

## PUBLIC LECTURE EVALUATION

### Masaryk University

<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Social Studies
<b>Procedure field</b>	Sociology
<b>Applicant</b>	Mgr. et Mgr. Jiří Navrátil, Ph.D.
<b>Lecture date</b>	27th January 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
<b>Lecture topic</b>	Explaining economic protest in post-socialist settings
<b>Persons present</b> (number)	20
<b>Designated evaluators</b> (board members)	prof. PhDr. Tomáš Katrňák, Ph.D. doc. PhDr. Marek Skovajsa, M.A., Ph.D. doc. PhDr. Dino Numerato, Ph.D.

Mgr. et Mgr. Jiří Navrátil, Ph.D. gave a lecture entitled Explaining economic protest in post-socialist settings. He dealt with the issue of economic protests in central European countries from the 1990s to the present. According to the speaker, the endurance and longevity of neoliberal governance and policies in post-socialist countries have been gradually identified as a puzzle. He put this question the beginning of the lecture concerning this puzzle: Why was there no significant push to change the political orientation or slow down the expansion of self-regulated market forces, such as was predicted by the classical sociological theory? The lecture has summarized existing approaches to the study economic protest in post-socialist settings – actor-based (typically stemming from industrial relations studies) and context-based (typically offered by the political economy perspective). After that the lecture has offered the perspective of social movement/contentious politics studies. First, the main accounts of economic protest explanations have been discussed and relational perspective on the economic collective action has been formulated. This builds on the concept of collective action fields and context-dependent collective actors' strategies. Finally, an empirical analysis using Czech and Slovak protest event data have been presented to illustrate the general weakness and short-term context dependency of broader economic collective action in post-socialist settings. From a professional and pedagogical point of view, the lecture was at an excellent level. From a professional point of view, the lecture had the structure of a scientific presentation in the genre of quantitative sociology. It contained innovative elements, insights and findings in the area under study. From a pedagogical point of view, the lecture was delivered in a clear and lucid manner. Thus, Dr. Jiří Navrátil proved that he can lecture not only for academic audience, but also for a wider professional or lay public audience. The lecturer was able to avoid highly scientific jargon quite successfully, without detracting from the persuasiveness of his formulations. The lecture was followed by a discussion.

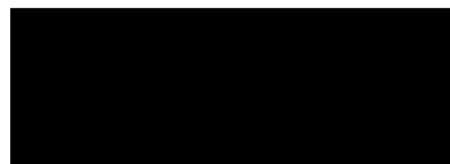
The committee members asked questions related to the topic. Questions were also asked from the audience. Dr. Jiří Navrátil's lecture was interesting. It encouraged the audience to think not only about the present but especially about the near future. The candidate handled the discussion very well, competently and answered individual questions eruditely.

## Conclusion

The lecture delivered by Mgr. et Mgr. Jiří Navrátil, Ph.D., entitled *Explaining economic protest in post-socialist settings* and delivered as part of the habilitation procedure, **demonstrated** sufficient scholarly qualifications and pedagogical capabilities expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure procedure in the field of Sociology.

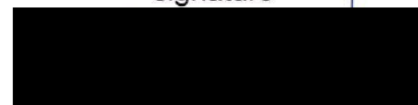
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