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### Research Positions:

- 2014 -            Researcher, Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences (CERGE-EI - a joint workplace of Charles University and the Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences)
- Responsible for the implementation of the Center of Excellence Project “Dynamics of Change in Czech Society”
- 2006 -            Senior Researcher, Institute for Social and Economic Analyses, Prague
- Chairman of ISEA from 2017
  - Responsible for the implementation of multiple scientific and civil society grant projects
- 2006 - 2014     Senior Researcher, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences  
Departments of Social Stratification and Education (with Petr Matějů), and  
Economic Sociology (with Jiří Večerník)
- Responsible for the implementation of multiple scientific projects

### Teaching Positions:

- 2003-            Lecturer, University of Washington, Seattle, USA
- 2001-2013      Lecturer, Anglo-American University, Prague, Czech Republic. Courses:
- 2002-2003      Lecturer, Sarah Lawrence College, New York, USA.
- 2002-2003      Teaching Assistant, New York University, New York.
- 2001             Adjunct, Eugene Lang College, The New School.

### Education:

Ph.D. in Political Science, New School for Social Research, New York, 2008.

M.A. in Philosophy, Boston College, 2000

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Washington, Seattle, 1998

B.A. in Comparative History of Ideas (CHID) and Comparative Religion, University of Washington, Seattle, 1998

## Academic awards and scholarships during studies:

- 2008 Recipient of the 2008 “Hannah Arendt Award for Best Dissertation in Political Science” at the New School, for doctoral dissertation entitled *Making Direct Democracy Work: The Politics of Local Referendums in the Czech Republic*.
- 2004-2005 Recipient of the David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship of the National Security Education Program (NSEP) of the United States of America, [www.nsep.gov](http://www.nsep.gov).
- 2002-2003 Recipient of the Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Fellowship of the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), [www.irex.org](http://www.irex.org).
- 2002-2003 Recipient of the Sawyer Dissertation Fellowship, supported jointly by the Mellon Foundation ([www.mellon.org](http://www.mellon.org)) and the New School ([www.newschool.edu](http://www.newschool.edu)).
- 2002 Recipient of the Short-Term Grant (study in residence), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, East European Studies, Washington D.C., [www.wilsoncenter.org](http://www.wilsoncenter.org).
- 1998-2002 Recipient of the prestigious Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (four years), Department of Education of the United States of America, <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html>.
- 1994-1996 Recipient, University of Washington Academic Excellence Award (twice).
- 1994 Schmidt Merit Scholarship for Academic Excellence.
- 1994 Valedictorian of Senior Class, Capital High School, Olympia, WA.

## Publications

### *Articles in scientific journals with an impact factor:*

Tsai, Shu-Ling, Michael L. Smith, Robert M. Hauser. 2017. “Families, Schools, and Student Achievement Inequality: A Multilevel MIMIC Model Approach.” *Sociology of Education* 90 (1): 64-88. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0038040716683779>.

Michal Nový, Michael L. Smith, Tomáš Katrňák. 2017. “Inglehart’s scarcity hypothesis revisited: Is postmaterialism a macro-, or micro-level phenomenon around the world?” *International Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0268580917722892>.

Münich, Daniel, Petr Matějů, Jana Straková, Michael L. Smith. 2017. “Structural Embeddedness of Students’ Professional Expectations: The Czech Republic and Taiwan in Comparative Perspective.” *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*, forthcoming. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03057925.2017.1377059>.

Matějů, Petr, Michael L. Smith, Simona Weidnerová, Petra Anýžová. 2017. "The Role of Basic Values and Education on Women's Work and Family Preferences in Europe." *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 37 (9/10). <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJSSP-10-2016-0117>.

Smith, Michael L., Shu-Ling Tsai, Petr Matějů, Min-Hsiung Huang. 2016. "Educational Expansion and Inequality in Taiwan and the Czech Republic." *Comparative Education Review* 60 (2): 339-374. <https://doi.org/10.1086/685695>.

Matějů, Petr, Michael L. Smith. 2015. "Are Boys That Bad? Gender gaps in skills, grades and aspirations in Czech elementary schools." *British Journal of the Sociology of Education* 36 (6): 871-895. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01425692.2013.874278>.

Gregor, Martin, Michael L. Smith. 2013. "Civic Initiatives under Implementation and Legal Uncertainty." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 25 (1): 36-62. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09516298124446504>

Smith, Michael L., Petr Matějů. 2012. "Two Decades of Value Change: The Crystallization of Meritocratic and Egalitarian Beliefs in the Czech Republic." *Social Justice Research* 25 (4): 421-439. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11211-012-0164-9>.

Matějů, Petr, 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. [http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/3ba3da14538afe9eb2b2aeaa61bd518bd567930d\\_Kontinuita%20a%20zmena%20presvedceni.pdf](http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/3ba3da14538afe9eb2b2aeaa61bd518bd567930d_Kontinuita%20a%20zmena%20presvedceni.pdf).

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. <https://www.sav.sk/journals/uploads/08240943Smith%20-%20OK.pdf>

Smith, Michael L., 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. [http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/f57e261198c5b2495dcfc5753e1415e0ea5e0805\\_SmithMatejuSC1-2011.pdf](http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/f57e261198c5b2495dcfc5753e1415e0ea5e0805_SmithMatejuSC1-2011.pdf)

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. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.postcomstud.2010.10.005>.

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. [http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/991dd273469237168227df0d6590358f13cbd3ba\\_SMITHsoccas2009-3.pdf](http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/991dd273469237168227df0d6590358f13cbd3ba_SMITHsoccas2009-3.pdf).

Matějů, Petr, 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.  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/593151>

Veselý, Arnošt, Michael L. Smith. 2008. "Macro-Micro Linkages and the Role of Mechanisms in Social Stratification Research." *Czech Sociological Review* 44 (3): 491-510.  
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/41132597>.

Matějů, Petr, Michael L. Smith, 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.  
[http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/be060391e2f0342550cd46200b4070680203c2a1\\_514\\_2008-2Mateju.pdf](http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/be060391e2f0342550cd46200b4070680203c2a1_514_2008-2Mateju.pdf).

Matějů, Petr, Petr Soukup, Michael L. Smith, Josef Basl. 2007. "The Determination of College Expectations in OECD Countries: The Role of Individual and Structural Factors." *Czech Sociological Review* 43(6): 1121-1148.  
[http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/bc0add8f39a99c0620f2c0e9ac6a8ece1fda54c6\\_442\\_07-6%20MatejuSmithSoukupBasl.pdf](http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/bc0add8f39a99c0620f2c0e9ac6a8ece1fda54c6_442_07-6%20MatejuSmithSoukupBasl.pdf).

Smith, Michael L. 2006. "Unequal Chances in Education: Educational Inequalities in the Czech Republic" *Czech Sociological Review* 42(3): 591-598.  
[http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/1ce4480fb6a82604292aad67df40a8977c14bd32\\_434\\_08review-essay39.pdf](http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/1ce4480fb6a82604292aad67df40a8977c14bd32_434_08review-essay39.pdf)

### **Books**

Matějů, Petr, Dana Hamplová, Petr Hampl, Marek Loužek, Simona Weidnerová, Petra Anýžová, Michael Smith. 2017. *Moc krásy: Pomáhá krása a atraktivita k životnímu úspěchu?* Praha: Karolinum. ISBN: 978-80-246-3691-7

Smith, Michael L., Vojtech Prokes (eds.). 2013. *Regulace lobbingu 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. ISBN: 978-80-7330-247-4

Smith, Michael L. 2009. *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). ISBN 978-80-903316-5-5.

Smith, Michael L (ed.). 2008. *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). ISBN 978-80-903316-4-8.

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. ISBN 978-80-7330-117-0.

### **Chapters in monographs:**

Michael L. Smith, Dana Hamplová. 2017. “Chudí a sexy nebo bohatí a oškliví? Krása, přitažlivost a životní spokojenost. In *Moc krásy: Pomáhá krása a atraktivita k životnímu úspěchu?* Praha: Karolinum. ISBN: 978-80-246-3691-7.

Smith, Michael L. 2016. “Czech Republic – Environmental Sustainability via Direct Democracy” (In Bulgarian). Pp 93-105 in Daniela Bozhinova (ed.), *Cases of Yes and No: Referendum Stories from 11 Countries*. Burgas: Bulgarian Association for the Promotion of Citizens Initiative. ISBN: 978-619-90487-1-9.

Smith, Michael L. 2013. “The Local Recall Revisited.” Pp. 199-224 in Brigitte Geissel and Marko Joas (eds.), *Participatory Democratic Innovations in Europe: Improving the Quality of Democracy?* Opladen: Verlag Barbara Budrich. ISBN: 978-3847401131.

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. ISBN: 978-3531182506.

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. ISBN 978-80-7419-025-4.

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. ISBN: 978-80-7419-032-2.

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. ISBN: 978-80-7419-032-2.

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. ISBN: 978-90-8584-484-6.

***Selected working papers (completed papers submitted to journals or presented at conferences, but not yet published)***

Tsai, Shu-Ling, Michael L. Smith, Robert M. Hauser. "Gender Gaps in Student Academic Achievement and Inequality."

Smith, Michael L., Dana Hamplová, Mariah Evans, Jonathan Kelley. "Concise Survey Measures for the Big Five Personality Traits."

Federičová, Miroslava, Filip Pertold, Michael L. Smith. "Children Left Behind: Self-confidence of Pupils in Competitive Environments."

Smith, Michael L., Petr Matějů, Petra Anýžová, "Returns to Cognitive Skills in Innovative Societies: New Evidence from 14 Nations Participating in PIAAC."

Smith, Michael L., Shu-Ling Tsai, and Daniel Münich. "Unobserved Heterogeneity in College Returns in Europe."

Matějů, Petr, Michael L. Smith, Petra Anýžová. „Can education be equalized in a highly diversified system? The role of cognitive ability, gender and socioeconomic background in track placement in the Czech Republic.“

***Other writings :***

Smith, Michael L. 2017. "In memoriam, Petr Matějů." *Czech Sociological Review* 53 (3): 463-468.  
[http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/2696390b18f67855c302595d2cd27a0a950d6b32\\_17-3-08obituary14.indd-1.pdf](http://sreview.soc.cas.cz/uploads/2696390b18f67855c302595d2cd27a0a950d6b32_17-3-08obituary14.indd-1.pdf)

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:***

Co-Principal Investigator, Research Grant of the Czech Science Foundation, project titled "Changing patterns of gender inequality in education and the labor market: Dynamics, causes and consequences," 2017-2019. Principal investigators: Petr Matějů, VŠFS; Michael L. Smith, ISEA.

Co-Principal Investigator of CERGE-EI team for the Center of Excellence project "Dynamics of Change in Czech Society," Czech Science Foundation grant, 2014-2018. Principal investigators: Pat Lyons, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences; Michael L. Smith, CERGE-EI; Tomáš Katrňák, Masaryk University.

Co-Principal Investigator, Research Grant of the Czech Science Foundation, project titled "Neglected Dimensions of Human Capital: The role of social capital and attractiveness on the labor and marriage market and lifestyle preferences," 2014-2016 (principal investigators: Marek Loužek, Charles University; Michael L. Smith, ISEA; Doc. RNDr. Jan Řehák SC&C, Ltd).

Co-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 L. 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. Co-investigator: Petr Soukup.

Principal Investigator, Standard 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.

***Other grant projects I have participated in:***

Czech partner for the project “Institutional Reform of Ukraine's Energy Sector in the Context of Its Integration into the EU Market,” International Centre for Democratic Transition, grant from the International Visegrad Fund, 2016.

Czech partner for the project “Democratic Consciousness in Central and Eastern 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.

**Data collection** (data that I participated in drafting, organizing and/or funding, etc.)

2015-2018, Czech Household Panel Study, 4 waves. Co-principal investigator of project.

Sample: 10000+ individuals in 4000+ households.

<http://www.promenyceskespolecnosti.cz>.

2017, MESS-H follow up survey (Maturita efektivní a sociálně spravedlivá) for vocational school (učiliště) pupils. Co-principal investigator of project. Sample: 1530 pupils in 30 schools.

2015, PIAAC (Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies) follow up survey to the Czech module, focusing on personality, health, social capital, attractiveness. Co-principal investigator of project. Sample: 2220 Czech adults.

- 2013, Czech Post-election survey. Contracting authority. Sample: Sample: 1800+ Czech adults.
- 2013, Database of Czech political party financing, accessible at [www.politickefinance.cz](http://www.politickefinance.cz). Co-author of original database and software (applied research result) of all donations to parliamentary political parties from 2006-2010.
- 2012, Corruption perceptions survey. Principal investigator of project. Sample: 1267 Czech adults.
- 2011, Czech Business Environment Survey, focusing on corruption perceptions and lobbying activity. Principal investigator of project. Sample: managers and owners of 810 Czech firms in the manufacturing, energy, and construction sectors.
- 2011, Corruption perceptions survey. Principal investigator of project. Sample: 1306 Czech adults.
- 2010, ISSP (International Social Survey Programme) Environment III Survey, Czech module. Principal investigator of project. Sample: 1428 adults in main sample, plus 413 young adults in boost sample.
- 2010, Czech Post-election survey. Contracting authority. Sample: 1857 Czech adults.
- 2009, ISSP (International Social Survey Programme) Social Inequality IV Survey, Czech module. Sample: 1205 Czech adults.

**Select papers presented at scientific conferences:**

Tsai, Shu-Ling, Michael L. Smith, Robert M. Houser, “Gender Gaps in Student Academic Achievement and Inequality.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Quebec, August 2017.

Tsai, Shu-Ling, Michael L. Smith, Robert M. Houser, “Gender Gaps in Student Academic Achievement and Inequality.” Paper presented at the RC28 Meeting of the International Sociological Association, New York University, August 2017.

Smith, Michael L., Petr Matějů, and Petra Anyžová, “Returns to Cognitive Skills in Innovative Societies: New Evidence from 14 Nations Participating in PIAAC.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Seattle, August 2016.

Matějů, Petr, Michael L. Smith, Simona Weidnerová and Petra Anyžová. “The role of basic values and education on women’s work and family preferences in Europe.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Seattle, August 2016.

Tsai, Shu-Ling, Michael L. Smith, Robert M. Houser, “Gender Differences in Student Performance: Taiwan in Comparative Perspective.” Paper presented at the RC28 Meeting of the International Sociological Association, University of Bern, August 2016.

Tsai, Shu-Ling, Michael L. Smith, Robert M. Houser, “Families, Schools, and Student Achievement Inequality.” Paper presented at the RC28 Meeting of the International Sociological Association, University of Pennsylvania, August 2015.

Smith, Michael L. Shu-Ling Tsai, and Daniel München. “Unobserved Heterogeneity in College Returns in Europe.” Paper presented at the RC28 Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Tilburg University, May 2015.

Smith, Michael L., Shu-Ling Tsai, and Daniel München. “Selection Bias in Heterogeneous Returns to College in Highly Stratified Educational Systems in Europe.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, August 2014.

Smith, Michael L., Shu-Ling Tsai, Min-Hsiung Huang, Petr Matějů, “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 Matějů, “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.

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### **Organization of scientific conferences and workshops**

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