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Since 2011, I have lectured mostly MA level methodology courses at the Dep. of Historical Sociology (Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Prague). I have graduated first in history and political science (*Palacký University*, Olomouc, Czech Republic) and then studied sociology (Central European University and Graduate School for Social Research in Warsaw) besides attending other study and professional stays abroad (Transregional Centre for Democratic Studies at *New School for Social Research*; *Miami University* and *Aarhus University* in Denmark). I am interested in various dimensions and manifestations of radical social change in Central and Eastern Europe following the revolutions of 1989 – ranging from the field of distorting nature of overlapping politics and economy at the time of transformation, or interest in collective memory and traumas of various events and happenings in recent Central-European history, to the research of shifts in family and pair relationships and their rearrangements in fast changing economic and social context. More recently my attention touched the cultural sphere (the research initiative - „Theater and Revolution ‘89; Czech theater culture and November revolution“) and discussions concerning contemporary fine arts and living art in general.

**Previous Teaching:**

- lecturing Research Methods in Social Sciences at Metropolitan University in Prague (Spring 2010)
- lecturing at BA level (Social Change; *Collective Violence and Trauma*; *Sociology of Corruption*) and MA level (*Social Trauma*); membership in the defense committees and admission committee for MA studies; supervision, evaluation of BA and MA theses (Dep. of Sociology, FSS MU, 2002 – 2007)

**Previous research positions and involvement in research:**

- 2011, analysis of 8 focus groups on historical consciousness completed under *Sociological research into the historical consciousness of inhabitants of the Czech Republic* project led by Doc. PhDr. Jiří Šubrt, CSc. at Charles University (Prague)
- 2011, *Inequalities and Multiple Discrimination in Access to Health* (EU Agency for Fundamental Rights) - conducting interviews with older (50+) Roma men, analysis of interviews with older Roma and immigrant men and women for Czech institutional partner - Gender Studies, o. p. s. (Prague)
- 2007–2009 taking part in the research initiative - „*Theater and Revolution ‘89; Czech theater culture and November revolution*“, the conference (Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Theatre Institute, Prague)
- 2007–2008, external researcher for the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Science (Prague) under the research project “Circumstances of Transformations in Job Market and Forms of Private, Family and Relationships’ Sphere in the Czech Society”, Study of supermarket and hypermarket cashiers in the Czech Rep. based on 16 interviews conducted in 2007
- 2006–2007, taking part in 6<sup>th</sup> framework program - *Dioscory project*“*Eastern Enlargement - Western Enlargement; Cultural Encounters in the European Economy and Society after the Accession*“, project network of nine partner institutions in 9 East-Central and South-Eastern European countries and Austria - writing the literature review/‘state of the art’ for the Czech case: „The Economic Culture of Transitory Order“
- 2005–2006, researcher in the Reproductive Strategies and Pair Relations at the Institute for Research on Social Reproduction and Integration at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University (FSS MU), Brno -“*Childlessness and Relationships*“, 15 interviews done in 2005
- 2003–2004, researcher under FSS MU research scheme - Children, Youth and Family in Transformation - "Alone but not Entirely; New Relations – Emergence of Alternative Forms of Relations to Traditional Partnership Relations in the

Czech Republic" (2004), "Singles: Choice, Mishap or Necessity? Motives and Life Strategies of Singles in the Czech Republic" (2003), 39 interviews conducted (2003-2004), 5 preliminary trial interviews in New York for the purpose of a potential comparative study in 2004

- 2003–2004, taking part in the project „Displacement/vymístění“ (introduced the Czech equivalent for English term “displacement”) - research on *Post-totalitarian Reflection of the Relationships with Sudeten Germans and Polish-Jewish Relationships*, FSS MU (Brno)

### **Selected Publications**

#### **Texts and entries in international dictionaries and handbooks:**

- Tomášek Marcel. Transition or Transformation?. Baladrán Z, Havránek V (eds.) In: *Atlas of Transformation*, Zurich: JRP Ringier, 2010, pp 659-665, 7 p (<http://monumenttotransformation.org/atlas-of-transformation/html/t/transition-or-transformation/transition-or-transformation-marcel-tomasek.html>)

- Tomášek Marcel. Tranzice nebo transformace? .Baladrán Z, Havránek V (eds.) In: *Atlas transformace*, Praha: Tranzit 2009, pp 718 - 723, 6 p (<http://www.monumenttotransformation.org/atlas-transformace/html/t/tranzice-nebo-transformace/prevzeti-statu.html>)

#### **Texts in foreigner scientific journals:**

Tomášek Marcel, Šubrt Jiří /How do we Reconcile with our Past? Recent Czech and Czechoslovak History through the Prism of Collective Memory Theory and Qualitative Methodology (focus groups)/, *Sociológia - Slovak Sociological Review*.Vol. 46, no. 1 (2014), pp 88-115. ([http://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&charset=&doc=journal-list&part=list\\_articles&journal\\_issue\\_no=11113391#abstract\\_9629](http://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&charset=&doc=journal-list&part=list_articles&journal_issue_no=11113391#abstract_9629))

- Tomášek, Marcel. Metamorphosis of the Civic Democratic Party's Attitudes to European Integration: On the New Cleavage in the Czech Party System. Céline Belot, Bruno Cautres. In *Politique européenne 16/2005 Vers une européanisation des partis politiques?* Paris, Budapest, Torino : L Harmattan, 2005, 29 p

- Tomášek, Marcel. (Illegal Economy in the Post-Privatization Age; How Far from the New System Foundations? The Case of Corporate Governance and the Banking Sector in the Czech Republic). Zagreb: Institute for Public Finance, 27, 1, pp 145-157, 13 p (<http://www.ijf.hr/FTP/2003/1/tomasek.pdf>)

- Tomášek, Marcel. Privatization, Post-privatization and the Rule of Law in the Czech Republic. *WeltTrends*, Berlin : Berliner Debatte Wissenschaftsverlag, 31, summer, pp 31 - 45, 14 p

#### **Peer-reviewed texts in Czech scientific journals:**

- Tomášek, Marcel, Dudová Radka. (The Secondarization of the Labour Market in the Czech Republic: The Case of Cashiers in Foreign Commercial Chains). *Gender, Equal Opportunities, Research*, Praha: Institute of Sociology, Academy of Science (SoÚ AV ČR), 2008, 2, pp 67-77, 10 p (<http://www.genderonline.cz/view.php?cisloclanku=2009012805>)

- Tomášek, Marcel. (Our Close Relationships and Democratization Changes: Towards a New Understanding of Sources of Integration and Reproduction of Society after 1989). *Gender, Equal Opportunities, Research*, Praha: SoÚ AV ČR, 2007, 2, pp 2-7, 5 p (<http://www.genderonline.cz/view.php?cisloclanku=2008012701>)

- Tomášek, Marcel. (Singles and Their Relationships: A Qualitative Look at Single and Non-cohabitating Individuals in the Czech Republic). *Czech Sociological Review*, Praha: Sociologický ústav AV ČR, 2006, 1, pp 81-106, 25 p (<http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/cs/issue/39-sociologicky-casopis-czech-sociological-review-1-2006#review-article-695>)

- Tomášek, Marcel. (Towards Gender Sources of Individualizing Habitus). *Gender, Equal Opportunities, Research*, Praha: SoÚ AV ČR, 2006, 1, pp 11-15, 5 p (<http://www.genderonline.cz/view.php?cisloclanku=2006072204>)

- Tomášek, Marcel. (Paradox of displacement: post-totalitarian reflection of the relationships with Sudeten Germans and Polish-Jewish relationships). *Social Studies*, Brno: Faculty of Social Studies, 2004, 2004, 2, pp 129-154, 25 p (<http://socstudia.fss.muni.cz/archiv.php?ukol=1&cislo=19&rok=2004>)

#### **Texts in conference and international proceedings and other Czech and foreigner collected volumes:**

Tomášek Marcel (Various approaches to collective memory: the concept of social trauma as one of the current approaches) In N. Maslowski, J.Šubrt (eds) *Kolektivní paměť K teoretickým otázkám* Praha: Karolinum, 2014, pp 179-194.

Hampel Stanislav, Vinopal Jiří, Šubrt Jiří, Tomášek Marcel (Opinions regarding the Recent Czech History and Velvet Revolution) In J. Šubrt, J. Vinopal (eds) *Historické vědomí obyvatel České republiky perspektivou sociologického výzkumu* Praha: Karolinum, 2013, pp 134-159.

Tomášek Marcel (Forming or Formatting History? History via Collective Memory and its Formatting)

In K. Jirková, A. Čermák (eds) *Formování historie: interpretace dějin z pohledu různých států*, Praha: AVU/AusDruck Books, 2012, pp 32-43.

- Tomášek, Marcel. (Living Arts as the Source of Freedom and Social Corrective Now and before 1989) – coming up in the proceedings from the conference: ‘Real and Virtual Faces of Freedom’, Warsaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2010

- Tomášek, Marcel. (Cashiers in Foreigner Chains: Involuntary Time Flexibility and the Development of ‘Secondary labour market’). Dudová, R (ed.) In: *Nové šance a rizika. Flexibilita práce, marginalizace a soukromý život u vybraných povolání a sociálních skupin* Praha: SoU 2008, pp 135 - 152, 18 p (<http://www.soc.cas.cz/promeny/info/cz/25018/Kvalitativni-studie.html>)

- Tomášek, Marcel. (Systemic sources of corruption at the time of social change: macro-sociological view) Dančák, J, Hloušek J, Šimíček J (eds.) In: *Korupce; Projevy a potírání v České republice Evropské unii* Brno: International Institute of Political Science, 2006, pp 31-44, 14 p

- Tomášek, Marcel. Privatisierung, Post-Privatisierung und der Rechtsstaat - Das Beispiel der Tschechischen Republic. Boulanger Ch (ed.) In *Recht in der Transformation: Beiträge zur Debatte*. Berlin : Berliner Debatte Wissenschaftsverlag, 2002. pp 62 - 77, 15 p
- Tomášek, Marcel. (Systemic Consolidation of transitory regime: sustained transitory order as a system, Transitory regime from the point of view of analysis of rationality crisis of Western European welfare state Kebele J, Pscheidt S (eds.) In *Konsolidace vládnutí a podnikání v České republice a v Evropské Unii I; Umění vládnout, ekonomika, politika*. Praha: matfyzpress, 2002. pp 424 - 434, 10 p
- Tomášek, Marcel. (Singles in the Light of Changing Typologies and Definitions: Comments on Ongoing Research). In *Modernizace a česká rodina*. Brno: Barrister & Principal, 2003. pp 225-233, 8 p.

#### **Recent Conferences Attended**

- international conference *Nations, cities, people, traumas* (Faculty of Humanities , Charles University, Prague, 8.-9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – presentation: Cultural, social and national trauma in current sociology and its emergence in the Czech social science
- *workshop of the Center for Collective Memory Research* (Faculty of Social Science, Charles University, Prague, 27.-28<sup>th</sup> November) – presentation: “Memory Politics and Cultural Trauma” (presentation prepared together with Nicolas Maslowski)
- conference: *Czech Society and Culture in the 80's of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* (National Museum,, Prague, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014) – presentation: “Collective Trauma and Violation of the Existing Frames of Socio-cultural Meanings as Decisive Prerequisite of November Events: Jan Palach, Martin Šmid and Collective Memory in Communist Czechoslovakia”
- international conference: *Democracy, State and Informal Politics in Comparative Perspective* (Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014) – presentation: “Hybrid Patterns of Property Management in CEE and Their Potential Longer-term Consequences: How Many capitalisms? In View of the Czech Case”
- international conference: *School versus Memory: Conflict, Identity, Coexistence (Central Europe)*(Liechtenstein Palace, Prague, 10-11<sup>th</sup> October 2014) – presentation: “Teachers’ ways and strategies when dealing with dictated history instruction content in pre-1989 regime and post-1989 processes of individual reconciliation with certain responsibility for persistence of the totalitarian regime”
- conference *Exploring the Grey Zones: Governance, Conflict and (In)Security in Eastern Europe* (Aarhus University, 1-2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013) – presentation: “Grey Zones of Entrepreneurship and Hybrid Patterns of Property in CEE and their Potential Longer Term Consequences: The Case of the Czech Republic”
- *Seminar on social Dynamics and its Acceleration* (Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – presentation: “Social dynamics general theories and the region-specific conceptualizations of social change/On elements of social dynamics general theories in the region-specific conceptualizations of social change: Central Eastern Europe (CEE) case”
- *I. Junior conference of the Center for Collective Memory Research* (Institute of International Studies, Charles University, Prague, 7- 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012) – presentation: “Attempting to Pokus o určení charakteristických aplikací konceptu kolektivní paměti”
- *Central European Dictionary of Political Concepts – editorial close up* (Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts, Bratislava, 24-26<sup>th</sup> June 2011) – presentation: “Transition/transformation, state capture or varieties of capitalism?”
- *Real and Virtual Faces of Freedom* (accompanying documentary films festival Sztuka dokumentu - The Art of the Document in Warsaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010) – presentation: “Living Arts as the Source of Freedom and Social Corrective Now and before 1989”