

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

**2005 – 2011 | Charles University Faculty of Arts in Prague – doctorate studies, Ph.D. (Institute of Czech History)**

- Dissertation: *The Making of “Democratic Socialism”. Party Historiography in the 1950s and 1960s between Stalinism and Reform Communism* (directed by Prof. PhDr. Zdeněk Beneš, CSc.)

**1999 – 2005 | Charles University Faculty of Arts in Prague – history, Mgr.**

- Thesis: *For Socialist Unity... Communists, the United Front and the Attitudes of their Partners in Czechoslovakia 1934–1936* (directed by Prof. PhDr. Jan Kuklík, CSc.)

**1995 – 1999 | Otrokovice Grammar School**

**1987 – 1995 | Zlín Primary School**

### Professional positions

**Since January 2015 | Institute for Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic**

Research Fellow – head of the research project *The Road to Technocratic Socialism: Concepts of Governance in Czechoslovakia (1953–1975)*

**January 2013 – December 2014 | Sciences Po, Centre d'études européennes, Paris**

Junior Researcher (Postdoctoral position)

**2010 – 2012 | Masaryk Institute and Archive of the Academy of Sciences ASCR public research institute, Prague**

Research Fellow

**2009 and 2011 | Sheffield Hallam University, Great Britain**

Research Assistant to Dr. Kevin McDermott in the Czech Republic

**2008 – 2012 | Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague**

Researcher

**2007 – 2008 | Czech Interior Ministry Department Security Units Archive, Prague**  
Researcher

**2006 – 2007 | Office for the Documentation and Investigation of the Crimes of Communism, Prague**  
Researcher

**2003 – 2007 | o. s. STRED – Středoevropský dialog (Central European Dialogue NGO)**  
Coordinator for Czech Republic

**2003 – 2007 | Czech Radio and Post Bellum Civic Society**  
“Voices of Heroes“– collection and archiving of the testimonies of Second World War veterans

**2000 – 2003 | Charles University Faculty of Arts Institute of Czech Studies**  
Student research assistant

### **Teaching activities**

**2014 | Sciences Po – The Europe-Asia Campus Le Havre**

- A Political History of European Future (with Jenny Andersson and Egle Rindzeviciute)

**2006 – 2011 | Lecturing activity at Charles University Faculty of Arts, Prague**  
**Courses:**

- Between Stalinism and Reform Communism: Historical Thinking of the Czechoslovak Communism in the 1950s and 1960s (2011)
- Contemporary History – Research Topics and Methodology (2010)
- Historiography as a Critical Project (2009)
- Communist Party Historiography: Institute for the History of CPC and the Reform Communist Historiography of the 1960s (2008)
- Communist Movement in the Comparative Perspective (2006, 2007)

**2003 – 2005 | Grammar School, Přípotoční, Prague 10**

### **Research focus**

- 20th century Czech and Czechoslovak history

- History of communism
- Theory and methodology of historiography; history of historiography
- History of social sciences
- History of expertise in state socialism

### **Membership of specialist committees**

**Since 2010** | Member of the *Dějiny – teorie – kritika* journal (History – Theory – Criticism) Editorial Board

**Since 2009** | Member of the *Soudobé dějiny* journal (Contemporary History) Associate editors

### **Professional honors, awards and fellowships**

**2012** | Anna and Jaroslav Krejci Research Endowment Fund Prize for the Best Scientific Work in the Area of Integrated Social Science

**2011** | Month-long research fellowship in Berlin (Czech-German Commission of Historians Fellowship)

**2006** | Month-long research fellowship in Berlin (E. M. Remarque Prize)

**2004** | Semester-long research fellowship at Leipzig University, Germany

### **Presentations at significant international workshops and conferences**

**2014** | Technocratic and Humanistic Thought in State Socialism Workshop, Academy of Sciences, Prague, 13 November 2014

**2014** | Writing the History of the “Neoliberal Turn”: Knowledge, Practices and Expertises (1960s – 1980s) Workshop, Sciences Po, Paris, 17 October 2014

**2014** | Scientific Experts: Transnational Communities and Local Dynamics, Du local au global Seminar, Sciences Po, Paris, 16 October 2014

**2014** | 1989: Thinking Revolution in East-Central Europe, Academy of Sciences, Prague, 2 – 3 October 2014

**2014** | Situating Solidarities: Social Challenges for Science and Technology Studies – European Association for the Study of Science and Technology Conference (EASST), Toruń, 17 – 19 September 2014

**2014** | Annual Conference of the Imre Kertész Kolleg – State Repression in Socialist Central and Eastern Europe: Comparative Approaches, Warsaw, 12 – 13 June 2014

**2014** | Malinowski’s Children: East Central European “Betweenness” and Twentieth-Century Social Science, The Heyman Center, Columbia University, New York, 12 May 2014

**2014** | Seminar of the Imre Kertész Kolleg Jena, Lecture: *Social Sciences, Expertise and State Socialist Governance: A Case of Czechoslovak Future Studies*, Imre Kertész Kolleg, Jena, 14 April 2014

**2014** | History of Economic Thought Under Communism Workshop, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, 10 – 11 April 2014

**2013** | Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Boston, 21 – 24 November 2013

**2013** | Social and Human Sciences on Both Sides of the „Iron Curtain“, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 17 – 19 October 2013

**2013** | Democracy & Technology: Europe in Tension from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>th</sup> Century, 6<sup>th</sup> Plenary Conference of Tensions of Europe, Sorbonne, Paris, 19 – 21 September 2013

**2012** | Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, New Orleans, 15 – 18 November 2012

**2012** | Politics and Contexts of Science Studies during the Cold War and Beyond, Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald, Greifswald, Germany, 22 – 25 March 2012

**2011** | Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Washington DC, 17 – 20 November 2011

### **Other specialist activities**

- Translations of specialist literature
- Collaboration with media (Czech Radio, Czech TV)

### **Language skills**

- Czech (native)
- English (active)
- German (active)
- Slovak (passive)
- Russian (passive)
- Polish (passive)

## Bibliography

### a) Monographs

*Angažované dějepisectví: Stranická historiografie mezi stalinismem a reformním komunismem, 1950–1970.* [Engaged Historiography: Party Historiography between Stalinism and Reform Communism, 1950–1970] Nakladatelství Lidové noviny – FF UK, Prague 2011.

DEVÁTÁ, Markéta – OLŠÁKOVÁ, Doubravka – DINUŠ, Peter – SOMMER, Vítězslav: *Vědní koncepce KSČ a její institucionalizace po roce 1948.* [Science Policy of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and its Institutionalization after 1948] ÚSD AV ČR, Prague 2010 (chapter: *Historiografie jako součást politiky: Zakladatelské období stranického dějepisectví v Československu, 1950-1955* [Historiography as a Part of Politics: The Beginning of Party Historiography in Czechoslovakia, 1950–55], pp. 97-157).

BÁRTA, Milan – CVRČEK, Lukáš – KOŠICKÝ, Patrik – SOMMER, Vítězslav: *Victims of the Occupation: The Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia: 21 August – 31 December 1968.* Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague 2009

BÁRTA, Milan – CVRČEK, Lukáš – KOŠICKÝ, Patrik – SOMMER, Vítězslav: *Oběti okupace, Československo 21. 8. – 31. 12. 1968* [Victims of the Occupation: The Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia: 21 August – 31 December 1968]. Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Prague 2008.

### b) Articles and book chapters

Scientists of the World, Unite!: Radovan Richta's Theory of Scientific and Technological Revolution". In: ARONOVA, Elena – TURCHETTI, Simone (eds.), *Paradigms Defected: Politics and Contexts of Science Studies during the Cold War and Beyond*, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, forthcoming 2015/2016.

Forecasting the Post-Socialist Future: *Prognostika* in Late Socialist Czechoslovakia, 1970–1989. In: ANDERSSON, Jenny – RINDZEVICIUTE, Egle (eds.), *The Struggle for the Long-Term in Transnational Science and Politics: Forging the Future*, Routledge, London and New York 2015, pp. 144–168.

Chronicler of Communist Czechoslovakia: Karel Kaplan and the Study of Contemporary History, *Czech Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol. II (2014), pp. 137–152.

The 'Club of Politically Engaged Conformists'? The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Popular Opinion, and the Crisis of Communism, 1956, *Cold War International History Project Working Paper No. 66*, March 2013 (with Kevin McDermott)

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Komunismus, budoucnost a historiografie soudobých dějin [Communism, Future and the Historiography of Contemporary History], *Forum Historiae*, 1/2013, e-journal publication (forumhistoriae.sk)

Zklamání a hněv starého komunisty: Karel Kreibich jako kritik stalinismu [Anger and disappointment of an „old Communist“. Karel Kreibich as a critic of Stalinism], *Historie-otázky-problémy* 2/2012, pp. 9–22.

Cesta ze slepé uličky “třetího odboje”: Koncepty rezistence a studium socialistické diktatury v Československu [A Way Out of the “Third Resistance” Cul de Sac: Concepts of Resistance and the Study of Socialist Dictatorship in Czechoslovakia], *Soudobé dějiny* 1/2012, pp. 9–36.

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Odboj a revoluce nebo zápas o charakter národní existence?: Dvě historiografické koncepce dějin protektorátu a odboje v kontextu československé reformy šedesátých let. [Resistance and Revolution or Struggle for the Character of National Existence?: Two Historiographical Concepts of Protectorate Bohemia and Moravia and Resistance Movement in the Context of Czechoslovak Reform Movement of the 1960s] In: PEJČOCH, Ivo – PLACHÝ, Jiří (eds.): *Okupace, kolaborace, retribuce*. [Occupation, Collaboration, Retribution] VHÚ, Prague 2010, pp. 153–165.

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