

# Annual Report

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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. Last year was even more restless than 2013: let me just recall the dramatic political, economic and security crisis in Ukraine with its serious implications for international politics and economy. In the Czech Republic, a new government was formed in early 2014 by a coalition of two traditional political parties and one new movement. Are the decisions by the political and administrative elites in our country going to be based on superficial knowledge and beliefs, or even on doubtful ideological clichés, as was so often the case in the past? Or are we going to see the prevalence of a policymaking style that places more emphasis on solid analysis and foresight of the possible long-term effects of today's decisions on people's lives?

The following pages of this Annual Report provide structured information about the many projects and scholarly events which we organized last year and which document the wide array of topics and approaches applied at the CESES. The fact that Professor Steven Saxonberg from the United States joined our ranks demonstrates that we are part of the "global village" of science. I also dare to believe that my appointment as chairman of the Czech government's Expert Committee on Pension Reform<sup>1</sup> arose from the recognition CESES as a whole enjoys for its long-term record of high-quality work. Among the scholarly events organized, I would like to highlight the successful 10th Prague Security Conference for which we chose the topic of "World, European Union, and Czechia: 1989 – 2014 – 2039".

I am sure the expert outputs of the CESES provide our political leaders and officials in charge with ample inspiration for thinking about the country's possible futures, searching for adequate priorities, and laying down effective ways to meeting those priorities. This is how we understood and continue to understand our work: as a challenge to investigate the possible futures of our country openly, participatively, and based on solid analysis and the most robust methods possible.

**Prof. PhDr. Martin Potůček, CSc., MSc.**

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<sup>1</sup> [www.duchodova-komise.cz](http://www.duchodova-komise.cz)

# Research Projects

## **Social Sciences in Challenges of the New Era (P17)**

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

## **Adaptation of the Security System of the Czech Republic to Changing Economic, Social, Demographic, and Geopolitical Realities (VG20132015112)**

Funded by the Ministry of Interior within the Programme of Security Research 2010-2015 (BV II/2-VS), the project is intended to identify the critical factors bearing the most serious negative impact on the function of the Czech security system. The critical review of the systemic capabilities within likely marginal strain will also be provided. The main aim of the project is to deliver comprehensive set of recommendations and mechanism allowing the system to adapt to rapidly changing conditions, such as the resource restraints combined with increasing stress and evolving threats.

Principal Investigator: Miloš Balabán

## **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

## **Countering Radicalisation in Southeast and Central Europe through Development of (Counter-) Radicalisation Monitoring Tool (MONITOR)**

Funded by the European Commission and coordinated by Center for the Study of Democracy (Bulgaria), the project aims to assess and transfer de-radicalisation experience from the NL, the UK and other EU Member States in order to design, establish and promote radicalisation-monitoring tools in BG, the CZ and EL. Those tools will be aimed at monitoring radicalisation and recruitment that might potentially lead to acts of extremism and terrorism. Through this action the project will increase the capacity of law-enforcement, local level authorities and civil society to prevent and

counter radicalisation leading to terrorism amongst risk groups in BG, CZ and EL. In the long run, the proposed monitoring tools will serve as an analytic blueprint for the design and establishment of adequate radicalisation prevention policies and programmes in the three selected countries.

Principal Investigator: Miloš Balabán

## **Ten Years of EU Membership – Consequences and Benefits for the Czech Republic and its Citizens in the Field of Civil Society**

The study has been commissioned by the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic.

The main goal of the project is to implement a study analysing how Czech civil society has benefited from and been affected by the country's membership in the EU over the past ten years. The analysis will focus on four areas:

1. The development of civil rights, democratic participation and civil society organizations;
2. The increasing transparency and accountability of such institutions that help citizens make a difference in public life (including those running programs under Structural and Cohesion Funds);
3. The ways the capacity of Czech civil society organizations is strengthened by their participation in EU programmes (funded by the ESF, Europe for Citizens etc.);
4. The broadening scope of EU-level activities of Czech civil society organizations (including networking with organizations in other member states).

Principal Investigator: Pavol Frič

## **The Values behind Attitudes towards Some Excluded Groups** (P404/12/2072)

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** (CZ.1.07./2.2.00/28.0227)

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

## **Civil Security as a Part of the Security System in the Czech Republic and Poland – Theoretical Conceptualization and the Assessment of Similarities and Differences in a Broader European Context** (7AMB13PL018)

The project is developed under the MOBILITY Programme of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic. The Polish partner is Adam Mickiewicz University at Poznań. The goal of the project is – based on comparative analysis – to conceptualize the notion of the security system, with special attention paid to the role of civil security system within it, and to establish research cooperation in the area of Public Policy between the two partner institutions.

Principal Investigator: Martin Potůček

## **Azerbaijan's Security Policy as a Tool of Peace and Regional Stability**

The ultimate aim of the project is to improve the understanding of Azerbaijan's attitudes and policies in the Czech Republic, to raise awareness of the challenges Azerbaijan has to meet, and to overcome cultural differences in perception of values in national security policy.

Thus, the primary goal of the project to achieve is to present Azerbaijan's foreign and security policy as a significant factor enhancing the stability and security within the Transcaucasia and the Caspian Sea region.

Principal Investigator: Miloš Balabán

## **Advanced Protection of Critical Buildings by an Overall Anticipating System (ARGOS)**

The project is developed within the 7th EU Framework Programme and coordinated by Everis (Spain). The CESES is one of its 13 consortium partners. The project intends to increase the physical security of European citizens and foster economic stability and growth in European cities by improving the protection of critical infrastructures, through designing a multimodal early warning security solution focused on privacy respect, low consumption technologies and advanced detection algorithms associated to a data fusion and data mining smart engine.

Principal Investigator: Libor Stejskal

## **Scenarios of Strategic Shocks: Future Environment of Public Policies**

The project is implemented within the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic's OMEGA Programme which supports applied social research and experimental development. Through the method of exploratory scenarios, the project will draft theoretically informed and empirically grounded scenarios of so-called strategic shocks to the possible future external environment in which the Czech Republic's policies will be formulated.

Principal Investigator: Jan Ludvík

## **Extending Working Lives - Health and Wellbeing Implications and Facilitators**

Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (UK), the key focus of this international and interdisciplinary programme of research is to provide insights into how to promote longer and healthier working lives which are resilient to the pressures of globalised, intensified and highly competitive labour markets. The study is divided into four work strands which examine macro, meso and micro levels and are unified by a focus on the maintenance of health and wellbeing among older workers.

Principal Investigator: Martin Nekola

**Information on projects that have been implemented at CESES in recent years can be found on CESES website: <http://ceses.cuni.cz/>**





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The year 2014 saw continued publication of the Central European Journal for Public Policy (CEJPP) which seeks to disseminate 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 and health care, environmental protection, education, labour market, immigration, security, public finance and budgeting, administrative reforms, performance measurement and governance. Its broad coverage commits the journal to taking a multidisciplinary approach and to striving for a balance between policy description, explanation and evaluation through a wide array of quantitative and qualitative social science methodologies.

The journal's operations in 2014 were funded by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague, and the Education for Competitiveness Operational Programme.

Two regular issues of Volume 8 were published.

<b>Author</b>	<b>Article title</b>
<b>No. 1/2014</b>	
Hans Dubois	Ambiguously Divided Responsibilities across Government Spheres: How they Impact the Policy Process and Result in Coordination Problems in the Case of Poland
Thomas Hartmann, Andreas Hengstermann	Territorial Cohesion through Spatial Policies: An Analysis with Cultural Theory and Clumsy Solutions
Aleksandra Maksimovska Veljanovski, Aleksandar Stojkov	Performance-Based Budgeting in South-Eastern Europe: A Legal and Economic Perspective
Hana Tenglerová	The Policy of Inactivity: Doing Gender-Blind Science Policy in the Czech Republic 2005–2010
<b>No. 2/2014</b>	
Luděk Moravec	Research Market Gap in Law Enforcement Technology: Lessons from Czech Security Research Funding Programmes
Schima Viktoria Labitsch	The Arab Uprisings and Euro-Mediterranean Security: The Regional Security Agenda of the European Union
Oldřich Krulík	Current Trends Related to Providing Local Public Order Affairs in the Czech Republic
Martina Šimková	Impact of Population Aging on Military and Security Policy
Marek Pavlik, Michiel S. de Vries	The Voucher System as an Alternative for Allocating Sports Grants
Tom Lynch	Why Piketty Cannot Be Read and Reviewed in Isolation

## 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.

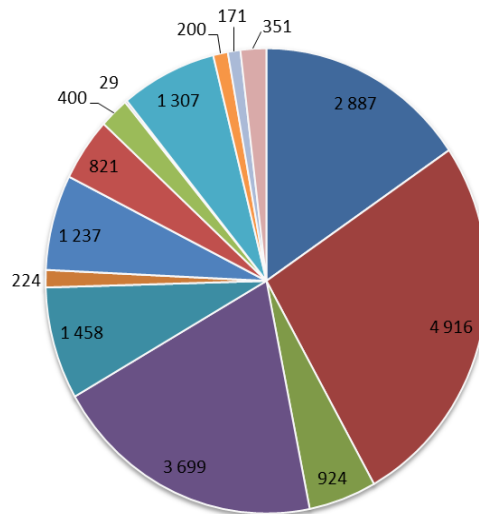
Conference/seminar	Event description	Date
<b>Veterans of Czech diplomacy on NATO's history, present and future perspectives</b>	The topical discussion was organized on the occasion of the 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Czech Republic's accession to the NATO	13 Mar
<b>Quo Vadis, Ukraine?</b>	The roundtable was organized in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. It sought to reflect the current situation in Ukraine and identify possible solutions to the Ukraine crisis. The seminar was attended by representatives of the V4 countries, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.	2 Apr
<b>European Union Institutions in 2014: The Lisbon Treaty and Improvisation in Crisis</b>	On the occasion of the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Czech Republic's accession to the EU, Associate Professor Ivo Šlošarčík gave a public lecture on the topic of European Union Institutions in 2014: The Lisbon Treaty and Improvisation in Crisis.	16 Apr
<b>The European Union, the Czech Republic and Slovakia: Our Common Security Future</b>	Marking the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Czech Republic's and Slovakia's accession to the EU, the international conference sought to identify shared interests in the making of European security and discuss security cooperation in Europe as an instrument for furthering European integration.	28 Apr
<b>PhD Students and Early Career Policy Researchers Workshop 2014</b>	The workshop for doctoral students was led by Hal Colebatch of the University of New South Wales. It was part of the project „Innovation of economic disciplines study in accordance with the requirement of the knowledge economy“.	13–14 May
<b>Azerbaijan's Security Policy as a Factor of Peace and Regional Stability</b>	The conference on the topic of <b>“Azerbaijan's Security Policy as a Factor of Peace and Regional Stability”</b> mapped the security and economic aspects of the current role of Azerbaijan as a strategic partner of Europe and Asia.	9 Jun
<b>World, European Union, and Czechia: 1989 – 2014 – 2039</b>	The 10 <sup>th</sup> Prague Security Conference on the topic of <b>“World, European Union, and Czechia: 1989 – 2014 – 2039”</b> brought together Czech and international experts to discuss the development of society, science, technology, economy and geopolitics in the following 25 years and to reflect these aspects of the past quarter-century.	7 Nov

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<b>Working conference of the Expert Committee on Pension Reform</b>	The working conference of the Expert Committee on Pension Reform was organized in cooperation with the CESES and other academic institutions.
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# Funding



- Sciences on society, politics and media as reflected in contemporary challenges (P17), Charles University Programme of Development of Scientific Disciplines, Ministry of Education
- 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
- Scenarios of Strategic Shocks: Future Environment of Public Policies (reg. no. TD020083), OMEGA II Programme, Technology Agency of the Czech Republic
- Adaptation of the Security System of the Czech Republic to Changing Economic, Social, Demographic, and Geopolitical Realities (reg.no. VG20132015112), Ministry of Interior
- Advanced protection of critical buildings by overall anticipating systém (reg. no.313217), Framework Programme 7, European Commission
- Countering Radicalisation in Southeast and Central Europe through Development of (Counter-) Radicalisation Monitoring Tool (reg. no. HOME/2013/ISEC/AG/RAD/400005264), European Commission
- Azerbaijan's Security Policy as a Tool of Peace and Regional Stability (reg. no.№ XQ/03/002), Council of State Support to Non-governmental Organizations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- 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 (reg. no. VF20112015018), Ministry of Interior
- Civil Security as a part of the Security System in the Czech Republic and Poland (reg. no.7AMB13PL018), MOBILITY Programme, Ministry of Education
- Educational activity, Ministry of Education
- Institutional Developmental Project of the Faculty of Social Sciences 2014, Charles University in Prague
- Commercial Activities
- Other Sources

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