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Uncivil groups and the regulation of public space

Složení komise

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Hodnocení vědecké / umělecké kvalifikace uchazeče (Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications)

Pavel Pospěch is an internationally recognized scholar who has published his research in top journals in three different areas of sociological inquiry. His work on urban public space and its transformations has earned him recognition in the international field of urban studies where he engages in multidisciplinary dialogues with scholars in criminology and urban geography. As a first Czech author, he has published a paper in the Q1 journal *Space and Culture* in 2017 (single-authored) and two more single-authored chapters in volumes published by Routledge: *Order and Conflict in Public Space* (Routledge 2016) and *Public Space Between Reimagination and Occupation* (Routledge 2018). His earlier research focus on shopping malls has resulted in a number of publications in Czech, including a book *Od veřejného prostoru k nákupním centrům: svět cizinců a jeho regulace*, published by *Sociologické nakladatelství (SLON)* in 2015 and two more papers published in *Sociologický časopis/Czech Sociological Review* (2013a, 2013b). These works rank amongst the first to introduce the topic of public space into Czech sociological research.

Among his European colleagues in rural sociology, the second area of his study, Pavel Pospěch is a well-known scholar. Since 2009, he has been a member of the European Society

for Rural Sociology (ESRS). He regularly organises working groups at ESRS congresses and speakers at these working groups include the world's leading rural sociologists, such as Keith Halfacree, Michael M. Bell or Mark Shucksmith. Dr. Pospěch published a single-authored paper in what is arguably the best journal in the field, the *Journal of Rural Studies* (2014), and co-authored papers in other journals including *European Countryside* (2015), *Sociologický časopis/Czech Sociological Review* (2016), *Sociológia* (2016) and *Agricultural Economics* (2009, 2011). He is the leading author of a research monograph *Vynalézání venkova v ČR po roce 1989* (CDK 2015). With prof. Laszlo Kulcsar from Penn State University, he has co-edited two special journal issues on rural sociology (in *Regional Statistics* and *Sociální studia/Social studies*) and he serves as academic board member for international conferences in the field.

Dr. Pospěch's recent work has been connected to the Department of Sociology at Yale University where he was a Fulbright Fellow in 2017 and he has earned a permanent affiliation as Faculty Fellow. His most recent paper *The Spectre of the Queue: Re-signifying the Past in the Post-communist Czech Republic* (2019) is the first paper by a Czech author published in the prestigious *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. Pavel Pospěch's interest in culture and theory includes the study of the interplay of the modern self and technologies, as evidenced by a paper, *Youtuberství jako konstrukce, destrukce a reparace soukromí* (*Sociologický časopis/Czech Sociological Review* 2019), published together with his student, Lukáš Slavík.

During his time as core department member at the Department of Sociology, University of Vienna, Pavel Pospěch was involved in preparation and coordination of international projects *COHSMO* (Horizon2020, 2017-2021) and *Vienna in Transition* (FWF, 2018-2022). In the Czech Republic, he was a principal investigator of a postdoctoral GAČR project *Incivility in public space* (2014-2017) and a scientific coordinator of a standard GAČR project *Re-inventing the rural in the post-1989 Czech Republic* (2013-2014). His one-year research project *Borders and transgressions in the public space of Vienna* was sponsored by the *Scholarship of the Scholarship foundation Republic of Austria* and conducted at the Technical University of Vienna.

Dr. Pospěch has given more than 30 presentations and invited talks at international events, including invited talks at Yale University, University of Vienna and Komenský University. Since 2015, he has been Executive Editor of the English edition of the journal *Sociální studia / Social Studies* (ISSN 1214-813X) and, since 2018, he is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal. Under his leadership, the journal continues to expand its international reputation and it recently announced a new International Editorial Board, consisting of high-profile scholars from around the world. Apart from his editorial duties, Pavel Pospěch also serves as reviewer for a number of leading academic journals (*Public Policy and Administration*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Journal of Rural Studies*, *Journal of Urban Design*, *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* etc.).

Conclusion:

The applicant's scholarly / artistic qualifications *meet* the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of Sociology at MU.

Hodnocení pedagogické způsobilosti uchazeče (Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience)

Pavel Pospěch has been teaching courses at the Department of Sociology of the Masaryk University since 2011 and at the Department of Sociology of the University of Vienna between 2017 and 2018. As a guest teacher, he was invited to lecture at the University of Trento (2019) and the Technical University of Liberec (2015).

His courses have consistently been rated as excellent and of very high educational value by students both in Brno and in Vienna. Dr. Pospěch also teaches a course SOC119 *Úvod do sociologie pro nesociology* which also receives excellent feedback, even though attended by students outside of the sociology department. In the course, Pavel Pospěch explains basic sociological paradigms in an accessible and engaging form. He has trained this skill as a regular contributor to Czech national media and a frequent columnist for *Hospodářské noviny* who has also published in *Respekt*, *Nový prostor*, *Deník* and presented his works in Czech Television (*Česká televize*) and on the radio (*Český rozhlas Vltava*).

To this day, Pavel Pospěch has supervised 20 BA and MA theses at the Masaryk University and he has acted as a consultant to PhD students both at Masaryk University and at the University of Vienna. He has successfully led two of his MA students (Mgr. Lukáš Slavík, Mgr. Miloš Delín) to publishing the results of their diploma research in journals with impact-factor.

Conclusion:

The habilitation thesis *meets* the requirements expected of a habilitation thesis in the field of Sociology at MU.

Hodnocení habilitační práce uchazeče (Habilitation thesis evaluation)

Pavel Pospěch's thesis *Uncivil groups and the regulation of public space* has been reviewed by prof. Yuri Kazepov from the University of Vienna, prof. Nina Peršak from the University of Ljubljana and doc. Bernadette Nadya Jaworsky, a US-born sociologist based at FSS and affiliated with Yale University.

In his review, prof. Kazepov describes the thesis as “an original theoretical and empirical work, addressing an important and often neglected topic in urban studies” and says it is “particularly well written”. Prof. Peršak considers the thesis “an important contribution to the literature on incivilities” and doc. Jaworsky's evaluation is equally positive: “Overall, this is a well-written and strong piece of scholarship, offering a fine-grained analysis of the production and reproduction of uncivil groups in Czech print media”. Generally speaking, all three reviewers come up with overall positive evaluation.

Conclusion:

The habilitation thesis *meets* the requirements expected of a habilitation thesis in the field of Sociology at MU.

Výsledek tajného hlasování komise

Počet členů komise	...
Počet odevzdaných hlasů	4.
z toho	4
kladných	...
záporných	0.
neplatných	0.

Návrh komise

Na základě výsledku tajného hlasování následujícího po zhodnocení vědecké / umělecké kvalifikace, pedagogické způsobilosti a úrovně habilitační práce uchazeče předkládá komise Vědecké radě Fakulty sociálních studií Masarykovy univerzity návrh

jmenovat uchazeče docentem v oboru Sociologie.

na zastavení řízení.

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