

HABILITATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Masaryk University	
Faculty	Faculty of Social Studies
Procedure field	Political Science
Applicant	Hedvika Kodůusková, Ph.D.
Applicant's home unit, institution	Masaryk University – Faculty of Social Studies, Department of International Relations and European Studies
Habilitation thesis	Energy poverty: Causes, effects and policy solutions

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Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

Hedvika Kodůusková is the Czech leader in energy policy research oriented on the topics of energy vulnerability and energy poverty. Her seminal study on the subject, placing the Czech case into a broader Central European perspective, has de facto introduced this research field in Czech political science. Thanks to excellent research outputs and intensive networking, Hedvika Kodůusková has become a relevant member of the international community of similarly oriented scholars.

When the habilitation board adopted its decision, she published eleven papers in scholarly journals, mainly indexed in the Web of Science or Scopus databases, including such prestigious and leading journals as *Energy Research & Social Science* (Q1 WoS), and *Energy Policy* (Q1 WoS). She contributed with chapters or co-authorship of the work to ten book publications, which contributed substantially to the launch and quick development of Czechia's energy policy and energy security studies. Her works were cited more than fifty times, typically in scholarly outputs covered by WoS and Scopus databases, including top journals such as *Energy Research & Social Science* (Q1 WoS), *Energies*, *Energy Economics*, *Energy Policy*, or *European Urban and Regional Studies*.

The committee highlights and praises special scholarly merits in her participation in two research reports, which contributed to the applied and applicable results of her investigation in the field of heating system resilience, demonstrating her interdisciplinary outreach and ability to cope with very actual practical problems.

She has comparably rich project activities and experiences. She managed (as a PI) the project dealing with energy vulnerability and poverty in Czechia, which the Czech Technology Agency funded. She was an in-home PI of another collaborative research project funded by the same agency. The committee wants further to stress her participation in the COST network action to fight energy poverty.

Conclusion: The applicant's scholarly/artistic 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

Hedvika Kodůusková has worked as a teacher at the Department of International Relations and European Studies of the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University. Her rich teaching experience includes lectures and seminars on the pregraduate and graduate levels. She has focused on topics related to her primary scholarly expertise and research interest, participating in compulsory and facultative courses in energy security, energy policy, and energy poverty. Her focus is, of course, broader, including Asian foreign politics and methodological courses. Her teaching combines very aptly diverse points of view of different political science subdisciplines. It allows her to be a creative teacher who can demonstrate high connectedness to diverse policy problems and their European and global dimensions. Her evaluation in the student's course opinion poll is systematically outstanding.

The students have defended sixteen bachelor and eighteen master theses under her supervision. The success defence rate of the students under supervision remains almost 92 per cent, which the board assesses as an extraordinary performance. She also serves regularly as a prolific member of defence and state exam committees in energy policy and international relations. She also participated in the project fostering innovation of teaching methods and curriculum at the department, which the European Social Fund funded. Her extraordinary pedagogical qualification and research achievements contributed to the fact that she has served as a member of the admission committee of the department's post-graduate study program.

Not only does she deliver her lectures and seminars in English regularly at Masaryk University, but she also taught at the Collegium Civitas in Warsaw.

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

Hedvika Kodůusková submitted the habilitation thesis "Energy poverty: Causes, effects and policy solutions". Three experts contributed with their evaluation reports on her habilitation thesis: Marielle Feenstra (Delft University of Technology), Ana Stojilovska (Institute for Political Science, Budapest), and Kacper Szulecki (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs). All reviewers stated the habilitation thesis meets all the criteria and requirements, qualifying it as a background for procedure leading to appointment to the associate professor position.

Dr Feenstra assessed Kodůusková's habilitation thesis as "both politically timely as well as academically influential as demonstrated in the uptake of energy poverty at the political agenda in Europe, and the increase of researchers engaged in this topic". Feenstra acknowledged her holistic approach, integrating conceptual, methodological, and societal contributions. In Feenstra's view, Kodůusková "is one of the few energy policy scholars who acknowledge the

heterogeneity of energy users by applying an intersectional approach when describing energy users”.

Dr Stojilovska evaluated her habilitation as “a complete, comprehensive, empirically rich, and policy-relevant contribution to the field of energy poverty and related energy and social policies”. She highlighted methodological robustness and conceptual innovativeness as the main assets of Kodousková’s thesis, alongside empirical research and policy-relevant findings gained thanks to a deep understanding of all facets of the phenomenon of energy poverty, including a rich grassroots study of the individual experience and perception of the marginalised and vulnerable parts of society.

Prof Szulecki stated that “Dr. Kodousková deals with, and we can say without hesitation that she contributes to the current mainstream in her field.” His review highlighted the methodological appropriateness, theoretical background, and empirical richness of her approach. He praised even more importantly her ability to connect theory, empirical research, and normative issues pertaining to energy poverty.

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

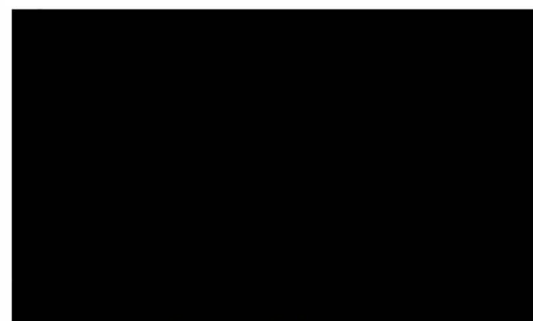
Based on the outcome of the secret vote and following an evaluation of the applicant’s scholarly or artistic qualifications, pedagogical experience and habilitation thesis, the board hereby submits a proposal to the scientific board of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University to

appoint the applicant associate professor of political science.

terminate the procedure.

Date 8th May 2024

prof. PhDr. Vít Hloušek, Ph.D.



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