

<b>Masaryk University</b>	
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Social Studies
<b>Procedure field</b>	Political Science
<b>Applicant</b>	doc. PhDr. Zdeněk Kříž, Ph.D.
<b>Applicant's home unit, institution</b>	Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University
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### Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

Doc. PhDr. Zdeněk Kříž, Ph.D. is a respected member of the academic community of the Faculty of the Social Studies of Masaryk University and the field of International Relations, respectively Political Science in general sense. Zdeněk Kříž is notable for his well-balanced research and publication outputs as well as for his pedagogical and other academic activities.

In research issues, doc. Kříž primarily focuses on the position of the army in democratic political regimes (or in those undergoing a transformation), on the issues of European security, international military organizations, theories of conflict, war, and peace, and on the German foreign and security policies. This list of professional interests makes it clear doc. Kříž remarkably interconnects the studies in international relations to the security issues.

Specifically, doc. Kříž authored and co-authored 5 articles in the journals listed in the WoS database and 6 articles in the journals listed in the Scopus database including those that rank among the most important outlets of the security research (e.g. *The Journal of Slavic Military Studies* or *Armed Forces and Society*, published by the State University San Marcos in Texas USA) or post-communist studies (*Problems of Post-Communism* or *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, published by the University of California in Los Angeles - USA). Moreover, doc. Kříž published 38 articles in other peer-reviewed journals.

As highly publically relevant, the board members evaluate the monographic activities of doc. Kříž. He (co-)authored 7 monographs (one of which in German and one in English languages) and 18 book chapters (published e.g. in Routledge). Furthermore, doc. Kříž also was the (co)editor of 4 scholarly book publications, proceedings or single-issue scholarly journal issues and (co-)authored 5 research reports and 9 studies in the proceedings.

The academic reputation of Zdeněk Kříž is endorsed by the citations in international databases (26) and by 126 other citations.

In his academic career, doc. Kříž was awarded 7 research grants (and was a co-investigator in another one) that were successfully completed.

Zdeněk Kříž also implemented several research stays in prestigious foreign institutions, for example long-term (two months) stays at the University of Delaware (USA) and at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (Ga-Pa – Germany). As to short-term stays one can underline for instance those at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt am Main (Germany), or Center for Defence Studies in Aberdeen (UK).

**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

In his pedagogical activities, doc. Kříž is especially interested in the fields of international relations and military studies. In more particular terms, his focus is on NATO and European security, international organizations, German foreign and security policies, or theories of conflict, war, and peace. In Masaryk University, he has taught 22 courses in the undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate programmes, and has supervised 129 successfully defended Bachelor and Master Theses as well as 12 post-graduate students, which have already qualified for their PhDs.

Understandably enough, doc. Kříž is also engaged in more general academic activities – he is a member of three State Exam Committees, two Doctoral Boards, two Scientific Boards, and two Editorial Boards (including journal *Defence and Security Analysis*, listed in the Scopus database). He was also a member of the Defense Ministry's Committee for the preparation of so-called *White Book on the Defense of the Czech Republic*.

Furthermore, he authored 3 textbooks and a number of texts in the printed media.

He made 28 presentations in the international conferences, including key events in the field of international relations (ISA Conventions) and political science (ECPR Conferences) or organized by leading academic institutions (for instance Peace Research Institute Frankfurt am Main - Germany).

Zdeněk Kříž was also a member of organizational or programme committees of 9 international conferences.

**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 or artistic figure in a given field**

The members of the committee have unanimously agreed doc. Kříž is a mature personality and major author in the Czech political science and security and military studies and is able to define relevant research goals and to accomplish them through original research procedures.

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

**Secret vote results**

Voting took place: electronically

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

**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 Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University to appoint the applicant professor of Political Science.

In Brno on 08.04.2019

prof. PhDr. Petr Fiala, Ph.D., LL.M.

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