation especially with Belgrade University is intensive). Dr. Stojarová naturally presents the results of her research activities at foreign conferences, including those organized by prestigious political science associations (European Consortium for Political Research or Association for Study of Nationalities) or the European Sociological Association. Rich network of foreign professional contacts of dr. Stojarová is, by the way, made possible by the remarkable linguistic competence of a candidate who actively speaks six languages.

Conclusion: The applicant's scholarly/artistic 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

Věra Stojarová teaches subjects related to the political systems of the Balkan countries and Latin America, the internal and foreign policy of the Balkan states, questions of nationalism and security issues in the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs at the Department of Political Science, where the vast majority of its subjects are in English. V. Stojarová has also been / is head of more than two dozen bachelor and master's diploma theses. The Habilitation Board therefore notes that Věra Stojarová's pedagogical focus has long been in line with her scientific and research activities.

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

On the basis of a decision of the Habilitation Board, prof. PhDr. Lubomír Kopeček, Ph.D. from FSS MU, doc. PhDr. Ladislav Cabada, Ph.D. from the Metropolitan University in Prague and prof. Florian Bieber of the University of Graz prepared reviews to the habilitation work. The members of the Habilitation Board got acquainted with the reviewers' opinions, which clearly showed the positive opinion of all three reviewers. Taking into account these assessments, the Board notes that the habilitation work submitted by Věra Stojarová presents both the original elaboration of the topic of the right-wing party politics in the Balkan countries and a significant contribution to the general conceptualization of the phenomenon of extremist-right parties in Europe. The submitted text therefore fully complies with the requirements for habilitation work, and therefore the Habilitation Board recommends continuing the habilitation procedure.

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	
Number of votes cast	
of which	in favour
	against
	invalid

28:0:0

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 political science.

terminate the procedure.

In Brno on 28.5.2018

[Jan Holzer]

[Břetislav Dančák]

[Darina Malová]

[Tomáš Lebeda]

[Nemanja Dzuverovic]