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Date of birth: 6<sup>th</sup> September 1980  
 Citizenship: Czech Republic

### MAIN AREAS OF INTERESTS

constitutional nature of the EU and its future, division of competences between the EU and Member States, implementation of EU law, EU institutional questions, Czech constitutional law (namely parliamentary issues)

### WORKING EXPERIENCE

- 2009-onwards Palacky University in Olomouc, Law Faculty (Department of Political Science)  
 Head of the Department of Political Science
- 2004-onwards Palacky University in Olomouc, Law Faculty (Department of Political Science)  
 lecturer; participating in courses: *Methodology of Science* (in Czech), *History of European Integration* (in Czech), *EU Institutions* (in Czech), *Academic Writing* (in Czech), *Membership of the Czech Republic in the EU* (in Czech), *External Relations Law of the EU* (in Czech), *Foreign and Security Policy of the EU* (in English)
- 2010-onwards Palacky University in Olomouc, Faculty of Science  
 external lecturer; participating in courses: *EU for the Faculty of Science Students*
- 2005-2006 Palacky University in Olomouc, Philosophical Faculty (Department of Political Science and European Studies)  
 external lecturer, courses taught: *Introduction to European Law* (in Czech), *European Economic Integration* (in English)

### EDUCATION/(LONGER) RESEARCH STAYS ABROAD

- 2015 Humboldt Universität, Berlin (Germany)  
 Research Fellow, grakow- Verfassung jenseits des Staates
- 2013-2014 University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan (USA)  
 Hugo Grotius Visiting Research Scholar
- 2012 Palacky University in Olomouc, Law Faculty  
 Ph.D. in Law; thesis title: *Repatriation of Competences from the European Union to the Member States*
- 2012 European University Institute in Florence (Italy)  
 Academy of European Law Summer School, final exam not taken
- 2010 Palacky Palacky University in Olomouc, Philosophical Faculty  
 enrollment to Ph.D. in Political Science; preliminary thesis title: *The Role of the House of Deputies in Implementation of EU Law*
- 2009 Palacky University in Olomouc, Philosophical Faculty

- PhDr. in European studies; thesis title: *Theory and Practice of Negotiations in the Council of the European Union*
- 2008 Central European University in Budapest (Hungary)  
Diploma in Advanced European Union Legal Practice (Total Law); summa cum laude
- 2005 Palacky University in Olomouc, Law Faculty  
M.A. in law; summa cum laude
- 2004 Palacky University in Olomouc, Philosophical Faculty  
M.A. in European studies and political science; summa cum laude
- 2001 College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina (USA)  
one semester stay; Highly Distinguished Student Award

## GRANTS<sup>1</sup>

### Fulbright Commission

2013-2014: Research stay at the University of Michigan Law School (€ 22 000)

Sole recipient

### Czech Grant Agency

2013-2016: research oriented on “Influence of EU Law on National Legal Orders: Comparison of situation in the Czech and Slovak Republics” (€ 19000)

Sole recipient

### Czech Ministry of Education, European Commission (structural funds)

2012-2015: Post-doc position, research oriented on “Implementation of EU Law in the Czech and Slovak Republics” (€ 76000)

Sole recipient

### European Commission (EACEA)

2012-2013: Jean Monnet Learning at School, project “Decide on Europe” (€ 35000)

Head of the project team

### European Commission (EACEA)

2010-2013: Jean Monnet Module “European Union Meets Faculty of Science” (€ 17800)

Sole recipient

### European Commission (EACEA)

2010-2013: Jean Monnet Module “External Relations Law of the EU” (€ 21800)

One of the two recipients

### Theseus Foundation

2009: Reimbursement of tuition for participation at Theseus Seminar for Young Leaders in Berlin

2009 (€ 1000)

Sole recipient

### Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

2009: Establishment of Internet database covering academic sources related to EU institutions (€ 5200)

Head of the project team

### Jan Hus Foundation

2008: Personal grant awarded to talented academics (€ 2500)

### Iuridicum Foundation

2008: Reimbursement of expenses for Total Law Course tuition and travel expenses (€ 2000)

### Czech Ministry of Education

2006-2011: Long-term research grant “Czech National Interests in the European Union” (€ 360000)

Member of the research team

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<sup>1</sup> All amounts listed in euros no matter what the currency of the grant was. Only grants awarded outside Palacky University are listed.

Czech Ministry of Education

2005-2010: Long-term research grant “Reform of Public Administration in the Czech Republic”  
(€ 440000)

Member of the research team

## CONFERENCES

Active participation at numerous conferences or visiting lectures both in the Czech Republic and abroad (Germany, Poland, United Kingdom, France, Turkey, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ireland, Iceland, Mexico, Italy, Hungary, Austria, Ukraine, United States)<sup>2</sup>

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2012- 2014 Member of the Scientific Board of Law Faculty (Palacky University)

2010- 2014 Member of the Academic Senate of Law Faculty (Palacky University)

2010- onwards Member of the Ethical Commission of Palacky University

2007- onwards Reviewer for the following academic journals: Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Journal of Common Market Studies, Perspectives, Mezinárodní vztahy, Politologický časopis, Acta Iuridica Olomucensis

2005- onwards Popular lectures mainly on EU related topics to students of basic and high schools, local administration employees or general public

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research): coordinator for the Palacky University

UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies)

Česká společnost pro politické vědy (Czech Association for Political Sciences): former member of the Executive Board

Česká společnost pro evropské a srovnávací právo (Czech Association for European and Comparative Law): member of the Executive Board

## NON-PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2011- onwards Local councillor, Olomouc/Hejčín

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Czech	native speaker
English	fluent in both oral and written form
German	good reading skills
Slovak, Polish	fluent in reading skills
French, Spanish, Russian	incessant beginner

## REFERENCES

Prof. Michal Bobek  
College of Europe, Bruges  
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Prof. Daniel Halberstam  
University of Michigan Law School  
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<sup>2</sup> Detailed list available upon request.

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Assessed as the person with the highest number of RIV (Czech science database) points from publications at the Law Faculty of Palacky University in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012 (second place in 2009, 2011).

Total number of known citations (without autocitations): 224 (September 2014)

### A) Books

- Přenos pravomocí členských států na Evropskou unii: cesta bez zpátečního lístku?* Praha: Leges, 2013. 224 pages (Transfer of Member States' Competences to the European Union: Journey with No Return Ticket?)
- Národní zájmy Spojeného království, Irska a Dánska v procesu evropské integrace.* Olomouc: VUP, 2011. 224 pages (National Interests of the United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark in the Integration Process), written together with Lucie Tunkrová (my share 65 %)
- Příručka pro psaní písemných prací.* Prague: Linde, 2009. 180 pages (Handbook of Academic Writing)
- Teorie a praxe vyjednávání v Radě Evropské unie.* Brno: IIPS, 2008. 210 pages. (Theory and Practice of Negotiations in the Council of the EU)
- Institucionální rámec Evropské unie: právně-politologický pohled.* Prague: Linde, 2007. 245 pages. (Institutional Structure of the European Union: Legal and Political Science Approach)
- Experience of International Organizations in Promoting Energy Efficiency- Kazakhstan.* New York: United Nations, 2005. 85 pages, written together with Gaudenz Assenza (my share 50 %)

### B) Articles in impact journals

- Restoring tasks from the European Union to Member States: A bumpy road to an unclear destination? *Common Market Law Review*, 2015, vol. 52, no. 1, p. 28-56.
- A Legal revolution or negligible episode? Court of Justice decision proclaimed ultra vires (Czech Constitutional Court, judgment of 31 January 2012, Pl. ÚS 5/12). *Common Market Law Review*, 2012, vol. 49, no. 4, p. 1475-1492.

### C) Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- Koncept národní identity jako nový prvek ve vztahu vnitrostátního a unijního práva: Poznatky z teorie a praxe. *Právník*, 2014, vol. 153, no. 2, p. 112-133. (The Concept of National Identity as a New Component in the Relationship between National and Union Law: Findings from Theory and Practice)
- Analýza návrhu nařízení zakládajícího Úřad evropského veřejného žalobce a perspektivy jeho přijetí: zlom v europeizaci trestního práva? *Státní zastupitelství*, 2013, vol. 11, no. 6, p. 30-38. (The Analysis of the Proposal for European Public Prosecutor's Office and Perspectives of its Adoption: A Turn in the Europeanisation of Criminal Law?)
- Ustanovení o vystoupení z EU v Lisabonské smlouvě: Nedokonalá úprava pro vyhrocenou situaci. *Jurisprudence*, 2012, vol. 21, no. 6, p. 15-23. (Provision on Withdrawal from the EU in the Lisbon Treaty: Flawed solution for Complicated Situation)
- The Rules and Practice of the Investiture Vote in the Czech Republic. *International and Comparative Law Review*, 2011, vol. 11, no. 2, p. 57-74.
- Analýza míry vlivu EU na vnitrostátní legislativu: Srovnání situace v ČR s jinými členskými státy. *Právník*, 2011, vol. 150, no. 11, p. 1049-1076. (Analysis of the EU Influence on National Legislation: Comparison of Czech situation with other Member States)
- Obsah pojmu „pravomoc“ v článku 10a Ústavy ČR. *Jurisprudence*, 2011, vol. 20, no. 2, p. 3-12. (Definition of the Term “Competence” in Article 10a of Czech Constitution)
- Jednání o přistoupení Evropské unie k Úmluvě o ochraně lidských práv a základních svobod: právní kvadratura kruhu? *Právní rozhledy*, 2010, vol. 18, no. 24, p. 876-882. (Negotiations on EU Accession to the European Convention of Human Rights: Legal Squaring of Circle?)
- Panbůh s eurem a zlé (Řecko) pryč: právní souvislosti opuštění eurozóny. *Právní rozhledy*, 2010, vol. 18, no. 16, p. 580-585. (God with Euro and Deliver Us from Evil (Greece): Legal Implications of Eurozone Exit)
- Kvantitativní analýza působení vyšetřovacích komisí Poslanecké sněmovny v letech 1996-2006. *Politologický časopis*, 2010, vol. 17, no. 1, p. 82-102. (Quantitative Analysis of Functioning of Commissions of Inquiry in Czech Chamber of Deputies between 1996-2006)

- Agencies of the EU: The Emerging Network of Supranational Administrative Bodies. *Contemporary Administrative Law Studies*, 2009, vol. 4, no. 1, p. 171-192.
- Vystoupení z Evropské unie ve světle evropského a mezinárodního práva. *Právník*, 2008, vol. 147, no. 7, p. 752-773. (Withdrawal from the European Union in Light of the European and International Law)
- Zdroje moci členských států v Radě Evropské unie: Současný stav výzkumu. *Mezinárodní vztahy*, 2008, vol. 43, no. 4, p. 32-51. (Sources of Member States Power in the Council of the European Union: Contemporary State of Research)
- Může ano znamenat zároveň ne? Institut prohlášení v Radě Evropské unie a jeho prakticko-právní dopady. *Jurisprudence*, vol. 17, no. 7, p. 3-10. (May Aye Be also Nay? The Institute of Statements in the Council of the European Union and its Practical and Legal Consequences), written together with Petra Mešťánková
- Expressing Disagreement in the Council of the European Union. *Contemporary European Studies*, 2008, vol. 3, no. 1, p. 40-62.
- Devolution as an Impetus for Reform? The Case of Scottish Ombudsman. *Contemporary Administrative Law Studies*, 2007, vol. 2, no. 1, p. 1-38.
- Ústavní smlouva a přístup jednotlivce ke spravedlnosti: vybrané problémy. *Evropské a mezinárodní právo- Jurisprudence*, 2006, vol. 15, no. 1, p. 31-34. (The Constitutional Treaty and Access of Individual to Justice: Selected Issues)
- Review Essay: How do Small States Affect the Future Development of the EU. *Contemporary European Studies*, 2006, vol. 1, no. 1, p. 85-91.
- Evropský demos: utopie, skutečnost, či entita ve vývoji? *Právník*, 2006, vol. 145, no. 4, p. 471-480. (European Demos: Utopia, Reality or Entity in the Making?)
- Světový boj proti terorismu a základní práva chráněná komunitárním právem: rozpor či soulad? *Evropské a mezinárodní právo- Jurisprudence*, 2005, vol. 14, no. 8, p. 40-45. (International Fight on Terrorism and Fundamental Rights Protected by the Communitarian Law: Harmony or Discord?)
- D) Chapters in books
- Nezávislé rozpočtové instituce: skuteční garanti fiskální odpovědnosti? IN: ŠIMÍČEK, Vojtěch (ed). *Finanční ústava*. Brno: Masarykova univerzita, 2013, s. 149-170. (Independent Budget Institutions: Real Protectors of Fiscal Austerity?)
- Politika spravedlnosti a vnitřních věcí. IN: FIALA, Vlastimil, ŠARADÍN, Pavel (eds). *Národní zájmy České republiky v Evropské unii*. Olomouc: Periplum, 2012. (Justice and Internal Affairs Policy)
- Rozdělení kompetencí mezi Evropskou unií a členskými státy. IN: KLÍMA, Karel (ed). *Evropské právo*. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2011, p. 225-241. (Division of Competences between European Union and the Member States)
- Institucionální struktura Evropské unie. IN: KLÍMA, Karel (ed). *Evropské právo*. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2011, p. 278-342. (Institutional Structure of the European Union)
- Exit from eurozone under the regime of the Lisbon Treaty: reality or wishful thinking? IN: JIRÁSEK, Jiří a kol. (eds), *Ústavněprávní aspekty členství Polské republiky a české republiky v Evropské unii šest let po přistoupení obou států*. Bydgoszcz: KPSW, 2010, p. 141-150
- Čl. 10a Ústavy. IN: Karel Klíma (ed), *Komentář k Ústavě a Listině*. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2009, p. 120-132. (Commentary to Art. 10a of Czech Constitution)
- Charakter Lisabonské smlouvy. IN: Karel Klíma (ed), *Praktikum českého ústavního práva*. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2009, p. 90-108 (Characteristics of the Lisbon Treaty), written together with Ondřej Hamulák (my share 50 %)
- Právní řád ES/EU a jeho vztah k ústavnímu právu ČR. IN: Karel Klíma (ed), *Praktikum českého ústavního práva*. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2009, p. 31-56 (Legal Order of EC/EU and its Relationship with the Constitutional Law of the Czech Republic), written together with Ondřej Hamulák (my share 65 %)
- Vystoupení z Unie jako nástroj k ochraně národních zájmů. IN: Lucie Tunkrová, Vlastimil Fiala, Robert Zbírál. *Vybrané otázky rozhodování a vyjednávání v Radě EU*. Olomouc: Iuridicum Olomoucense, 2009, p. 107-130. (Withdrawal from the EU as a Tool of National Interests Defence)

- Několik poznámek k statutu a dopadům lucemburského kompromisu na rozhodování v Radě.  
IN: Lucie Tunkrová, Vlastimil Fiala, Robert Zbírál. *Vybrané otázky rozhodování a vyjednávání v Radě EU*. Olomouc: Iuridicum Olomoucense, 2009, p. 27-38. (Legal Status and Impact of Luxemburg Compromise on the Decision-making in the Council).
- Jednostranné vystoupení z EU v Lisabonské smlouvě jako poslední pojistka suverenity národních států? IN: Aleš Gerloch and Jan Wintr (eds), *Lisabonská smlouva a ústavní pořádek ČR*. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2009, p. 147-154. (Unilateral Withdrawal from the EU in the Lisbon Treaty as a Last Point of Defence of National Sovereignty?)
- Metodologie výběru kontroverzních právních aktů v jednotlivých politikách Společenství/Unie.  
IN: *Sborník z konference Olomoucké právnícké dny*. Olomouc: Vydavatelství Univerzity Palackého, 2008, p. 233-244. (Methodology of Selection of Controversial Legal Acts in EU/EC Policies)
- Searching for an optimal withdrawal clause for the European Union. IN: Matthias Niedobitek a Jiří Zemánek (eds), *The Constitutional Treaty – A Critical Appraisal*. Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 2007, p. 290-328.
- Právní otázky spojené s působením hlav států a vlád v rámci Evropské unie. *Sborník příspěvků z mezinárodní konference Dny veřejného práva*. Brno: Masarykova Univerzita, 2007, p. 1253-64. (Legal Questions Related to the Operations of Heads of State and Government in the European Union)
- Lucemburský kompromis včera a dnes. *Sborník z mezinárodní konference Monsebo dny*. Olomouc: Univerzita Palackého, 2007, p. 885-901. (Past and Present of the Luxemburg Compromise)
- E) Articles in non peer-reviewed academic journals
- Má Evropská unie materiální ústavu? *Acta Iuridica Olomucensis*, 2008, vol. 3, no. 4, p. 171-178.
- Perspektivy evropské daně. *Mezinárodní politika*, 2006, vol. 30, no. 7, p. 24-27. (The Perspectives of EU Tax), written together with Gaudenz Assenza (my share 85 %)
- Bůh, křesťanství a Evropská ústava. *Acta Iuridica Olomucensis*, 2005, vol. 1, no. 1, p. 3-7. (God, Christianity and European Constitution)
- The 'Third Way' in Environmental Policy? Market Solutions to Environmental Problem. *Acta Universitatis Palackianae Olomucensis Politologica*, 2004, vol. 3, p. 241-252.
- F) Reviews
- The Role of Constitutional Courts in Multilevel Governance (Editors: Patricia Popelier et al). *Common Market Law Review*, 2014, roč. 51, č. 2, s. 699-700.
- The EU's Lisbon Treaty: Institutional Choices and Implementation (Editor: Finn Laursen). *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 2013, roč. 51, č. 2, s. 375-376.
- Essential Questions in EU Law (Author: August Reinisch). *Law and Politics Book Review*, 2010, vol. 20, no. 8, p. 333-335.
- Právo pro politology (Author: Jaroslav Grinc). *Středoevropské politické studie*, 2010, vol. 12, no. 4. (Law for Political Scientists)
- The Constitution for Europe (Author: Jean Claude Piris). *Právník*, 2007, vol. 145, no. 2, p. 228-30. (in Czech)
- The Idea of European Superstate: Public Justification and European Integration (Author: Glyn Morgan). *Mezinárodní vztahy*, 2006, vol. 41, no. 3, p. 108-112. (in Czech)
- G) Articles in nationwide newspapers
- Brusel nám opravdu všechny zákony nediktuje. *MF Dnes*, 14. května 2014, s. A7. (Brussels Really Does not Decide on All Czech Laws)
- Pokřivené rysy Lisabonské smlouvy. *A2*, 2008, no. 49, p. 21-22. (Distorted Features of the Lisbon Treaty)
- Co s děkanem, kterého nikde nechtějí? *Hospodářské noviny*, 12. října 2007, p. 10. (What Could be Done with Unwanted Dean?)
- Zabijme posvátnou krávu předsednictví v EU. *Mladá fronta DNES*, 16. listopadu 2006, p. A7. (Let's Kill the Sacred Cow of EU Presidency)