

## PUBLIC LECTURE EVALUATION

### Masaryk University

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| <b>Faculty</b>                                   | Faculty of Social Studies   |
| <b>Procedure field</b>                           | Political Science   |
| <b>Applicant</b>                                 | Miriam Matejova   |
| <b>Lecture date</b>                              | 23rd October 2024, at 1:00 p.m.   |
| <b>Lecture topic</b>                             | Disaster language: how political actors frame environmental disasters   |
| <b>Persons present<br/>(number)</b>              | 18  |
| <b>Designated evaluators<br/>(board members)</b> | prof. JUDr. PhDr. Miroslav Mareš, Ph.D.<br>doc. PhDr. Věra Stojarová, Ph.D.<br>doc. Ing. Alena Oulehlová, Ph.D. |

Miriam Matejova described her primary research focus at the beginning of her public lecture. She then presented a challenging conceptualization of disaster language and the relevance of disasters as political triggering events. Specific attention was dedicated to human-made hazards due to the character of post-disaster protests—three well-chosen research questions aimed at disaster framing. She used a deductive framework. Her coding example of a frame within the context of content analysis can be assessed as very innovative. Results related to disasters in Mount Polley, Deepwater Horizon, and Fukushima were well reasoned. The board accepts Matejova's conclusions that environmental frames are likely not as significant behind the size of post-disaster protests.

The discussion after the lecture dealt with various topics, such as the differences between post-disaster protests in democratic and non-democratic countries, the generalization of selected cases, the character of the Fukushima disaster as a human-made disaster, and the comparison of human-made disasters and natural disasters, processes of frame-development and politicization, etc. All questions were answered.

It is essential to emphasize Miriam Matejova's pedagogical skills. Her excellent presentation was accompanied by her ability to formulate clear goals and questions and answer them adequately for the public lecture. She was able to present the results of her research with the help of diagrams, tables, and accompanying pictures, which made the presentation an absolute joy. During the discussion, she could answer all questions promptly, and her reasons were grounded in deep knowledge of facts, theory, and methodology. Her presentation was elaborate in high academic standards. She has shown scholarly enthusiasm in the researched field.

## Conclusion

The lecture delivered by Miriam Matejova, entitled *Disaster language: how political actors frame environmental disasters* 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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