

# Curriculum vitae et studiorum

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### **Research**

My academic interests lie in the field of Enlightenment ethics and natural law in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. I am best known for my early research on aristocratic culture which resulted in the monographs *Habsburgischer Adel und Aufklärung* (Stuttgart, Franz Steiner Verlag, 2010), and *Šlechtická kultura v 18. století* [Aristocratic culture in the 18<sup>th</sup> century] (Prague, NLN 2011). My interest in higher education grew into a general history of Enlightenment moral philosophy in Bohemia which has been outlined in *The Enlightenment in Bohemia. Morality, religion, and multiculturalism* (Oxford, Voltaire Foundation, 2011), a collective volume which I co-edited. After that, I continued with research into the dark irrational side of the Enlightenment which culminated in my most recent monograph *Aufklärung oder Illuminismus? Die Enzyklopädie des Grafen Franz Joseph Thun* (Stuttgart, Franz Steiner Verlag, 2015) and the collective monograph *Casanova: Enlightenment philosopher* (Oxford, Voltaire Foundation, 2016). Since 2011 I have begun to focus on natural law and human rights. I have been studying these phenomena in a broad European and American context. The preliminary results have been published in a number of articles and in a Czech collective volume, *The Habsburgs 1740-1918. The Making of a Civil Society* (Prague, NLN 2016), which I edited.

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### **Education:**

1976: born in Valdice, Czech Republic  
1990–1994: Lepař Gymnasium, Jičín  
1994–2000: English and American Studies and history, Charles University, Prague  
1999: MA in English and American Studies, 2000 MA in history (specialization on the history of international relations)  
2001–2004: doctoral studies in Czech history, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague, supervisor Prof. PhDr. Jaroslav Pánek, DrSc  
2003–2006: doctoral studies in intellectual history, Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen (Graduierten-Kolleg 'Ars und Scientia im Mittelalter und in der frühen Neuzeit'), supervisor Prof. Dr.Phil. Anton Schindling

### **Study and Research stays 1999-2017:**

Research stay at the University of Vienna (1 October – 31 December 1999)  
Research stay at the University of Vienna (1 March – 30 June 2003)  
Study at Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen (2003 - 2006)  
Visiting professor, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Marseille (October – November 2016)

### **Ph.D. theses:**

Vzestup rodu Chotků. Životní styl úřednické šlechty v 18. století. Supervisor: prof. PhDr. Jaroslav Pánek, DrSc., Institute of Czech History, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague 2006, (published in 2008; see bibliography).

Habsburgischer Adel und Aufklärung. Bildungsverhalten des Wiener Hofadels im 18. Jahrhundert, Phil. Diss., Eberhard-Karls Universität zu Tübingen 2006. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Phil. Anton Schindling.

### **Degrees**

MA in English and American studies 1999, Charles University, Prague

MA in history 2000, Charles University, Prague

PhD in Czech history 2006, Charles University, Prague

PhD in intellectual history 2006, Eberhard Karls Universität zu Tübingen

Associated Professor („Docent“) in Czech history, 2014, University of South Bohemia

### **Professional Experience**

2000–2001: teacher of English at Czech-Spanish Gymnasium Michelská, Prague 4

2006 till present: Lecturer in Modern History, University of Bohemia, History Institute, České Budějovice

2012 till now: external collaboration with Czech political journals – blogger, pundit (Lidové noviny, Echo24, Neviditelný pes)

### **Academic Assignments and Project Grants:**

2004 to 2006: participant in the Project Grant GAČR *Transformace politických elit 1748-1948* (Transformation of Political Elites 1748–1948), the promoter of the collective project grant: PhDr. Luboš Velek, Ph.D., Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague.

2005 to 2011: participation at the Research Project MŠMT *Společnost českých zemí v raném novověku – struktury, individua, vztahy, instituce moci* (Society in the Bohemian lands in the Early Modern Age). Project promoter: Prof. PhDr. Václav Bůžek, CSc, University of South Bohemia.

2008 to 2010: Project Grant GAČR GP404/08/P333 - *Šlechtická kultura v Čechách 18. století* (Aristocratic Culture in Bohemia in the 18th century); sole researcher.

2011 to 2014: Project Grant GAČR GP410/11/0608 *Encyklopedie hraběte Thuna. Věda a mystika v pozdním osvícenství* (The Encyclopedia of Count Thun. Science and Mysticism in the Late Enlightenment); sole researcher.