



# MASARYK UNIVERSITY

## EMA Director

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Prof. Jan Holzer,

**Fields of competence:** Theory of non-democratic and hybrid regimes, transitological studies in East-Central and Eastern Europe.

## Other academics involved in EMA 2017/2018

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Mgr. Hubert Smekal, M.A., Ph.D.

## The university and the city

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Founded in 1919 and named after T. G. Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia, Masaryk University is a modern university with an established tradition. Today, it comprises nine faculties and is dedicated to the overall support of research and innovation, focusing as well on the transfer of knowledge to the spheres of applied science and commercial use. This mission is clearly visible in the superb teaching and research facilities of the new university campus and in the first Czech polar station in Antarctica.

Masaryk University is located in Brno, the second largest city in the Czech Republic (400 000 inhabitants), close to Austrian and Slovak capitals Vienna and Bratislava. Brno is a lively interesting city with a wide selection of cultural and sport activities which hosts a number of exciting events.

All incoming students receive assistance, information materials, and are invited to Orientation Week organized by the Centre for International Cooperation together with the International Student Club. Buddy system is provided, too.

The Faculty of Social Studies which is responsible for running EIUC activities in the Czech Republic, became an independent faculty of Masaryk University in 1998 when it disaffiliated from the Faculty of Arts. The newly reconstructed building of the faculty, located right in the city-centre, provides modern environment for study and work, with an instant Wi-Fi internet connection, computers labs, specialized multimedia rooms and a modern rich library. The new building is interesting also from an architectural point of view with its large two-storey atrium hall offering space for discussions as well as cultural events and performances. The Faculty supports active student club that runs a photo gallery, cafe, tearoom and space for extra-curricular activities.

## Second semester courses

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**Courses available for EMA students:** political science, sociology, European studies, international relations, international criminal law (selection of courses):

Bechná, Chovančík: EU Peace Promotion (8 credits)

Chovančík: Responding to crises with measures short of force (6 credits)

Dufek: Political Ideologies (10 credits)

Hloušek: Transformation of Central and Eastern Europe (8 credits)

Hloušek, Šedo: Comparative Politics of Western Europe (14 credits)

Jaworsky: Transnational Studies (15 credits)

Jaworsky, Klvaňová, Janků: Contemporary Migration Reserach (10 credits)

Koďousková, Smekal, Suchý, Europe and Global Politics (12 credits)

Krpec, Hodulák: Europe in Global Economy (10 credits)

Mareš, Čejka: Strategies of insurgency and counterinsurgency (8 credits)

Mareš, Vejvodová: Comparative Analysis of Security Policy (9 credits)

### Websites:

[www.muni.cz](http://www.muni.cz)

[www.fss.muni.cz](http://www.fss.muni.cz)

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Marshall: Environmental Issues Worldwide (5 credits)

Novotná: International Law in International Tribunals and Domestic Courts (3 credits)

Novotná: International Criminal Law (3 credits)

Oláh, Szaló: Memory, Culture, Identity (10 credits)

Plasová, Formánková: Gender and Labour Market in Different European Contexts (12 credits)

Pšejja: Democratization in Globalized World: A Comparative Perspective (5 credits)

Thayer: Human Evolution and International Politics (8 credits)

Vörös: Changing Political and Social Identities in Post-Cold War Central Europe (10 credits)

Wilton: Contemporary Social Policy in the European Union (12 credits)

All courses:

[http://old.muni.cz/fss/study/teaching/courses\\_provided?semester=spring2018&for\\_study\\_type=&in\\_language=eng](http://old.muni.cz/fss/study/teaching/courses_provided?semester=spring2018&for_study_type=&in_language=eng) + possibility to visit law faculty courses (<https://erasmus.law.muni.cz/content/en/erasmus-na-pravnicke-fakulte/courses-in-foreign-languages/>)

**Deadline for enrolment in the courses:** February 2018

**Examination procedures:** Examinations usually consist of written examinations, essays, position papers, discussions and take-home exams, depending on the course. Courses last 13 weeks + examination period.

## Thesis

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### Research areas:

- non-democratic and hybrid regimes; minority rights; democratic theory; quality of democracy; migration and globalization; ethnicity, racism, anti-Semitism; international courts, courts and politics; terrorism

### Thesis supervision:

- Prof. Jan Holzer, Ph.D. (non-democratic and hybrid regimes, transitological studies in CEE)
- Prof. Andrew Roberts (democratic theory, quality of democracy)
- Prof. Miroslav Mareš (terrorism)
- Ivo Pospíšil, Ph.D. (international law, judicialization of international politics)
- Hubert Smekal, Ph.D. (international courts, courts and politics)
- Michal Vašečka, Ph.D. (migration, ethnicity, anti-Semitism, national minorities in Central Europe)

**Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university** (+ 1 copy to the EIUC Secretariat): 0

**Recommended research topics:** International human rights treaties in non-democratic regimes

## Library

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Library directly in the building of the Faculty (over 15,000 social science books in English; opening hours: 9–20 Mo–Fri, 9–15 Sat), moreover, it is possible to visit other faculty libraries and also the Moravian Library.

## Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

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- UNESCO Prize awarded human rights movies festival One World
- Gender Studies, o.p.s.
- NESEHNUTI - Independent Social-Ecological Movement
- SOZE - Association of Citizens Dealing with Immigrants
- Amnesty International
- Czech Centre for Human Rights
- Czech Helsinki Committee
- League of Human Rights

## Administration and logistics

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**Practicalities & visa, student support:** please contact Mgr. Jolana Navratilova: [jnavrati@fss.muni.cz](mailto:jnavrati@fss.muni.cz)

**IT and logistics:** Wi-Fi connection in the building of FSS MU, computer labs (8–20 Mon–Thurs; 8–17 Fri), non-stop university computer lab (located 30 meters from the Faculty); Dorms – connection to the Internet provided.