

## Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of the Scientific Board of the FF MU held on 7 December 2023

Venue: meeting room of the Dean's Office of the FF MU, Building C, second floor + online

### 1. Request for the Waiver of Previous Appointment as an Associate Professor – Matthew Rampley, B.A., PhD.

**Conclusion:** The Scientific Board of the FF MU agrees to waive the previous appointment as an Associate Professor for the professor appointment procedure of Mr Mathew Rampley, B.A., PhD.

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34

Number of votes cast: 21

Number of positive votes: 19

### 2. Request for the Extension of the Authorization to Implement the Doctoral Degree Programme Aesthetics and Culture Studies

**Conclusion:** the Scientific Board of the FF MU approves the proposal to extend the authorization to implement the doctoral degree programme Aesthetics and Culture Studies.

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34

Number of votes cast: 22

Number of positive votes: 19

### 3. Request for the Extension of the Authorization to Implement the Doctoral Degree Programme Aesthetics and Cultural Studies

**Conclusion:** The Scientific Board of the FF MU approves the proposal to extend the authorization to implement the doctoral degree programme Aesthetics and Cultural Studies.

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34

Number of votes cast: 20

Number of positive votes: 17

#### 4. Professor appointment Procedure – doc. Mgr. Jaroslav David, Ph.D. – Czech Language

**Professor appointment Procedure field:** Czech Language

**The Chair:**

prof. Mgr. Pavel Kosek, Ph.D.

**Members:**

prof. PhDr. Jana Pleskalová, CSc.

Prof. Dr. Tilman Berger

prof. Mgr. Jaromír Krško, PhD.

Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Stefan Michael Newerkla

**Course of the procedure:** At the beginning of the procedure, the Chair of the evaluation committee, Prof. Kosek, introduced the applicant and summarized the course of the committee's work.

Doc. David's lecture presented the topic of research on toponymy of urban space (geographical names, especially urbanonyms – names of streets and squares) in the context of current trends in linguistics (linguistic landscape, honorific motif, model theory) and stimuli arising from interdisciplinary research (critical toponymy, toponymic commodification, gender gap). Using the example of research on Central European socialist cities, it not only characterized their urbanonyms in a developmental perspective, including the relationship between standardized and non-standardized names, but also showed general trends in urban nomenclature after 1990.

The lecture was followed by an engaging discussion in which doc. David answered the questions of the committee members and the members of the Scientific Board.

**Conclusion:** The Scientific Board of the FF MU agrees with the proposal to appoint doc. Mgr. Jaroslav David, Ph.D., as a Professor of Czech Language.

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34

Number of votes cast: 21

Number of positive votes: 21

#### 5. Professor appointment Procedure – doc. Mgr. David Zbiral, Ph.D. – History – General History

**Professor appointment Procedure field:** History – General History

**The Chair:**

prof. PhDr. Mgr. Tomáš Knoz, Ph.D.

**Members:**

Prof. Dr. Philippe Buc  
prof. dr hab. Stanisław Rosik  
prof. PhDr. Martin Wihoda, Ph.D.  
prof. PhDr. Josef Žemlička, DrSc.

**Course of the procedure:** At the beginning of the procedure, the Chair of the evaluation committee, Prof. Knoz, introduced the applicant and summarized the course of the committee's work.

Doc. Zbírál's lecture presented an approach to historical research, which the applicant is developing in the Dissident Networks Project (DISSINET, <https://dissinet.cz>) and which can be characterized as source-oriented data-computational historiography. The lecture discussed this approach primarily through commentary on its three potential limitations: (1) the source-critical limitations of computational research, (2) the overemphasis on methodology at the expense of interpretation and argumentation in digital and computational historiography, and (3) the limited availability of serial data.

The lecture was followed by a professional, engaging discussion in which doc. Zbírál knowledgeably answered questions of the Board members and members of the Scientific Board.

**Conclusion:** The Scientific Board of the FF MU agrees with the proposal to appoint doc. Mgr. David Zbírál, Ph.D., as a Professor of History – General History.

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34  
Number of votes cast: 22  
Number of positive votes: 22

## **6. Habilitation Procedure – Egle Mocciaro – Linguistics of Concrete Languages (Romance languages)**

**Habilitation field:** Linguistics of Concrete Languages (Roman Languages)

**The Chair:**

prof. PhDr. Petr Kylvoušek, CSc.

**Members:**

Prof. Claudio Iacobini  
Prof. Maria Napoli  
prof. PhDr. Jan Radimský, Ph.D.  
doc. Mgr. Pavel Štichauer, Ph.D.

**Course of the procedure:** At the beginning of the procedure, the Chair of the Habilitation Board, Prof. Kyloušek, introduced the applicant and summarized the course of the Board's work.

Dr. Egle Mocciaro's lecture focused on some aspects of evaluative morphology in early Sicilian (13th-14th century), with a focus on morphological markers (specifically suffixes) that encode the pejorative meaning of "bad". The research was carried out using the Textual Archive of Old Sicilian (ARTESIA, <https://artesia.oivi.cnr.it/>), created at the University of Catania in collaboration with the Opera del Vocabolario Italiano, CNR. Its analysis is semasiological, focusing on the different suffixes encoding a given evaluative meaning in the selected linguistic variety, e.g. diminution, augmentation, pejorative meaning, intensification, approximation, attenuation, etc. According to the applicant's findings, evaluative morphology serves primarily to indicate a certain degree of deviation from an intersubjectively defined norm (i.e. a norm defined within a particular linguistic community).

After the lecture, the present opponents summarized their opinions and a professional discussion followed. During this discussion, Dr. Mocciaro responded confidently to the questions of the board members, the opponents and the members of the Scientific Board. The Chair of the Habilitation Committee also reported that Dr Mocciaro had already obtained habilitation at two Italian universities.

**Conclusion:** The Scientific Board of the FF MU agrees with the proposal to appoint Egle Mocciaro as an Associate Professor in the field of Linguistics of Concrete Languages (Romane Languages).

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34

Number of votes cast: 24

Number of positive votes: 24

doc. Mgr. Irena Radová, Ph.D.  
Dean

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