

PUBLIC LECTURE EVALUATION

Masaryk University

Faculty	Faculty of Social Studies
Procedure field	Political Science
Applicant	Hedvika Kod'ousková, Ph.D.
Lecture date	19 February 2024, 2 p.m.
Lecture topic	Local leaders on energy poverty: Experienced but not yet heard
Persons present (number)	15
Designated evaluators (board members)	prof. PhDr. Vít Hloušek, Ph.D. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Michael LaBelle doc. PhDr. Tomáš Vlček, Ph.D.

At the beginning of her presentation, Hedvika Kod'ousková explained the importance of her topic in terms of political and application potential for diverse policy-making levels and stressed her research's scholarly impact. She aptly explained Czech municipalities' deficits in addressing and solving energy poverty and vulnerability at the local level. She clearly outlined the structure of her presentation and explained the concepts she dealt with (energy poverty, energy vulnerability) and the policy framing by the EU institutions. She placed the topic and the Czech situation into a broader comparative framework to illustrate its salience and explain the Czech case's specificities. She used the energy vulnerability index's measurement and indicators to show the Czech region's diversity. The evaluators want to stress her ability to introduce and explain the complex material clearly and understandably. Further, she explained how diverse indicators play a role in various regions and explained the differences based on zooming on regions or particular municipalities.

After introducing the status quo, she naturally and comprehensibly moved to policy implications at the micro level of policy making. Using results from her research and the data she collected, she discussed the reasons for the underrated debate on energy vulnerability at the micro-local level. She explained very well how specific details of respondents' everyday experiences matter in creating energy poverty or at least vulnerability conditions. Moreover, she evaluated the potential and flaws of existing policy measures that the municipalities can take to mitigate the energy vulnerability of their inhabitants. The main takeaway of her research is that initiatives to mobilise the local actors are not an easy endeavour because there are many competing narratives and lots of distrust of the local population vis-a-vis the current governmental policies.

During her lecture, Hedvika Kod'ousková demonstrated perfect skills in explaining the complex topic to connect scholarly debates and concepts with policy-relevant issues and original research she conducted. A lively discussion followed her presentation, and Hedvika

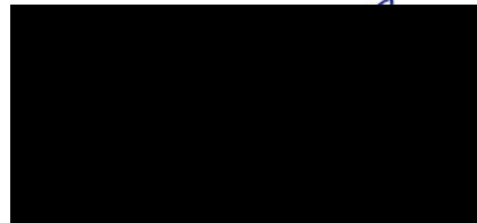
Kořousková tackled all questions professionally, showing a profound interest in and deep knowledge of the topic.

Conclusion

The lecture delivered by Hedvika Kořousková, entitled "Local leaders on energy poverty: Experienced but not yet heard" and delivered as part of the habilitation procedure, **demonstrated** sufficient scholarly qualifications and pedagogical capabilities expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of political science.

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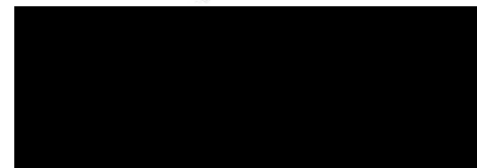
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