

EVALUATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO PROFESSOR

Masaryk University	
Faculty	Faculty of Social Studies
Procedure field	Political Science
Applicant	doc. PhDr. Věra Stojarová, Ph.D.
Applicant's home unit, institution	Department of Political Science, FSS MU

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Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly qualifications

Associate Professor Věra Stojarová is an excellent scientist who is dealing with the area issues of the Balkans and other regions, with conceptual and theoretical aspects of conflict research, research on political extremism, democratisation and other fields. She is able to find appropriate scientific approaches to the processing of current relevant challenges. The applicant has published in leading scientific journals and publishing houses within the field. Her H-Index in the Web of Science is 6. Stojarová is the author or co-author of eleven articles in the Web of Science database, including the article "Moving towards EU membership and away from liberal democracy" in the journal Southeast European and Black Sea Studies (2020, Q1 in area studies) or the article (with co-author Bojana Zorić) "Non-western influence operations in North Macedonia: a reason for concern or push towards the west?" in the journal European Security (2023, Q1 in political science). She also wrote a number of articles for other journals and many chapters in scientific books. She has published in prestigious publishing houses, either as the main author (The Far Right in the Balkans, Manchester University Press, 2013) or as a co-editor and author of key chapters (for example, with Damir Kapidžić, Illiberal Politics in Southeast Europe: How Ruling Elites Undermine Democracy, Routledge, 2022). Her work reflects a long-term and systematic research interest in the covered issues. Věra Stojarová participated in a leading role or as a team member in several scientific projects. She was principal investigator of the Czech Science Foundation project "Conceptualisation of

security and the application on the Western Balkan region” and recently is the principal investigator of the Czech Science Foundation project "Russian influence operations in the Western Balkans and their impact on the Western Balkan Security Complex". She was also awarded the Dean's Award for Young Scholars in 2014, and she received a scholarship for young researchers from the Jan Hus Educational Foundation in 2006. She spent one year as the KAS scholarship holder at the University of Heidelberg. She was invited to many prestigious conferences and forums, for example, the Association for the Study of Nationalities or the Balkan Security Forum in Belgrade. Věra Stojarová has exceptional linguistic skills related to her research, including several Balkan languages.

Věra Stojarová's academic performance has been of the highest quality throughout her entire career to date, and the current tendency to strengthen prestigious scientific outputs should also be emphasized. Three respected personalities, prof. Florian Bieber (University of Graz), prof. Jelena Dzankic (European University Institute, Florence) and Prof. Tim Houghton (University of Birmingham) recommended her application in this professor appointment procedure.

Conclusion: The applicant's scholarly/artistic capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a professor appointment procedure in the field of Political Science.

Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience

Věra Stojarová has a long and fruitful pedagogical experience. Her courses are highly rated by students. She teaches courses in Czech and English language, in bachelor, master and doctoral study programs (for example "Conflict Negotiation", "Democratization and De-Democratization", or "Regional Security Complexes"). She completed a number of foreign lecture stays, for example at the University of Bologna, the University of Belfast, the University of Vienna and many others. She heads the doctoral board of political science and she is a guarantor of this study and she is a member of the Conflict and Democracy Studies program board at FSS MU. She supervised 42 successfully defended bachelor's theses and 25 theses. Three of her doctoral students achieved the Ph.D. title, and recently, she supervises three other doctoral students. She is able to appropriately connect findings from scientific research with practical application, including lectures for civic society actors. She is also involved in civic society activities, among others as a member of the Board for Housing – Organisation for Aid to Refugees. In her pedagogical work, Věra Stojarová uses her knowledge from research experience and from praxis, and she is developing innovative and interactive methods of university education (mainly in the field of negotiation). Her pedagogical skills are continuously increasing and they inspire new generations of lecturers.

Conclusion: The applicant's pedagogical capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a professor appointment procedure in the field of Political Science.

Evaluation of the applicant as a respected and recognized scholarly figure in a given field

Věra Stojarová is a respected expert in several fields of political science, international relations and security studies. In the global framework, she is recognized primarily as a scientist enriching knowledge about the politics and security of the Western Balkans through her research, publications and teaching activities. Her work is used by other authors, as evidenced by 251 citations in international databases and 218 other citations. She is a series editor of the "Critical Approaches to Southeast Europe: A Cross-Disciplinary Series" (Central European University Press). Her experience is reflected in many reviews written for peer reviewed journals (including several indexed in the WoS) and grant agencies. Věra Stojarová was able to build

a circle of students with deep interest into the Balkan studies and they recently continue in this field of research (for example Bojana Zoric at the European Union Institute for Security Studies) She significantly contributed to the development of political science and security studies at the Faculty of Social Studies of the MU, and her activities also have a significant international reach.

Conclusion: The applicant **is** a respected and recognized scholarly figure in his field. The applicant **has** made a significant contribution to the development of her field. The applicant **constitutes** a leading figure in his field of scholarship or research.

Secret vote results

Number of board members	5
Number of votes cast	0
Number of votes in favour	5

Board decision

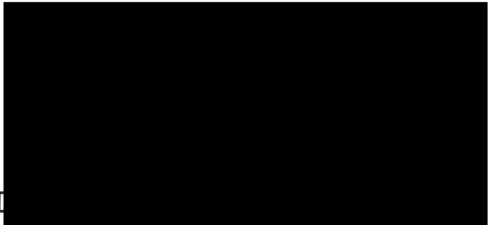
Based on the outcome of the secret vote and following an evaluation of the applicant's scholarly or artistic qualifications, pedagogical experience and role as a respected and recognized scholarly or artistic figure, the board hereby submits a proposal to the scientific board of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University to

appoint the applicant professor of Political Science.

terminate the procedure.

Brno, November 29th, 2024

prof. JUDr. PhDr. Miroslav Mareš, Ph.D.



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