

EVALUATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO PROFESSOR

Masaryk University	
Faculty	Faculty of Social Studies
Procedure field	Political Science
Applicant	Doc. Mgr. et Mgr. Vlastimil Havlík, Ph. D.
Applicant's home unit, institution	Department of Political Science, International Institute of Political Science

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Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

Doc. Mgr. et Mgr. Vlastimil Havlík, Ph.D. is one of the leading representatives of Czech political scientists and is respected in the international academic community. He is known for his research as well as for his teaching and other academic activities.

Vlastimil Havlík's main research interest focuses on political parties, populism, and Euroscepticism, with particular emphasis on the Czech Republic and Central Europe. Specifically, doc. Havlík is the author and co-author of 21 articles in the journals listed in the Web of Science database and 5 articles in the journals listed in the Scopus database, including those that rank among the most important outlets for these research areas (e.g., *Party Politics*, *Problems of Post-Communism* and *Journal of Common Market Studies*). He is also the author or co-author of 14 books and 24 book chapters, some of which have been published by prestigious international publishers such as Routledge, Nomos, Brill and ECPR Press. During his career, Vlastimil Havlík was principal and co-principal investigator of 5 projects and a team member in 6 projects.

The impact of Havlík's work in the academic community is evidenced by the exceptionally large number of citations, including nearly 400 in journals in the Web of Science database. Again,

these are often prestigious journals related to his research topics (in addition to those already mentioned, e.g., the journals *East European Politics, Government and Opposition, West European Politics, Post-Soviet Affairs* etc.). Havlík's involvement in the international community is evidenced, for example, by his collaboration with the University of Mannheim on the "Political Campaigning" project or Brigham Young University on a project on populism, his review of articles for a number of journals, or serving as expert for V-DEM, Freedom House, Bertelsmann Foundation, which are respected institutions devoted (mainly) to the state of democracy in the world. Havlík has also presented and chaired panels at (for example) the Annual Meeting of the Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, and ECPR General Conferences.

For most of his academic career, Havlík has been associated with the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University, however, he has international experience, having spent a year at Northwestern University in the United States with the support of Fulbright-Masaryk Visiting Scholar. This is a prestigious scholarship for outstanding experts who are also active in the academic community. Havlík has also completed a number of one or two-week research and teaching internships, including at the University of Amsterdam and the University of Waseda (Japan).

It is worth emphasizing that Havlík has been the Editor-in Chief of the *Czech Journal of Political Science* for many years, which is one of the best academic journals in the Czech Republic (indexed in WoS and Scopus). He was also the chairman of the Czech Political Science Association, a member of the evaluation panel of the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic or a FSS MU representative in the Council for Higher Education. These numerous positions illustrate the broader scope of his academic activities. Similarly, it is worth pointing out the continuous nature of Havlík's scientific career. Already during his Ph.D. studies in 2007, he received the Rector's Award for the best students of doctoral programmes.

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

Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience

Havlík's teaching activities largely overlap with his research activities. He has taught or is still teaching courses (e.g.) focused on Czech politics and the Czech political system, populism and populist communication. He has also taught courses focused on academic writing or politics and movies. In total, his nearly 20-year academic career has included 34 BA and MA courses. In student surveys, he has been regularly ranked positively as a good teacher. He has supervised nearly 90 bachelor's and master's theses in his career and is a member of state examination boards for bachelor's, master's and doctoral studies. He has supervised two doctoral theses through to successful completion and is currently supervising two more. Another contribution to the development of the study is undoubtedly that Associate Professor Havlík is the guarantor of the new study programme Politics, media and communication taught in English at FSS MU.

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

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

The members of the commission have unanimously agreed that doc. Mgr. et Mgr. Vlastimil Havlík, Ph.D. is a experienced and reputable researcher in the field of political science mainly in the field of the study of political parties, populism and Euroscepticism, where he has gained

the reputation of a prominent expert. Havlík's concept of technocratic populism (presented in the journal *Problems of Post-Communism*, where is among the most cited) is worthy of special mention for its innovative contribution as well as the contribution to research on anti-partisan attitudes.

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/her 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 political science.

terminate the procedure.

Date: 30th October 2024

Prof. PhDr. Lubomír Kopeček, Ph.D.



