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Field of Specialization: history of sociology, history and sociology of knowledge

Contacs and office hours:

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Courses:

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Education:

European University Institute: PhD (Social and Political Science), 2003 – 2009

Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic: Mgr (History, Sociology), 1994 – 2002

Expertise and Field of Specialization:

I am interested in understanding science and technology not simply as a growing stock of knowledge, but as a practice which is social in itself, and is situated in a broader social context. The key context for my analyses is the modernization of European societies. My first-hand research experience covers the history of social sciences humanities in a number of European countries over the course of the 20th century. I also have many years of experience as an analyst of information and communications (ICT) markets in the EMEA region.

Publications:

Monographs:

Michael Voříšek: *The Reform Generation: 1960s Czechoslovak sociology from a comparative perspective*, ISBN: 978-80-7017-166-0. 366 pp., Praha: Nakladatelství Kalich 2012.

The book offers an insight into the sudden rise of Marxist sociology in 1960s Czechoslovakia, followed by a no less sudden disappearance of this particular kind of sociology after the Soviet and allied invasion of August 1968. It does so by comparing the Czechoslovak developments with those in other countries of Soviet Bloc in Europe - especially Poland, Romania, Soviet Union, and Yugoslavia, but also others - and to a limited degree also elsewhere in Europe. In Czechoslovakia, it focuses on a cohort of Marxist scholars who dominated the discipline: the 'Reform Generation', intimately connected to the reformist wing of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

<http://www.ekalich.cz/produkt/701-The-Reform-Generation-1960s-Czechoslovak-sociology-from-a-comparative-perspective/index.htm>

Chapters in monographs:

- „Ku potřebě kandidátův a kandidátek“: Obraz Jana Amose Komenského v českých učebnicích dějin pedagogiky [„For the Use of Candidates of Teaching“: Representations of Comenius in the Czech Textbooks of the History of Pedagogics], in Lenka Řezníková a kol., *Figurace paměti. J. A. Komenský v kulturách vzpomínání 19. a 20. století*, Praha: Scriptorium 2014, pp. 123-160. <http://komeniologie.flu.cas.cz/cz/aktualni-publikace/prehled/figurace-pameti>
- „Organizační zázemí akademického života“ [Institutional Background of the Academic Life] (with Zdeněk R. Nešpor), „Česká sociologie šedesátých let“ [Czech Sociology in the 1960s], „Česká sociologie sedmdesátých a osmdesátých let“ [Czech Sociology in the 1970s and 1980s], „Pavel Machonin a výzkum sociální struktury“ [Pavel Machonin and the Social Structure Survey], in Zdeněk R. Nešpor et al., *Dějiny české sociologie [History of Czech Sociology]*, Praha: Academia 2014, pp. 306-321, 322-358, 358-384, 396-406. <http://www.academia.cz/dejiny-ceske-sociologie--nespor-zdenek-r--academia--2014>
- Dictionary entries for: Jeřábek Hynek, Jungmann Bohumil, Kabele Jiří, Kaláb Miloš, Klofáč Jaroslav, Kohout Jaroslav, Lamser Václav, Petrusek Miloslav, Richta Radovan, Sedláček Jan, Slezska Dragoslav, Strmiska Zdeněk, Šiklová Jiřina, Tlustý Vojtěch, Urbánek Eduard, Zich František, in Zdeněk R. Nešpor a kol., *Slovník českých sociologů [Dictionary of Czech Sociologists]*, Praha: Academia 2013. <http://www.academia.cz/slovnik-ceskych-sociologu--nespor-zdenek-r--academia--2013>

Publications:

- „In whose service? The 1960s' Czechoslovak Sociologists and their Party“, Comparative Sociology 10, 2011, pp. 781 – 806. <http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/10.1163/156913311x599070>
- „Sociology in Soviet Europe: Perspectives on the Historiography of Sociology and its Problems“, in Ulf Brunnbauer, Claudia Kraft und Martin Schulze Wessel, eds., *Sociology and Ethnography in East-Central and South-East Europe: Scientific Self-Description in State Socialist Countries*, München: Oldenbourg Verlag 2011, pp. 29-58. <http://www.collegium-carolinum.de/publikationen/reihen-des-cc/bad-wiesseer-tagungen-bwt/sociology-and-ethnography-in-east-central-and-south-east-europe.html>
- „Antagonist, Type, or Deviation? A Comparative View on Sociology in Post-War Soviet Europe“, Revue d'Histoire des Sciences Humaines n° 18, 2008/1, pp. 85 – 113. <https://www.cairn.info/revue-histoire-des-sciences-humanaines-2008-1-page-85.htm>
- „Ideology that Mattered: the Debates of Historical Materialism and Sociology in the USSR, Poland and Czechoslovakia, 1948-1968,“ in Babka, Lukáš, Roubal, Petr, eds., Prague Perspectives, II: A new generation of Czech East European studies, Prague : National Library of the Czech Republic, Slavonic Library, 2007 pp. 121-156. <http://text.nkp.cz/slovanska-knihovna/odborne-cinnosti-publikace/odborne-projekty/prague-perspectives2/pp-obsah2>

Research Activities and Projects:

2011-2012 Dějiny a současnost české sociologie [The History and Present of Czech Sociology] ČR n° coresearcher
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