

## HABILITATION BOARD DECISION ON THE NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

<b>Masaryk University</b>	
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Economics and Administration
<b>Procedure field</b>	Economics
<b>Applicant</b>	Ing. Štěpán Mikula, Ph.D.
<b>Applicant's home unit, institution</b>	Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University
<b>Habilitation thesis</b>	Blast from the Past: Essays on the Long-Term Impacts of Historic Events

### Board members

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### Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

The applicant specializes in labour economics and political and institutional economics. Together with his co-authors, he has been able to publish in leading journals of the field such as *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Economics Letters*, and *Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization*. The applicant's research shows considerable originality, for example when he was able to utilize resettlement in the border regions as a natural experiment. The applicant has been successful in receiving national research grants (six times GAČR – Czech Science Foundation) and he was able also to attract international funding from the Czech-Austrian bilateral cooperation. The applicant nurtures many successful international cooperations by regularly publishing with Austrian and Norwegian co-authors. His research has an ascending trajectory and he has currently many promising papers under review. His research has not only had a significant academic impact, but the applicant also contributed to a design of a point-based immigration system in the Czech Republic.

**Conclusion:** The applicant's scholarly/artistic capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of Economics.

### **Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience**

The applicant has been teaching basic courses in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics at the Faculty of Economics and Administration of Masaryk University Brno. He was also involved in lecturing the courses on Economic History and Labour Economics. He has been actively involved in the preparation and teaching of two specialized courses: 1) Data analysis and visualization in R and 2) Identification strategies. He has been regularly supervising bachelor's and master's theses on topics that are closely related to his research interests. Four of his supervised students were awarded the Dean's Award for best diploma thesis and two of the theses were rewritten and submitted to journals. The applicant also serves as a co-supervisor at the University of Stavanger.

**Conclusion:** The applicant's pedagogical capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation procedure in the field of Economics.

### **Habilitation thesis evaluation**

The habilitation thesis includes three papers on the long-term impacts of historic events, together with a joint introduction. The thesis was reviewed by three reviewers:

- 1) Professor Martin Kahanec, PhD (Department of Public Policy, Central European University)
- 2) Professor Ing. Jan Fidrmuc, M.A., PhD (Université de Lille)
- 3) Benjamin Elsner, PhD (University College Dublin, UCD School of Economics)

All three reviewers stated that the habilitation thesis fulfills the requirements expected of a habilitation thesis in the field of Economics. The reviewers stated that the applicant's work showed a distinguished scholarship in the field of urban economics, economic history, and economics of transition. All three papers were published in excellent journals and despite being published only relatively recently (2019, 2021), they have accumulated a respectable number of citations. The research studies underlying the thesis are scientifically sound, analytically rigorous, and relevant for the broader public policy debate about the studied questions. The applicant has firmly established himself as a serious scholar at the intersection of urban economics and economic history.

**Conclusion:** The applicant's habilitation thesis **meets** the requirements expected of habilitation theses in the field of Economics.

### Secret ballot results

Number of board members	5
Number of votes cast	5
Number of votes in favour	5

### Board decision

Based on the outcome of the secret vote and following an evaluation of the applicant's scholarly or artistic qualifications, pedagogical experience and habilitation thesis, the board hereby submits a proposal to the scientific board of the Faculty of Economics and Administration of Masaryk University to

appoint the applicant associate professor of Economics.

terminate the procedure.

Date: 10 October 2022

prof. Ing. Zdeněk Tomeš, Ph.D.



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## ČESTNÉ PROHLÁŠENÍ K ZÁVĚREČNÉMU STANOVISKU KOMISE KE JMENOVÁNÍ

Já, **prof. Ing. Zdeněk Tomeš, Ph.D.**, předseda habilitační komise pro habilitační řízení **Ing. Štěpána Mikuly, Ph.D.**, čestně prohlašuji, že jednání komise proběhlo on-line pomocí MS Teams. Dále čestně prohlašuji, že všichni členové komise souhlasili s finálním zněním závěrečného stanoviska.

V Brně dne 10. října 2022



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