

## HABILITATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

<b>Masaryk University</b>	
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Social Studies
<b>Procedure field</b>	Political Science
<b>Applicant</b>	Miriam Matejova
<b>Applicant's home unit, institution</b>	Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University
<b>Habilitation thesis</b>	Environmental disasters and political activism

### Board members

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### Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

The habilitation board highly evaluates Miriam Matejova's scholarly qualifications. She is a leading expert in the topical research field on policies related to disasters and interconnected environmental threats within the context of contemporary security studies. She is also focused on intelligence studies and other challenging subdisciplines of political science and international relations. Her research interest has recently been connected to the 'resilience against hybrid threats' project.

She was educated at prestigious Canadian universities and holds a Ph.D. in political science from University of British Columbia, Vancouver (2019). She has both academic and practitioner experience because she worked between 2006-2018 as a teaching assistant, researcher, and lecturer at several Canadian educational institutions, including the position of lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, in 2018 and between 2018-2020 as an advisor for the Economic Analysis Directorate, Canada's Ministry of the Environment. Since 2021, Miriam Matejova has been an assistant professor at the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University.

She was awarded many times during her career with the GAMU MUNI Scientist Award for excellence in research results by Masaryk University, with the E. Tower Endowment for Canadian Studies for increasing the visibility of Canadian studies in Alaska, by the University of Alaska-Anchorage and with the Regulatory Excellence Award for "advancement in instrument design" by the Canada's Ministry of the Environment.



Miriam Matejová publishes her research outputs in excellent publications, including AIS Q1 or Q1 in Scopus. She recently has 14 records in the Web of Science. She co-authored (with Chad M. Briggs) the book “Disaster Security Using Intelligence and Military Planning for Energy and Environmental Risks (Cambridge University Press, 2019) and co-edited (with Anastasia Shesterinina) the book „Uncertainty in Global Politics“ (Routledge 2023). She has written and co-written numerous other publications. Various authors frequently quote them. Miriam Matejová’s H Index in the WoS is recently 4.

She has also been active as a consultant, among others, for the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Canada or for the Arctic University of Norway, Contemporary Risk, and Crisis Management reference group (since 2022). She demonstrates her skills in applied science to socially relevant issues.

**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**

Miriam Matejová has over 15 years of pedagogical experience at Canadian and Czech universities. She was able to prepare courses on various topics. Recently, she has been one of the crucial lecturers of the study program Security and Strategic Studies at the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University. For example, she teaches such courses as the Environmental Threats and Security, Qualitative Research Methods, and Methodology of Conflict Studies. Students highly positively evaluate her courses. She supervised 12 bachelor's and 12 master's theses.

She is also active in the field of popularisation of science and intermediation of scientific knowledge, as lectures for the Asian Institute of Management, Manilla, the Philippines (on climate change and the war in Ukraine) in 2023, for the Canadian School of Public Service (CSPS) in the course for Canadian federal public service executives “Geopolitics and National Security” in panel on “Arctic and Climate Change” or for the Geneva Centre for Security Policy Climate (GCSP) in the “Security Futures” course for public service executives and practitioners (on climate security).

**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**

The habilitation board agrees with all three reviewers’ reports, written by doc. Mgr. Michal Kolmaš, Ph.D. from the Metropolitan University Prague, Prof. Phil Orchard from the University of Wollongong, and Dr. Deborah Barros Leal Farias from the University of New South Wales Sydney. They evaluate Matejová’s thesis highly positively. It significantly enriches the knowledge of environmental politics in security studies, and the author demonstrates excellent empirical, theoretical, and methodological quality of her academic work. The original approach

and conceptualization of environmental disasters and political activism contribute to the development of the discipline in a global scope.

**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	0
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: 1 November 2024

prof. JUDr. PhDr. Miroslav Mareš, Ph.D.

