

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

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| <b>Masaryk University</b>                 |  |
| <b>Faculty</b>                            | Faculty of Social Studies  |
| <b>Procedure field</b>                    | political science  |
| <b>Applicant</b>                          | Mgr. Monika Brusenbauch Meislová, Ph.D.  |
| <b>Applicant's home unit, institution</b> | Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University  |
| <b>Habilitation thesis</b>                | Brexit Means Brexit Means What? Discursive Constructions of Brexit in the United Kingdom |

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### Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly qualifications

Monika Brusenbauch Meislová belongs to the best Czech and European experts on European politics, British-EU relations, and British political issues related to European integration. Her research career includes projects held at Palacky University, Mendel University and Masaryk University. She was also hosted as a visiting scholar and researcher at British universities, including University College London and the University of Essex, the former host of the European Consortium of Political Research. At the point the habilitation procedure was launched, she had published more than thirty research outputs, and the number continues to increase. Her contributions were published in the leading journals in British politics, European integration and European area studies, including the British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Europe-Asia Studies, and Problems of Post-Communism. The international impact of her scholarship is confirmed by numerous citations, including in top journals such as the Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Integration, Politique européenne, Rivista italiana di scienza politica, and European Security. Despite her Central European origin, she has also established herself as an appreciated and formidable expert in British and European academia via her tireless activities within (mainly but not exclusively) the UACES network of experts in EU affairs. A frequently invited speaker on leading international conferences, a co-editor of special issues of international journals on the European politics, an author and co-author of excellent research papers, all of this makes Monika Brusenbauch Meislová a top-ranking European scholar well integrated within the leading scholarly debates and research activities in her field. For her colleagues at Masaryk University, she serves as a

source of inspiration and expertise. She is also a winner of FSS Dean's Award in the field of research for her excellent systematic international research on Brexit.

**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**

Monika Brusenbauch Meislová has a rich and diverse pedagogical experience from numerous Czech and foreign institutions. She was teaching regularly at Palacky University in Olomouc, and since 2018, she has worked as an assistant professor at Masaryk University. Her courses are delivered both in Czech and English. Her course load covers general issues related to core fields of the discipline (undergraduate courses in theories of European integration and international relations, and EU policies; graduate classes in the development of European integration after 1989, to list just a few). Moreover, she offers courses benefitting from her rich research expertise on Brexit and British-EU relations. She also contributes to methodological courses at the bachelor and master levels. Two courses hosting Czech career diplomats and foreign ambassadors to the Czech Republic demonstrate her capacity to bridge the worlds of academia and practical policymaking. Regular students' polls evaluate her as an excellent, highly committed and fair teacher with a friendly approach. She is a sought-after bachelor and master thesis supervisor with a very high score of successful defences. Her commitment to constantly improving her pedagogical skills is evidenced by her frequent participation in the Erasmus exchange programme. Monika Brusenbauch Meislová promotes the University and her expertise in Czech and foreign media. She is the most cited academician on Brexit in the Czech TV and radio. Her popularising contributions found the way to such excellent outlets as the London School of Economics and Political Science Blog or Politics Blog of Oxford University.

**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**

Monika Brusenbauch Meislová submitted her habilitation thesis "Brexit Means Brexit Means What? Discursive Constructions of Brexit in the United Kingdom" in the form of five articles with an originally written introduction and concluding remarks wrapping up the whole thesis. The included articles were published, for instance, in *British Politics* and *The Political Quarterly*. Three distinguished and internationally renowned experts contributed with the reports on Monika Brusenbauch Meislová: Dr Delphine Deschaux-Dutard (University Grenoble Alpes), Dr Benjamin Farrand (Newcastle University), and Prof Claudio M. Radaelli (European University Institute). Dr Deschaux-Dutard highlighted the common framework of the constructivist approach in general and discourse-historical analysis, in particular, connecting all five studies of the habilitation thesis. The introductory text clearly explains the actor-centred approach. The concluding remarks bring added value to the thesis and open new avenues for further research. According to Farrand, her thesis is an excellent and enlightening body of work, thoughtful and reflective, with a clear research trajectory and intellectual coherence. The work is rigorous and empirically commendable, with strong theoretical underpinning. Farrand and Radaelli emphasize that all the papers integrated into the habilitation thesis were published in prestigious journals with a rigorous peer-review process, thus being already an indicator of the quality of her work. Radaelli accentuated the coherence of articles and the level of methodological quality of study of Brexit discourses achieved in Brusenbauch Meislová's works. Radaelli acknowledged her skills in related concepts and knowledge of the general

context of recent British politics. All three reviewers highlighted the original contribution and scientific merits of all five papers composing Monika Brusenbauch Meislová's thesis and were unanimous in stating that her habilitation thesis 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

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

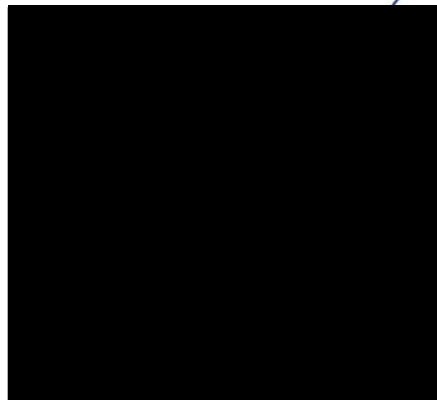
### Board decision

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: 2 February 2022

Vít Hloušek



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