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Areas of research and teaching interest:

History of social science and social thought; philosophy of social science; classical and contemporary sociological theory; general methodology

Academic positions:

2000 – research fellow, Institute of Philosophy, The Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

2002 – lecturer and researcher, Institute of Sociological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague

2009 – 2010 Fulbright-Masaryk visiting researcher, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, ILL.

Education:

2005 Ph.D., Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, Dissertation *Sociological Theory: A Story of Crisis and Fragmentation – A Project of Renewal and Reconstruction*

Grant projects:

2020–2021 *Rethinking Domination: Herbert Miller on class, nation and race in the context of Czechoslovakian nationhood* funded by the Czech Science Foundation, co-researcher.

2017-2019 RESINFRA@DR funded by Interreg Danube Transnational Programme, work package leader, project completed.

2013-2015 *From Rockefeller to Soros: The Impact of American Foundations on the Agenda of Czech Sociology* funded by the Czech Science Foundation, co-researcher, project completed.

2013–2015, internal funding scheme of the Czech Academy of Sciences, *Transformation of the Academy of Sciences*, co-researcher, in cooperation with the Department for the History of Science (ÚSD AV ČR)

2012–2014, international project (Czech Academy of Sciences), *Literary Technologies of Science*, co-researcher, in cooperation with the Institute of Literary Science (KIT, Karlsruhe).

2011-2013 *Contemporary Perspectives in Historical Epistemology*, funded by the Czech Science Foundation, co-researcher. 2009-2011 *Social Sciences – Disciplines without Boundaries* funded by the Czech Science Foundation (Czech Science Foundation), principal researcher, project completed.

2010-2011 *Theoretical Legacy of American Sociology*, funded by the Czech Science Foundation, principal researcher, project completed.

2005-2011 *Civilization Progress or the Crisis of Culture?* (Research Project of the Faculty of Social Sciences 'Development of Czech Society in the European Union: Challenges and Risks', head of the research team.

Honors and Awards

Fulbright-Masaryk scholarship, 2009–2010 (Northwestern University)

Otto Wichterle Award (top research award given by the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic), 2008.

Libellus Primus (prize for the best first work of young scholars, university teachers and academicians awarded by the Jan Hus Foundation), 2008.

Scholarship of Jan Hus Foundation, 2007.

Selected publications:

Balon, Jan - Holmwood, John. 2019. The impossibility of sociology as a science; arguments from within the discipline. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, 49(3): 334-347. ISSN 0021-8308

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Balon, Jan. 2017. „Teorie kulturní mezery: Sociální věda a její publikum v díle Thorsteina Veblena a Williama F. Ogburna.“ [The Theory of Cultural Lag: Social Science and Its Publics in the Works of Thorstein Veblen and William F. Ogburn.] *Teorie vědy/Theory of Science* 2017, 39(1): 57–82. ISSN 1210-0250.

Balon, Jan. 2015. „Privatizovaná univerzita: o jedné další 'velké transformaci' vzdělávání.“ [A Privatized University: Towards Just Another 'Great Transformation' of Education.] *Teorie vědy/Theory of Science* 37(4): 453–463 ISSN 1210-0250

Balon, Jan. 2014. „Jak se privatizují ideje? Neoliberální režim vědění a jeho přivlastnění postmoderního obrazu světa.“ [How Are Ideas Privatised? The Neoliberal Regime of Knowledge and Its Appropriation of the Postmodern 'Weltbild'.] *Sociologický časopis/Czech Sociological Review* (Praha), vol. 50 (5): 713–733.

Balon, Jan. 2013. "Filantropie a sociální výzkum: poněkud opomíjená součást dějin sociálních věd." *Teorie vědy/Theory of Science*, vol. 35 (1): 97–111, 515–528.

Balon, Jan. "Writing Social Knowledge." *Teorie vědy/Theory of Science* (Praha), vol. 34 (3), 2012: 327–341.

Balon, Jan, Miloslav Petrušek. "Společnost naší doby (The Society of Our Age)." Praha: ACADEMIA, 154 p., 2011.

Balon, Jan. *Sociologie v USA: Historické kontextualizace (Sociology in the USA: Historical Contextualizations)*. Praha: Sociologické nakladatelství (Slon) 2011.

Jan Balon, Tomáš Dvořák. "Historical Epistemology Meets the Human Sciences ." In *Teorie vědy/Theory of Science*, vol. 33 (1), 2011: 5–16.

Balon, Jan. O samotné myšlence jednotné sociologie: Harvard a Kolumbia (On the Very Idea of Unified Sociology: Harvard and Columbia). *Teorie vědy/Theory of Science.*, vol. 33 (3), 2011: 359-386.

Balon, Jan. "Počátky americké sociologie a jejich historická kontextualizace." (Early American Sociology and Its Historical Contextualization) *Sociologia/Slovak Sociological Review*, vol. 42 (1), 2010: 5–33.

Balon, Jan. "Reflections on Method in the Interwar American Sociology." *Teorie vědy/Theory of Science* (Praha), vol. 32 (4), 2010: 419–448.

"Ambivalentní odkaz Millsovy Sociologické imaginace." (Ambivalent Legacy of Charles W. Mills' Sociological Imagination) *Sociologický časopis/Czech Sociological Review* (Praha), vol. 45 (5), 2009: 1055–1073.

Balon, Jan. "Nenaplněný příslib sociologické teorie: vzestup a pád americké sociologie ve druhé polovině dvacátého století." (The Unfulfilled Promise of Sociological Theory: The Rise and Fall of American Sociology in the Second Half of the 20th Century). *Sociologický časopis/Czech Sociological Review* (Praha), vol. 44 (5), 2008: 943–967.

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