

Annual Report 2012

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Our Mission

The Center for Social and Economic Strategies is an interdisciplinary research and education unit developing the theory, methodology and practice of investigating possible futures, and applying forecasts in decision making. For this purpose, CESES:

- ⇒ identifies key problems and development priorities for the Czech Republic in the contexts of globalization and European integration;
- ⇒ produces partial as well as comprehensive analyses, scenarios, visions and strategies of the social, political, economic, environmental and political development of the Czech Republic in a European and global context;
- ⇒ creates cognitive and methodological prerequisites for improving the strategic governance of the country;
- ⇒ promotes dialogue with experts, politicians, civil servants, civic sector actors, and citizens.

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Introductory Word from the Head



Dear Friends of Good Future,

The world we live in is changing in front of our eyes. In the Czech Republic, too, some processes we witnessed last year disturbed the seemingly smooth operation of government and society. Indeed, neither the state of the world nor the condition of our country gave us many reasons for optimism. Yet we were most troubled by the fact that many decisions by the political and administrative elites in our country were based on superficial knowledge and beliefs, or even on doubtful ideological clichés, rather than solid analysis and forecasts of their possible long-term effects on people's lives. At the same time, I am sure the expert outputs of the CESES provided ample inspiration for responsible thinking about the country's possible futures and searching for adequate priorities. This is how we understood and continue to understand our work: as a challenge to investigate the possible futures of our country responsibly, openly, participatively, and based on solid analysis and the most robust methods possible.

The following pages of this Annual Report provide structured information about many projects and scholarly events which we organized last year and which document the wide array of topics and approaches applied at the CESES.

I believe this Annual Report will help better understand what the Center for Social and Economic Strategies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague, offers to you personally, your institution and our country as a whole. We will be thankful for any comments and suggestions on how we could further improve our activity.

Prof. Martin Potůček, Ph.D.

National Research Projects

Social Sciences in Challenges of the New Era

From July 2012 to December 2016, the CESES is a partner in one of the Charles University Programmes of Development of Scientific Disciplines (PRVOUK). The goal of the Programme is to develop research in sociology, public policy, political science, international relations, area studies, media studies and journalism.

Principal Investigator at the Faculty of Social Sciences: Martin Kubát
Principal Investigator at the CESES: Martin Potůček

Trends, Risks and Scenarios of Security Development in the World, Europe and the Czech Republic: Impacts on Security Policy and System of Security in the Czech Republic

The project is developed under the Czech Republic Security Research Programme 2010–2015. It focuses on: analysing trends, threats, and risks within the global security environment and their effects on the Czech Republic; and writing scenarios to predict developments in the security situation and the possible responses by the security system. The project will also produce recommendations for updating the Czech Republic's strategic documents and innovating its security system.

Principal Investigator: Miloš Balabán

Social Services in the Territory of the Capital City of Prague: Needs Assessment and Analysis of Supply

The project was commissioned by the Prague City Hall, Department of Social Care. It produces underlying evidence for the Mid-term Plan of Development of Social Services in the Territory of the Capital City of Prague. In particular, it identifies to what extent specific social services meet the needs of the target groups of social service users; confronts the needs assessment with existing supply of social services; and proposes measures for the system of social service provision in the capital city of Prague that might be implemented under the Mid-term Plan of Development of Social Services in the Territory of the Capital City of Prague.

Principal Investigator: Martin Potůček

The Security of Citizens: Crisis Management, Legal Norms and Extralegal Regulations in the Field of Crisis Management, Population Protection, Critical Infrastructure and the Integrated Rescue System

The project is classified.

Principal Investigator: Miloš Balabán

Enhancing the Analytical, Planning and Implementation Capacities of Strategic Governance in Regions

The project is implemented within the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic's OMEGA Programme which supports applied social research and experimental development. Its objectives are to build a cognitive and methodological foundation for enhancing strategic governance processes at the regional level; and to identify the possibilities the Association of Regions of the Czech Republic has for initiating, shaping and coordinating those processes and for providing them with methodological guidance. The project will result in drafting a certified manual of recommended procedures and a methodology for enhancing the analytical, planning and implementation capacities of strategic governance in regions.

Principal Investigator: Martin Potůček

The Values behind Attitudes towards Some Excluded Groups

Funded by the Czech Science Foundation, the project investigates values as determinants of attitudes towards two selected groups, immigrants and homeless persons. The research is based on secondary analysis of relevant empirical data as well as original qualitative investigation by means of semi-structured interviews.

Principal Investigator: Michaela Šmídová

Innovating Economic Study Programs in line with the Demands of Knowledge Economy

Funded from the Education for Competitiveness Operational Programme, the project brings together the CESES and the Department of Public and Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague, as partners of the Lead Beneficiary, the Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University in Brno (FEA MU). It aims is to advance graduate and doctoral study programmes in economic disciplines at the FEA by innovating the study standards in line with those of prestigious international economic universities and, ultimately, to better adapt students to the demands of the labour market and practice. The project envisages that domestic and international social science experts will collaborate and FEA students will obtain an excellent study environment.

Principal Investigator: Martin Potůček

International Research Collaboration

A New Agenda for European Security Economics (EUSECON)

Under the 7th EU Framework Program, the CESES has participated, since March 2008, in the implementation of the project entitled, “A New Agenda for European Security Economics”. This falls under Theme 10 – Security. The project is coordinated by DIW Berlin with a consortium of 14 partners. It aims to outline a research framework for the field of “security economics” and to study the economic aspects of specific security problems and policies.

Principal Investigator: Libor Stejskal

Income from Work after Retirement: Country Report on the Czech Republic

The international project has been commissioned by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound). It focuses on work at retirement age. The CESES is working on a country report for the Czech Republic, which consists of two parts. The first part analyzes conditions for the employment of retired persons and related national policies. The second part presents cases studies analyzing the motivations for and existing practices of the employment of retired persons at the level of specific firms and organizations.

Principal Investigator: Martin Potůček

Central European Journal of Public Policy



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The year 2012 saw continued publication of the **Central European Journal for Public Policy** (CEJPP), the journal through which we aim to disseminate the latest theoretical and methodological empirical evidence among researchers and experts from different fields of public policy. As a peer-reviewed scholarly journal in English, the CEJPP covers a multitude of policy areas, including civil society, social services, health care, environmental protection, education, labour market, immigration, security, public finance and budgeting, administrative reform, performance measurement and governance. Due to the width of its coverage, the journal finds it necessary to take a multidisciplinary approach and to strive for a balance between policy description, explanation and evaluation by means of a wide array of quantitative and qualitative social science methodologies.

The journal's operations in 2012 were funded by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague.

Two issues of Volume 6 were published in 2012.

Author	Article title
No. 1/2012	
Dominic Heinz, Eike-Christian Hornig	Catch-all Politics under Stress – Non-territorially Defined Parties and the Quest for Symmetry and Compromise in Territorial Reforms
Helena M. Ekelund	Making Sense of the 'Agency Programme' in post-Lisbon Europe: Mapping European Agencies
Jan Klusáček, Marie Klusáčková	The Evidence Base of Czech Health Policy
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Martin Vávra	Age as a Problematic and Problematized Issue of Criminal Responsibility
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Martin Nekola	Pragmatists, Prohibitionists and Preventionists in Czech Drug Policy
Anna Tůmová	Effects of Age and Length of Professional Experience on Teachers' Attitudes to Curricular Reform
Tom Lynch	Policy Advice from Seneca and Machiavelli on the Greek Crisis

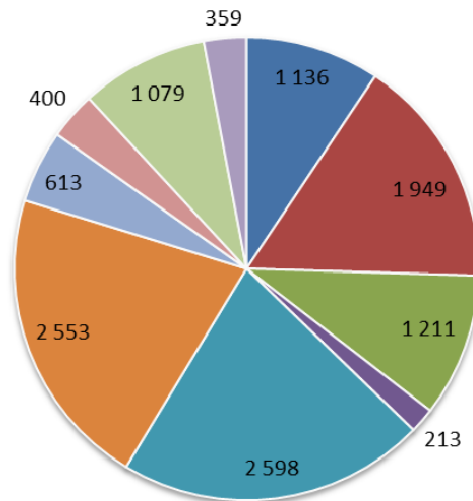
Significant Events

Seminars, conferences, round tables and presentations of research results are important components of CESES activities. They serve as tools in promoting dialogue with experts, politicians, civil servants, civic sector actors, and members of the general public.

Conference/seminar	Event description	Date
New U. S. Defense Strategy 2012: Is the American military going to keep its leading position in the world?	Panel discussion on the future of US military involvement in the world	4 Apr
European security and defence at a crossroads	At this international conference on the eve of the NATO summit in Chicago, political leaders, diplomats and security experts from the Czech Republic, Germany, France, Sweden, Poland, Denmark, USA, the EU and the OSCE dealt with key issues in Europe's current security situation as it is facing the difficult consequences of the economic crisis.	16 May
Civil service in a changing society	This seminar aimed at exchanging experience with civil service modernization in the Czech Republic and France and opening a debate between legislators, French and Czech experts, civil society leaders and other stakeholders about the preparation of a new legal status for Czech government officials.	22 May
The intellectual heritage of Jaroslav Janda for strategic management in the department of defence and in the military	A workshop to mark what would have been the 80th birthday of leading Czech military scientist, PhDr. Jaroslav Janda.	6 Jun
The 2002 floods as a memento and a challenge	The debate served to commemorate the great floods of 2002 as a milestone on the Czech Republic's road towards better capacities for population protection and to map the technical, institutional and political measures taken over	13 Aug

	the past decade for strengthening the social and economic resistance of the state, businesses, citizens, the public sector and the private sector.	
Summer School 2012	In the framework of CESES collaboration on Operational Programme Education for Competitiveness project “Innovating economic studies in line with the requirements of knowledge economy” (Reg. No. CZ.1.07/2.2.00/28.0227), a Summer School on Governance was organized for doctoral students of the Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University in Brno. Lectures were held by CESES members František Ochrana, Arnošt Veselý and Martin Nekola.	27–31 Aug
National, European and Human Security: From co-existence to convergence	Presentation of the monograph, “National, European and Human Security: From Co-existence to Convergence” and discussion about the current situation and perspectives of European and Czech security policy.	23 Oct
Energy – Water – Food: Key commodities for Europe’s and the Czech Republic’s security and prosperity in the 21 st century	This international conference focused on some burning issues in European and Czech energy policy, the perspectives of nuclear energy, the role of renewable resources in the future energy mix, the consequences of climate change on water security, and key trends in the European Union’s and the Czech Republic’s food security.	16 Nov
The President of the Czech Republic and a the country’s security and defence	In this panel discussion, four presidential candidates spoke on current and future priorities and issues in the Czech Republic’s security and defence policy and presented to the Czech general public their opinions about presidential competences in the field of security and the ways they should be applied in practice. Panel discussion participants (in alphabetical order): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jiří Dienstbier ▪ Vladimír Dlouhý ▪ Karel Schwarzenberg ▪ Miloš Zeman 	5 Dec

Funding



- Social Sciences in Challenges of the New Era (P17), Charles University Programme of Development of Scientific Disciplines, Ministry of Education
- Institutional Support for Long-term Conceptual Development Research Organization, Ministry of Education
- Enhancing the Analytical, Planning and Implementation Capacities of Strategic Governance in Regions (reg. no. TD010059), programme OMEGA, Technology Agency of the Czech Republic
- A New Agenda for European Security Economics - EUSECON (contract no. 218105), FP7, European Commission
- Trends, Risks and Scenarios of Security Development in the World, Europe and the Czech Republic: Impacts on Security Policy and System of Security in the Czech Republic (reg. no. VG2012013009), Ministry of Interior
- Innovating Economic Study Programs in line with the Demands of Knowledge Economy (reg. no. CZ.1.07/2.2.00/28.0227), OPVK, Ministry of Education
- The Values behind Attitudes towards Some Excluded Groups (reg. no. P404/12/2072), Grant Agency of the Czech Republic
- The Security of Citizens: Crisis Management, Ministry of Interior
- Commercial Activities
- Other Sources

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