



Public Lecture Evaluation

Masaryk University

Faculty

Procedure field

Applicant

Lecture date

Lecture topic

Persons present

(number)

Designated evaluators

(board members)

Faculty of Social Studies

Sociology

Mgr. Slavomíra Ferenčuhová, Ph.D.

4.5.2018

Novel approaches to theorizing the post-socialist city.

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Prof. PhDr. Martin Kreidl, M.A., Ph.D.

Doc. PhDr. Radim Marada, Ph.D.

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Doc. RNDr. Martin Ouředníček, Ph.D.

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Slavomíra Ferenčuhová presented a very engaging and intellectually stimulating lecture on the theoretical approaches to the post-socialist city. It was very well structured, clear, analytically precise and informative especially due to her deep familiarity with the subject matter and an efficient use of visual materials. The lecture was highly professional in its delivery and convincing in its rhetorical style. The lecture clearly documented her superb lecturing ability and control of the lecturing situation.

Content-wise, after describing what urban theorist meant by the socialist city, she went on to describe the (often implicit) comparisons and binaries that relate to the post-socialist city. She highlighted recent debates about the (mis-)uses of the term and proposed that it be dropped from theoretical debates in favor of a more nuanced approach focusing on a relational history of concepts, ideas, and material objects. She illustrated her concluding claim using an example from her recent research on the so-called Finnish houses and their history in Czechoslovakia. (The committee were somewhat divided when assessing her presentation of this example as it seemed that – unlike other parts of her talk – it was more difficult to understand for a non-sociologist.)

The lecture resulted in a profound and yet lively debates both conceptual and methodological, in which she responded accurately and succinctly even to complex question related to the theory of historical change and methods of studying it.



Conclusion

The lecture delivered by Slavomíra Ferenčuhová, entitled “Novel approaches to theorizing the post-socialist city” and delivered as part of the habilitation procedure, *demonstrated* sufficient scholarly qualifications and pedagogical capabilities expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of Sociology.

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