

EVALUATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO PROFESSOR

Masaryk University	
Faculty	Faculty of Social Studies
Procedure field	Sociology
Applicant	doc. Mgr. et Mgr. Adéla Souralová, Ph.D.
Applicant's home unit, institution	Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University

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Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

Adéla Souralová is an excellent scholar whose work has significantly advanced qualitative sociology of intergenerational relationships. Over the past fifteen years, she has made original and influential contributions through her sustained focus on care, kinship, and the lived experiences of grandchildren across diverse social contexts. Her research consistently highlights the everyday practices through which families are formed, sustained, and negotiated.

A central contribution of her work is the conceptualization and empirical development of the grandchildhood perspective. This framework shifts sociological attention from caregiving adults to the agency, experiences, and relational worlds of grandchildren. By exploring grandchildhood in a variety of contexts, Souralová opens new analytical pathways for understanding intergenerational dynamics beyond traditional parental or household-focused frameworks. Her studies illuminate the practical, emotional, and moral dimensions of children's lives in relation to family and kinship structures.

Employing rigorous qualitative and ethnographic methods, her research enriches sociological discussions on family practices, gendered care, and the life course. By focusing on the lived dynamics of care and kinship—including the perspectives and experiences of grandchildren—

she substantially broadens sociological understanding of how intergenerational relations are enacted and maintained in everyday life.

Her scholarly output reflects both depth and versatility: she has published 24 articles indexed in Web of Science, contributed several chapters to edited volumes, and authored two books with prestigious international publishers. She is also frequently invited to contribute to edited collections, underscoring her recognized expertise and international standing in the field.

In addition to her publications, Adéla Souralová has demonstrated strong leadership in research and in mentoring early-career scholars. She served as principal investigator of a Czech Science Foundation (GAČR) project from 2018 to 2020 and currently leads another GAČR project (2023–2025), while also serving as national principal investigator for a Horizon Europe project (2023–2025). In all these projects, she has played a key role in supervising and guiding young researchers, fostering their professional development, and building research teams capable of producing high-quality, internationally relevant sociological scholarship.

Her scientific achievements have been widely recognized through prestigious awards and fellowships, highlighting the high esteem of her scholarly activity. These include a fellowship from the Jan Hus Foundation (2010), the Rector's Award for the Outstanding Dissertation at Masaryk University (2014), the Rector's Award for Outstanding Research Results Achieved by Young Scientists under 35 (2016), and two MUNI Scientist awards (2020 and 2025). In addition, she contributes to the governance and strategic development of the field as a member of the Scientific Board of the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University (2021–), the Scientific Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University (2026–), and as a member of the Expert Panel for Sociology (M2) (2023–).

Conclusion: The applicant's scholarly/artistic capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a professor appointment procedure in the field of Sociology.

Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience

Adéla Souralová is a highly accomplished and influential educator, and a key figure in the Social Anthropology programme at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University. She plays a central role in delivering and shaping core compulsory and elective courses, with a sustained impact on curriculum development and academic standards. Her extensive supervisory experience—comprising more than 60 successfully completed bachelor's and master's theses—attests to both the scale and quality of her pedagogical engagement.

A defining feature of her teaching is the strong integration of research and pedagogy. She systematically cultivates students' research capacities and actively guides them toward publication outputs. This commitment is exemplified by the book *Péče na prodej* (MUNI Press), developed through her mentorship of bachelor's and master's students. By consistently encouraging students to publish and engage in academic writing, she significantly enhances their professional trajectories and contributes to the development of a new generation of scholars.

She is an experienced and dedicated supervisor of doctoral students and currently supervises four PhD candidates. Her supervisory excellence is demonstrated by the successful completion of Kateřina Čanigová's PhD with honors in 2025, who is now employed at the Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University. Souralová maintains an active collaborative relationship with her doctoral students, co-authoring publications and jointly preparing research grant applications, thereby embedding them in international academic practice.

Until 2025, she served as the guarantor of the English-language programme *Global Challenges*, an interdisciplinary degree connecting three departments at the faculty. She was the originator and principal architect of this programme, leading its design and accreditation process, and thereby making a lasting institutional contribution to innovative, internationally oriented teaching.

Since 2019, she has held the position of Vice-Dean for Studies, in which she has exercised strategic leadership over teaching and learning at the faculty level. In this role, she has had a substantial impact on quality assurance, programme development, and the overall direction of education, further underscoring her standing as a leading academic educator.

Conclusion: The applicant's pedagogical capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a professor appointment procedure in the field of Sociology.

Evaluation of the applicant as a respected and recognized scholarly or artistic figure in a given field

Adéla Souralová is a widely respected expert in the sociology of family and the sociology of migration, with a strong and steadily growing international reputation. Her scholarly influence is evidenced by her citation record across major academic databases: she has an H-index of 8, with 126 citations in Web of Science, 176 in Scopus, and 725 citations recorded in Google Scholar. These metrics reflect both the relevance and the sustained impact of her research within and beyond her immediate field.

Her standing in the academic community is further demonstrated by her active involvement in peer review and scholarly publishing. She regularly serves as a reviewer for leading international journals, contributing to the evaluation and development of high-quality research in sociology. In addition, she is frequently invited to contribute to edited volumes, which signals recognition of her expertise and the demand for her work in international academic networks.

Souralová is also actively engaged in the preparation and development of international research projects. She has contributed to the design of two Horizon Europe project proposals, one of which was successfully funded. This involvement highlights both her ability to collaborate in competitive international environments and her capacity to contribute to the formulation of innovative and policy-relevant research agendas.

Taken together, her citation impact, editorial and reviewing activities, invited contributions, and participation in major international grant schemes clearly demonstrate that Adéla Souralová is a well-established and recognized scholarly figure in contemporary sociology.

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

Secret vote 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 role as a respected and recognized scholarly or artistic figure, the board hereby submits a proposal to the scientific board of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University to

☒ **appoint the applicant professor of Sociology.**

☐ terminate the procedure.

Brno, April 23th, 2026

prof. PhDr. Ladislav Rabušic, CSc.

