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Education: Ph.D. in Political Science, New School for Social Research, New York, 2008
M.A. in Philosophy, Boston College, 2000
B.A. and B.A., University of Washington, Seattle, 1998

Personal: U.S. citizen; married with three children; born in 1975

Languages: English, Czech, Slovak (passive)

Academic Positions:

2014- Researcher, Economics Institute, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
2006- Researcher, Institute for Social and Economic Analyses, Prague
2003- Lecturer, University of Washington, Seattle (part-time)
2006-2014 Researcher, Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (until March 2014)
2002-2003 Lecturer, Sarah Lawrence College
2002-2003 Teaching Assistant, New York University, New York

Personal awards and fellowships:

2008 Hannah Arendt Award for Best Dissertation in Political Science at the New School.
2004-2005 NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship
2002-2003 IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Fellowship
2002-2003 Sawyer Dissertation Fellowship, Mellon Foundation and the New School
2002 Short-Term Grant (study in residence), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, East European Studies, Washington D.C.
1998-2002 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, U.S. Dept. of Education

Journal work:

Social Forces (editorial board); Czech Sociological Review (editor of special issue in 2012); reviewer for Comparative Education Review, European Journal of Political Research, Environmental Politics, Czech Sociological Review and others.

Other work:

Led creation of www.politickefinance.cz, the online database of Czech political party financing; Served as a Czech delegate to the International Social Survey Program; Member of Steering Committee of ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) Standing Group on Democratic Innovations (from 2010); freelance translator and editor.

Publications

Articles in academic journals with an impact factor:

Mateju, Petr and Michael L. Smith. 2014. "Are Boys That Bad? Gender gaps in skills, grades and aspirations in Czech elementary schools." *British Journal of the Sociology of Education*, accepted for publication.

Gregor, Martin and Michael L. Smith. 2013. "Civic Initiatives under Implementation and Legal Uncertainty." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 25 (1): 36-62.

Smith, Michael L. and Petr Mateju. 2012. "Two Decades of Value Change: The Crystallization of Meritocratic and Egalitarian Beliefs in the Czech Republic." *Social Justice Research* 25 (4): 421-439.

Matějů, Petr a Michael L. Smith. 2012. "Kontinuita a změna přesvědčení o distributivní spravedlnosti v České republice v letech 1991 a 2009 [Continuity and Change in Beliefs about Distributive Justice in the Czech Republic, 1991-2009]." *Sociologický časopis / Czech Sociological Review* 48 (1): 65-84.

Smith, Michael L. 2011. "Politika odvolání jako inovativní nástroj prosazování transparentnosti a občanské účasti ve slovenské a polské místní samosprávě." [The Politics of Recall: An Innovative Tool for Promoting Transparency and Political Participation in Slovak and Polish Local Government] *Sociologia / Slovak Sociological Review* 43 (4): 338-361.

Smith, Michael L. and Petr Matějů. 2011. "Restratifikace české politiky. Vývoj třídně podmíněného volebního chování v České republice v letech 1992–2010." [The Re-Stratification of Czech Politics: Class-Based Electoral Behavior in the Czech Republic, 1992-2010] *Sociologický časopis / Czech Sociological Review* 47 (1): 33–59.

Smith, Michael L. 2010. "Perceived Corruption, Distributive Justice, and the Legitimacy of the System of Social Stratification in the Czech Republic." *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 43 (4): 439-451.

Smith, Michael L. 2009. "The Inequality of Participation: Re-examining the Role of Social Stratification and Post-Communism on Political Participation in Europe." *Czech Sociological Review* 45(3): 487-517.

Matějů, Petr and Michael L. Smith. 2009. "The Perceived Value of Education and Educational Aspirations in the Czech Republic: Changes in the Determination of Educational Aspirations between 1989 and 2003." *Comparative Education Review* 53(1): 13-39.

Veselý, Arnošt and Michael L. Smith. 2008. "Macro-Micro Linkages and the Role of Mechanisms in Social Stratification Research." *Czech Sociological Review* 44 (3): 491-510.

Matějů, Petr, Michael L. Smith and Josef Basl. 2008. "Rozdílné mechanismy - stejné nerovnosti. Změny v determinaci vzdělanostních aspirací mezi roky 1989 a 2003." [Different Mechanisms, Same Inequalities – Changes in the Determination of Educational Aspirations, 1989-2003] *Czech Sociological Review* 44(2): 371-399.

Matějů, Petr, Petr Soukup, Michael L. Smith and Josef Basl. 2007. "The Determination of College Expectations in OECD Countries: The Role of Individual and Structural Factors." *Czech Sociological Review* 43(7): 1121-1148.

Smith, Michael L. 2006. "Unequal Chances in Education: Educational Inequalities in the Czech Republic" *Czech Sociological Review* 42(3): 591-598.

Books

Smith, Michael L. and Vojtech Prokes (eds.). 2013. *Regulace lobbying v České republice. Od myšlenky ke konceptu a implementaci* [Regulation of Lobbying in the Czech Republic: From Idea to Concept and Implementation]. Prague: Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

Smith, Michael L. 2009. (in Czech) *Občané v politice: Studie k participativní a přímé demokracii ve střední Evropě* [Citizens in Politics: Studies on participatory and direct democracy in Central Europe]. Prague: Institute for Social and Economic Analysis (ISEA).

Smith, Michael L. 2008. (in Czech) *Vnímání a realita korupce v České republice. Nové výzkumy, metody a postupy* [The Perception and Reality of Corruption in the Czech Republic: New Research, Methods and Approaches]. Prague: Institute for Social and Economic Analysis (ISEA).

Smith, Michael L. 2007. (in Czech) *Přímá demokracie v praxi: politika místních referend v České republice* [Direct Democracy in Practice: Local Referendum Politics in the Czech Republic]. Prague: Institute for Social and Economic Analysis (ISEA) and the Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

Chapters in monographs:

Smith, Michael L. forthcoming. "The Local Recall Revisited: An Old Tool for Inclusive and Effective Participation in New Democracies." Brigitte Geissel and Marko Joas (eds.), *Evaluating Democratic Innovations in Europe*.

Smith, Michael L. 2011. "The Uneasy Balance Between Participation and Representation: Local Direct Democracy in the Czech Republic." Pp. 33-53 in Theo Schiller (ed.), *Local Direct Democracy in Europe*. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

Smith, Michael L. 2010. "Trendy a příčiny korupce v České republice: Krátká inventura empirických důkazů." [Trends and Causes of Corruption in the Czech Republic: A Short Inventory of Empirical Evidence] Pp. 114-130 in Hana Maříková, Tomáš. Kostelecký, Tomáš Lebeda, and Marketa Škodová (eds.), *Jaká je naše společnost? Otázky, které si často klademe...* Prague: SLON.

Matějů, Petr, Michael L. Smith, Petr Soukup, and Josef Basl. 2010. "Šance na dosažení vysokoškolského vzdělání očima patnáctiletých žáků. Česká republika v mezinárodním srovnání." [Chances at Achieving Tertiary Education in the Eyes of 15-year old Pupils: Czech Republic in International Comparison]. Pp. 250-273 in Petr Matějů, Jana Straková, and Arnošt Veselý (eds.), *Nerovnosti ve vzdělávání. Od měření k řešení*. Prague: SLON.

Matějů, Petr, Michael L. Smith, Josef Basl. 2010. "Rozdílné mechanismy - stejné nerovnosti. Změny v determinaci vzdělanostních aspirací mezi roky 1989 a 2003." [Different Mechanisms, Same Inequalities – Changes in the Determination of Educational Aspirations, 1989-2003] Pp. 227-249 in Petr Matějů, Jana Straková, and Arnošt Veselý (eds.), *Nerovnosti ve vzdělávání. Od měření k řešení*. Prague: SLON.

Smith, Michael L. 2007. "Making Direct Democracy Work: Czech Local Referendums in Regional Comparison" in Pacal Delwit, Jean-Benoit Pilet, Herwig Reynaert, and Kristof Steyvers (eds.), *Towards DIY-Politics? Participatory and Direct Democracy at the Local Level in Europe*. Bruges: Vanden Broele.

Other writings for lay audiences:

Smith, Michael L. 2013. "The First 100 Days: The Controversial Presidency of Miloš Zeman." *Euro-Atlantic Quarterly*, Slovak Atlantic Commission, 2/2013.

Smith, Michael L. "Universities: Scandal in Bohemia" (analysis of Czech higher education reform), *Transitions Online*, January 4, 2010.

Smith, Michael L. "Who Bribes in the Czech Republic?" (article on the socio-economic determinants of bribery), *Czech Business Weekly*, April 28, 2008.

Smith, Michael L. "Is Corruption a Strategy for Life Success in the Czech Republic?" (analysis of role of corruption in the perceptions of life success), *Socioweb* 7-8, 2008.

Smith, Michael L. (with Donath-Burson-Marsteller, Factum Invenio, and The Fleet Sheet). 2007. *Corruption in the Czech Republic: Politicians and Managers' Perceptions*. Prague: Donath-Burson-Marsteller.

Smith, M. L. 2007. „RC28 Spring Meeting in Brno, May 24-27, 2007“. *Sociologický časopis/Czech Sociological Review* 43 (6), 1222-1226.

Smith, M. L. 2007. *Is Direct Democracy Good for the Environment? A Re-examination of the Link from the Perspective of Central and Eastern Europe*. CSLP Working Paper 55. USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law & Politics, 44 pages.

Smith, Michael L. "Greens Take Root" (on the rising popularity of the Czech Green Party), *Transitions Online*, May 22, 2006.

Smith, Michael L. "To Each According to His Birth" (on inequalities in Czech education), *Transitions Online*, April 28, 2006.

Smith, M. L. 2006. „The Changing Face of Czech Environmentalism“. *Transitions Online*, 16. 3. 2005.

Smith, Michael L. 2004. "Factors of Change: Access to Information in Matters of Environmental Justice," Environmental Justice Local Government Brief. Local Government Initiative – Open Society Institute, Budapest.

Research Grants

Grants received as a principal investigator:

Principal Investigator of Bilateral Czech-Taiwan Research Project of the Czech Science Foundation (grant number P404/12/J006) and the National Science Council, Taiwan for the project “Educational Stratification in Taiwan and the Czech Republic: Accessibility of and Heterogeneous Returns to Higher Education,” 2012-2014 (principle investigators: Michael Lee Smith and Shu-Ling Tsai; co-investigator: Daniel Munich).

Principal Investigator, Research Grant from the Security Research Program, Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, entitled “Reducing Security Threats from Corruption and Organized Crime in the Czech Republic,” 2010-2013.

Principal Investigator, Standard Research Grant from the Czech Science Foundation on “Environmental Values, Beliefs and Behavior in the Czech Republic in Historical and Cross-National Perspective,” 2010-2012.

Principal Investigator, Standard Research Grant from the Czech Science Foundation on “Local Direct Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe,” 2007-2008.

Principal Investigator, Grant from the Open Society Fund Prague on “The Persistence of Corruption in the Czech Republic,” 2006-2007.

Principal Investigator, VIA Foundation and CEE Trust Grant for Research on the “Politics of Local Referendums in Central and Eastern Europe,” 2005-2006.

Grant projects I have participated in as a co-investigator:

Head of the EI team for the Center of Excellence project “Dynamics of Change in Czech Society,” grant from the Czech Science Foundation, 2014-2018. Principal investigator: Pat Lyons, Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

Czech Expert for the project “Democratic Consciousness in C-E Europe-Identity and Differences between the V4 countries and Ukraine,” International Centre for Democratic Transition, grant from the International Visegrad Fund, 2014.

“From De-stratification to Stratification? The Development of the Social Stratification System in the Czech Republic, 1991 – 2009,” grant from the Czech Science Foundation, 2008-2010. Principal Investigator: Natalie Simonová.

“Legitimacy of the Political System and Inequalities: The Development in the Czech Republic in Comparative Perspective,” grant from the Czech Science Foundation, 2006-2008. Principal Investigator: Lukáš Linek.

“Unequal Access to Education: The Extent, Sources, Social and Economic Consequences, Policy Strategies,” grant from the Czech Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, 2004-2009. Principal Investigator: Petr Matějů.

Select Papers Presented at Scientific Conferences:

Smith, Michael L., Shu-Ling Tsai, Min-Hsiung Huang, Petr Mateju, “Educational Expansion and Inequality in Taiwan and the Czech Republic” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association, University of Virginia, August 2013.

Smith, Michael L. “Local Democratic Mechanisms as Tools of Climate Protection in Central and Eastern Europe.” Paper presented at the international conference “Communication – Education – Participation. Successful Ways to Climate Protection” held at the Independent Institute for Environmental Issues (UfU) in Berlin, Germany, November 29-30, 2012.

Smith, Michael L., Shu-Ling Tsai, Min-Hsiung Huang, Petr Mateju, “Educational Expansion and Inequality in Taiwan and the Czech Republic” Paper presented at the RC28 Meeting of the International Sociological Association, University of Virginia, August 2012.

Smith, Michael L. “Post-Materialism in Post-Communist Societies.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12-14, 2012.

Smith, Michael L. “Wind Power and Biomass Referendums in the Czech Republic and Hungary”, Scientific symposium on the “Environmental Impact of Direct Democracy,” Technical University, Berlin, March 22-23, 2012.

Smith, Michael L. “The Role of Social Class, Trust, and Values in Shaping Rural Political and Civic Participation in Europe, 1990-2008.” XXIX Congress of the European Society for Rural Sociology, Chania, Greece, August 22-25, 2011.

Smith, Michael L. “How Social Stratification and Economic Development Shape Perceived Corruption: A Cross-National, Multi-Level Analysis of 30 Nations.” Conference of the Nordic Sociological Association, Oslo, Norway, August 4-7, 2011.

Smith, Michael L. “Lobbying and its Regulation: The View of Czech Executive Managers and Business Owners.” Workshop on the Regulation of Lobbying, Parliament of the Czech Republic, May 12, 2011.

Smith, Michael L. “Perceived Corruption, Distributive Justice, and the Legitimacy of the System of Social Stratification in the Czech Republic.” Czech-Taiwan Seminar, Czech Science Foundation, September 2010.

Smith, Michael L. “Problems in the Comparability and Harmonization of Measures of Community Size in ISSP Surveys.” Workshop on Harmonisation of Social Survey Data for Cross - National Comparison. Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. Prague, October 19, 2010.

Smith, Michael L. “Social Inequality and the Problem of Environmental Injustice in the Czech Republic.” Seminar presented at the Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of

the Czech Republic. November 25, 2010.

Smith, Michael L. "The Decline of Class Voting? The Changing Role of Objective and Subjective Class in Shaping Voting Preferences in Post-communist Central Europe." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, USA, September 2–5, 2010.

Smith, Michael L. "Greening Economies through Citizen Involvement in Environmental Decision-making: The Case of Environmental Referendums in Central Europe." National Council for Science and the Environment Conference on "The New Green Economy." January 20-22, 2010.

Smith, Michael L. "Democratic Accountability or a Political Circus?: The Politics of the Recall in Poland and Slovakia." 5th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Potsdam, Germany, September, 10.–12, 2009.

Smith, Michael L. "The Inequality of Participation: Re-examining the Role of Social Stratification and Post-Communism on Political Participation in Europe." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, August 7.–11, 2009.

Smith, Michael L. "Trust, Social Justice and Corruption Perceptions in the Czech Republic." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, USA, August, 7–11, 2009.

Matějů, Petr and Michael L. Smith. "The Perceived Value of Education and Educational Aspirations in the Czech Republic: Changes in the Determination of Educational Aspirations between 1989 and 2003." Paper presented at the RC28 Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Florence, May 2008.

Smith, Michael L. "Explaining Voter Turnout in Local Direct Democracy: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe." Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference, Chicago, USA, March 3.–7, 2008.

Smith, Michael L. "What Determines Citizens' Corruption Perceptions? Evidence from 15 Countries in the 2006 ISSP Role of Government Survey" presented at the 4th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Pisa, Italy, September 7-9, 2007.

Matějů, Petr and Michael L. Smith. "The Perceived Value of Education and Educational Aspirations in the Czech Republic: Changes in the Determination of Educational Aspirations between 1989 and 2003" presented at the Spring Meeting of RC28 (Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association), Brno, Czech Republic, May 24-27, 2007.

Smith, Michael L. "Social Status, Inequality, and the Perception of Corruption in the Czech Republic," presented as a seminar of the Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, April 3, 2007.

Smith, Michael L. "Is Direct Democracy Good for the Environment? A Re-examination of the Link from the Perspective of Central and Eastern Europe," presented at the Symposium

“When Voters Make Laws: How Direct Democracy is Reshaping American Cities,”
University of Southern California, April 6-7, 2007.

Organization of Scientific Conferences and Workshops

(major public events I have personally organized or co-organized)

“Seminář o návrhu zákona o lobbingu [Seminar on the Bill on Lobbying]” Chamber of
Deputies of the Czech Parliament, October 29, 2012.

“Zvýšení transparentnosti financování politických stran [Increasing the Transparency of
Political Party Financing]” American Center in Prague, November 22, 2011.

“Expertní stůl o lobbingu [Expert Roundtables in Lobbying]” – a series of four international
workshops at the Czech Parliament and American Center in Prague on reform of lobbying in
the Czech Republic – spring 2011.

International Sociological Association, RC28 Meeting “Social Inequality and Mobility in the
Process of Social Transformation,” Masaryk Univ., Brno, May 2007.