

Michal Kopeček, Ph.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

01-03/2015

Visiting Professor, Central European University, Budapest

Course taught: Intellectual Origins of Post-Socialism in East Central Europe: Dissidents, Experts, and Technocrats 1969–2000.

2010 to present

Assistant Professor of Czech and Central European History, Institute of Czech History, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague

Courses taught: Legacy of Dissidence; Methodological seminar for historians; Rethinking (post-)socialism in east central Europe; Apolitical democracy? Czech and central European intellectual history after 1989; Modern political thought in Bohemia/Czechoslovakia

2006 to present

External lecturer, International Area Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University Prague

Courses taught: Historical reflection of contemporary history; Methodological seminar

09/2005-06/2006

Fulbright Scholar-in-residence, Endicott College, Beverly, MA, USA

Courses taught: Contemporary east central Europe; Honors seminar: Modernity, Irony and National Self: In Quest of Identity in Eastern Europe

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2001 to present

Researcher, from 2003 Head of the Late- and Post-Socialism History Department at the Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

2012-2014

Post-doc Associate Fellow at the international project Physical Violence and State Legitimacy in Late State Socialism, Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam

2008-2013

Associate Research Fellow, Centre for Advanced Study, Sofia, member of the 'Negotiating Modernity: History of Modern Political Thought in East Central Europe' project, supported by European Research Council, <http://negotiating.cas.bg/>

09/2007-08/2010

Member and Prague manager of the international post-graduate research project ‚Sozialistische Diktatur als Sinnwelt. Repräsentationen gesellschaftlicher Ordnung und Herrschaftswandel in Ostmitteleuropa in der zweiten Hälfte des 20. Jahrhunderts‘ organized by the Center for the Contemporary History Research, Potsdam and the Institute of Contemporary History, Prague; supported by the VolkswagenStiftung.

01/2001-12/2003

Member of the international project ‘Regional Identity Discourses in Central and Southeast Europe (1775–1945)’ at the Centre for Advanced Study, Sofia, Bulgaria.

01/98 to 12/2000

Freelance journalist – Public Broadcasting – Czech Radio–1 ‘Radiožurnál’ – Foreign Desk Reporter for Regions of Russia, Central and Eastern Europe.

QUALIFICATIONS

05/2005

Ph.D. degree, Russian and Eastern European Studies, Institute of International Area Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague.

06/1998

Mgr. (MA) Degree, Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague, Seminar of General and Comparative History.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND STIPENDS

09/2012-08/2013

Research Fellowship, Imre Kertész Kolleg, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany

06-07/2011

Visegrad Research Scholarship at the Open Society Archives, Budapest

2009 Otto Wichterle Prize, Academy of Science of the Czech Republic

2008 International Visegrad Fund Award for junior scholars in history and ethnography

09/2005-06/2006

Fulbright Scholar-in-residence Fellowship, Endicott College, Beverly, MA, USA

09/2003 – 06/2004

International Visegrad Fund Fellowship, István Bibó Research Center, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest.

07/2002

CEU Summer School Fellowship, 'Global Mappings: Symbolic Geographies Revisited', CEU Budapest

01/2001 – 06/2001

Robert Bosch Junior Visiting Fellowship, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna

09–10/2000

DAAD Research Fellowship, Humboldt University, Berlin.

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Academic Boards of the Institute of Contemporary History, Prague and of the Collegium Carolinum, Munich

Member of the editorial boards of academic journals *Soudobé dějiny* (Contemporary History; Prague) and *Dějiny, teorie, kritika* (History, Theory, Criticism; Prague)

LIST OF SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Monographs and Edited Volumes:

- *Thinking Through Transition: Liberal Democracy, Authoritarian Pasts, and Intellectual History in East Central Europe After 1989*, Michal Kopeček - Piotr Wciślik (eds.), Budapest – New York: CEU Press, 2015
- *Rozdělení minulosti. Vytváření politických identit v České republice po roce 1989.* (Divided by the Past. Formation of Political Identities in the Czech Republic after 1989.) With: A. Gjuričová, P. Roubal, J. Suk, T. Zahradníček. Praha, Knihovna Václava Havla 2011
- *Hledání ztraceného smyslu revoluce. Zrod a počátky marxistického revizionismu ve střední Evropě 1953-1960.* (Quest for the Revolution's Lost Meaning. Origins of the Marxist Revisionism in Central Europe 1953-1960), Praha, Argo 2009 [English translation is in preparation for the new History of East Central Europe Series at Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden-Boston, MA]
- *Past in the Making. Historical Revisionism in Central Europe after 1989.* Michal Kopeček (ed.), Budapest, New York, CEU Press 2008
- *Kapitoly z dějin české demokracie po roce 1989* (Chapters from the History of Czech Democracy after 1989), Adéla Gjuričová and Michal Kopeček (eds.), Praha-Litomyšl, Paseka, 2008
- *Discourses of Collective Identity in Central and Southeast Europe 1770-1945. Texts and Commentaries.* Vol. II. *National Romanticism – The Formation of National*

Movements. Balázs Trencsényi and Michal Kopeček (eds.), Budapest, CEU Press 2007

- *Discourses of Collective Identity in Central and Southeast Europe 1770-1945. Texts and Commentaries*. Vol. I. *Late Enlightenment – Emergence of the Modern ‘Nation Idea’*. Balázs Trencsényi and Michal Kopeček (eds.), Budapest, CEU Press 2006
- *Bolševismus, komunismus a radikální socialismus v Československu*, vol. I-V (Bolshevism, Communism and Radical Socialism in Czechoslovakia) Zdeněk Kárník – Michal Kopeček (eds.), Praha, ÚSD–Dokořán 2003-2005

Contributions to Books and Journal Articles:

- Introduction: Towards and Intellectual History of Post-socialism. With P. Wciślik, In: *Thinking Through Transition: Liberal Democracy, Authoritarian Pasts, and Intellectual History in East Central Europe After 1989*, M. Kopeček – P. Wciślik (eds.) Budapest – New York: CEU Press, 2015, pp. 1-35.
- En busca de una memoria nacional. La política de la historia, la nostalgia y la historiografía del comunismo en la República Checa y en la Europa central y oriental, In: *El pasado en construcción: Revisionismos históricos en la historiografía contemporánea*, Carlos Forcadell, Ignacion Peiró, Mercedes Yusta, eds., Zaragoza: Institución Fernando el Católico 2015, pp. 155-180.
- Von der Geschichtspolitik zur Erinnerung als politischer Sprache: Der tschechische Umgang mit der kommunistischen Vergangenheit nach 1989, in: François, Etienne; Kończal, Kornelia; Traba, Robert; Troebst, Stefan (Hg.): *Geschichtspolitik in Europa seit 1989. Deutschland, Frankreich und Polen im internationalen Vergleich*. Göttingen: Wallstein 2013, pp. 356-395.
- Kommunismus zwischen Geschichtspolitik und Historiographie in Ostmitteleuropa, in: Volkhard Knigge (Hg.): *Kommunismusforschung- und Erinnerungskulturen in Ostmittel- und Westeuropa* (=Europäische Diktaturen und ihre Überwindung. Schriften der Stiftung Ettersberg, Bd. 19), Köln/Weimar/Wien 2013, pp. 17-38.
- Human Rights facing a National Past. Dissident ‘Civic Patriotism’ and the Return of History in East Central Europe 1968-1989, In: *Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, vol. 38, 4 (2012), pp. 573 – 602
- Historical Studies of Nation-Building and the Concept of Socialist Patriotism in East Central Europe 1956-1970. In: Pavel Kolář – Miloš Řezník (eds.), *Historische Nationsforschung im geteilten Europa 1945-1989*, Köln: shverlag 2012, pp. 121-136. In Slovak language: Historický výskum národných hnutí a koncept socialistického patriotizmu v Československu, Maďarsku a stredo-východnej Európe v rokoch 1956 - 1970. In *Forum Historiae*, 2013, roč. 1, č. 1. ISSN 1337-6861.
- The Rise and Fall of Czech Post-Dissident Liberalism after 1989. *East European Politics & Societies*, April 15, 2011, vol. 25, no. 2, s. 244-271.

- Mezi politickým mýtem a historickou rekonstrukcí. Marxismus a demokratická opozice ve středovýchodní Evropě (In between political mythos and historical reconstruction: Marxism and the democratic opposition in East Central Europe) *Dějiny a současnost* 9/2010, pp. 33-36.
- The Czech Republic: From Democracy Legitimization to the Politics of Memory, in: Forum: Politics of History in East Europe, *Journal of Modern European History*, vol. 8, 2/2010, pp. 145-148.
- Citizen and Patriot in the Post-Totalitarian Era: Czech Dissidence in Search of the Nation and its Democratic Future. In: Tr@nsit online. **The “Brave New World” after Communism.**
1989: Expectations in Comparison. Put online in December, 2009
http://www.iwm.at/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=168&Itemid=2311
In Hungarian language: Állampolgár és patrióta a totalitarizmus utáni korszakban: a cseh ellenzék, a nemzet és a demokratikus jövő. In: *2000*, január 2010, pp. 3-16.
- Polemika Milan Kundera – Václav Havel. Spory o českou otázku v letech 1967-1969 a jejich historický obraz, (Milan Kundera – Václav Havel Polemics. Discussions about the Czech Question in 1967-1969) in: *Pražské jaro 1968. Literatura – film – média.* (Prague Spring 1968. Literature, Film, Media) Praha, Literární akademie, 2009, s. 129-138
- Stigma minulosti, pouto sounáležitosti. První desetiletí českého polistopadového komunismu. (Stigma of the Past, Bound of the Belonging. First decade of the Czech Communism after 1989), In: *Soudobé dějiny*, 2-3/2009, pp. 386-418.
- Entwicklung des Reform- und Kritikpotentials. Bilanz der Kommunismus- und Regimekritik in der Tschechoslowakei. In: *Der Prager Frühling: das Ende einer Illusion?* Jiří Gruša, Jan Pauer, Wolfgang Lederhaas (eds.), Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, DA Favorita Paper 01/2008, pp. 10-19.
- In Search for “National Memory”. The Politics of History, Nostalgia and the Historiography of Communism in the Czech Republic and East Central Europe In: *Past in the Making. Historical Revisionism in Central Europe after 1989.* Michal Kopeček (ed.), Budapest, New York, CEU Press 2008, pp. 75-96. Czech version: Hledání „paměti národa“. Politika dějin, nostalgie a české dějepisectví komunismu. In: *Dějiny, teorie, kritika*, 2007, s. 7-26.
- Historická paměť a liberální nacionalismus v Česku a střední Evropě po roce 1989 (Historical Memory and Liberal Nationalism in Czechia and East Central Europe) In: *Kapitoly z dějin české demokracie po roce 1989* (Chapters from the History of Czech Democracy after 1989), Adéla Gjuričová and Michal Kopeček (eds.), Praha-Litomyšl, Paseka, 2008, pp. 227-259.
- A Difficult Quest for New Paradigms. Czech Historiography after 1989. With Pavel Kolář, In: *Narratives Unbound. Historical Studies in Post-Communist Eastern Europe.* Sorin Antohi, Peter Ápor and Balázs Trencsényi (eds.), Budapest, New York, CEU Press, 2007, pp. 173-248.

- Charta 77 očima Západu: Co přinesl dissent politice a politickému myšlení. (Charter 77 viewed from the West: Dissent's contribution to politics and political thought) in: *Dějiny a současnost*, 2/2007, pp. 30-34.
- L'année 1956 et le revisionnisme marxiste en Tchécoslovaquie dans la seconde moitié des années 1950, In: *Communisme* 88/89 2006/2007, *La révolution hongroise de 1956. Nouvelles Approches*, s. 159-184.
- Közép-Európa és a visegrádi együttműködés a cseh politikai gondolkodásban. (Central Europe and Visegrad cooperation in Czech political thought). In: *Limes* 2/2005, pp. 103-120.
- The Ups and Downs of Central Europe. Chapters from Czech Symbolic Geography. In: Zora Hlavíčková, Nikolas Maslowski (eds.): *The Weight of History in Central European Societies of the 20th Century*. Prague, CES 2005, s. 41-59.
- L'historiographie tchèque du communisme depuis 1989. With Jaroslav Cuhra, In: *La Nouvelle Alternative*, 60/61 (2004), pp. 199-211.
- „Za čistotu marxisticko-leninského myšlení.“ K problematice tzv. revizionismu v české marxistické filozofii druhé poloviny 50.let. ('For the Purity of Marxist-Leninist Thinking'. Contribution to the Question of 'Revisionsism' in Czech Marxist Philosophy in the 1950s.). In: *Bolševismus, komunismus, radikální socialismus v Československu*, vol. II, Zdeněk Kárník – Michal Kopeček (eds.), Praha, ÚSD-Dokořán 2004, pp. 172-212.
- 'Sudetoněmecká otázka' v české akademické debatě po r. 1989 ('Sudeten-German question' in Czech academic debate after 1989), with Miroslav Kunštát, In: *Soudobé dějiny* 3/2003, pp. 293-318. In German translation: Die so gennante sudetendeutsche Frage im tschechischen akademischen Diskurs nach 1989, In: Elizabeth Reif, Ingrid Schwarz (eds.): *Zwischen Konflikt und Annäherung*. Wien, Mandelbaum 2005, s. 84-114.
- Střední Evropa v českém politickém myšlení (Central Europe in Czech Political Thought). + Český Visegrád (Czech Visegrád). In: *Visegrád: možnosti a meze střeoevropské spolupráce. (Visegrád: Prospects and Limits of Central European Cooperation)* Jiří Vykoukal (ed.), Praha, Dokořán, 2003, pp. 13-45 and 125-156.
- Obraz vnitřního nepřítele – revizionismus v *Otázkách míru a socialismu* v letech 1958–1969 (Picture of an Inherent Fiend – Revisionism in the *World Marxist Review* 1958–1969) In: *Bolševismus, komunismus, radikální socialismus v Československu*, vol. I (Bolshevism, Communism, Radical Socialism in Czechoslovakia) Zdeněk Kárník – Michal Kopeček (eds.), Praha, ÚSD-Dokořán 2003, pp. 225-252.
- Politics, Antipolitics, and Czechs in Central Europe: The Idea of "Visegrád Cooperation" and Its Reflection in Czech Politics in the 1990s. In: *Questionable Returns*, Andrew Bove (ed.), Vienna IWM, Junior Visiting Fellows Conference, Vol. XII, 2002, <http://www.univie.ac.at/iwm/p-jvfcon.htm>

- Ve službách dějin, ve jménu národa. Historie jakou součástí legitimizace komunistických režimů ve střední Evropě v letech 1948–1950, (In the Service of History – In the Name of the Nation. History as Part of Legitimization of Communist Regimes in Central Europe, 1948–1950), *Soudobé dějiny* 1/2001, pp. 23–43.