

HABILITATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Masaryk University	
Faculty	Faculty of Social Studies
Procedure field	political science
Applicant	Mgr. Petr Ocelík, Ph.D.
Applicant's home unit, institution	Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University
Habilitation thesis	Energy Transition from a Political Science Perspective: Selected Cases

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Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly qualifications

Petr Ocelík has belonged to the core research group at the Department of International Relations and European Studies of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University, dealing with energy policy and security issues. In practice, it means a career as a prolific writer of excellent research papers published by prestigious scholarly journals and a contribution to fully integrating his workplace into the most prestigious European research networks and activities in the field.

When launching the habilitation procedure, Petr Ocelík published fifteen papers in scholarly journals indexed by the Web of Science or Scopus databases, eleven other publications, and gave twenty-five presentations at scientific workshops and conferences. Ocelík's publications include prestigious journals with high impact in the academic community, such as Energy Policy, Energy Research & Social Sciences, European Political Science, and Politics and Governance. His works reached 97 citations in the Web of Science database.

Petr Ocelík has been very active as a participant in the building and maintenance of the Czech and especially the international community of researchers interested in energy policy issues. He is the co-coordinator of the Czech Network for Social Network Analysis. His expertise helped him to play the role of a supervisor in the project i-CONN dealing with the analysis of complex systems and in the COMPON network on climate change. Petr Ocelík cooperated closely with prestigious institutions like the University of Aberystwyth, the University of Queensland, and the University of Konstanz.

The most important part of his vast international activities is inside the European Consortium for Political Research. Petr Ocelík organised energy policy and security sections for several ECPR general conferences. He was elected chair of the Standing Group on Political Networks of the European Consortium for Political Research in 2020.

Conclusion: The applicant's scholarly capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of political science.

Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience

Petr Ocelík has realised his pedagogical activities at the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University since 2009. He belongs to the key academicians profiling the graduate programs in Energy Policy and Energy Security, both in Czech and English. He delivers courses on energy security, geopolitics, the USA's energy policy, theory of international relations etc. The most recent contribution of Petr Ocelík, which reaches far beyond the limits of the energy policy field, is his participation in methodological courses. He has developed and contributed to the courses in basic and advanced methods of inquiry in social sciences. Most of the methodological courses he teaches are for graduate students, yet he offers a very well-received course for the post-graduates. All his courses are evaluated as demanding yet excellent. Petr Ocelík is prolific supervisor too. He has supervised eleven bachelor's and seventeen master's theses so far. Recently, he has been appointed as supervisor of one PhD student who specialises in research of social-political networks. This very fact is a unique achievement given the fact that only associate professors and professors can supervise PhD students without the specific consent of the Scientific Board of the Faculty.

Conclusion: The applicant's pedagogical capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of political science.

Habilitation thesis evaluation

Petr Ocelík submitted his habilitation thesis "Energy Transition from a Political Science Perspective: Selected Cases" in eight chapters, including the introduction and conclusion. The core of the thesis consists of five studies published in prestigious scholarly journals and other relevant publications, such as Energy Research & Social Science, Politics and Governance, or Energy Policy. The committee asked the following distinguished experts to submit their

reviews of the habilitation: associate professor Dr Melanie Nagel from the University of Tübingen, associate professor Dr Kacper Szulecki from the Norwegian Institute of Social Sciences, and associate professor Dr Oldřich Krpec from Masaryk University.

According to Kacper Szulecki, the thesis “constitutes an important addition to the international scholarly debate on at least three levels. Firstly, it contributes to the growing literature on the politics of energy transition. Secondly, four of the five articles which make up the thesis bring the important and otherwise under-researched case of the Czech Republic to the attention of scholars and analysts abroad. And finally, and I dare say – most importantly – Petr Ocelík’s methodological aptitude and consistency move political science research forward in several thematic areas and are a clear trademark of this talented scholar.”

Melanie Nagel stated that the thesis provides a combination of theoretical reflection and empirical innovations on policy processes of energy transition in Czechia and Russia. She appreciated the use of the wide range of qualitative and quantitative methods and the contribution of Petr Ocelík’s research to theoretical debates in the field.

Oldřich Krpec stressed the proper combination of discursive and interactionist research approaches of Ocelík’s works, thus innovatively integrating analysis of political processes into studying the energy transition. Therefore, his "research as a whole has more general theoretical implications".

All three reviewers unanimously stated that the submitted habilitation thesis is of excellent quality and fulfils the expected requirements.

Conclusion: The applicant's habilitation thesis **meets** the requirements expected of habilitation theses in the field of political science.

Secret ballot results

Number of board members	5
Number of votes cast	5
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 habilitation thesis, the board hereby submits a proposal to the scientific board of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University to

appoint the applicant associate professor of political science.

Date: October, 3 2022

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