

Curriculum Vitae

PhDr. Josef Mlejnek, Ph.D.

Date of birth: 19. 1. 1969

Education:

Political science, Charles University (Mgr., graduated 1998);

Ph.D. Dissertation: Comparison of political transformation in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic after 1989 in terms of constitutional and electoral engineering. Charles University, 2005.

Occupation:

Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Political Studies, Department of Political Studies - assistant professor.

Specialization:

Transitions to democracy; constitutional and electoral systems; history, culture and politics of Central and Eastern Europe.

Main publications in last seven years:

Monographs:

Mlejnek, Josef. (2015). *Kuře v hrnci a křeček v kole. Česká politika a její transformace v kontextu civilizační krize*. Brno, Centrum pro studium demokracie a kultury.

Title in English: A Chicken in a Pot and a Hamster in a Wheel : Czech Politics and its Transformation in the Context of the Crisis of Civilization

Annotation: An extended explanation of the problems of the Czech politics claims that we've not been consolidated enough - we haven't fully come to terms with the heritage of the past, we still have a lot to learn from the developed West. That is true, but only partially. This book is trying to prove that main troubles of the Czech society and politics are not primarily connected with the communist heritage and insufficient adaptation to Western standards anymore because these are also crucial problems of the Western civilization as such. A civilization which is too much focused on "a chicken in a pot" and trapped in its own success that puts an individual into a position similar to a hamster in a wheel.

Chapters in monographs

Mlejnek, Josef. (2014). „Čtvrtstoletí přímé volby prezidenta v Polsku“. In Baron, Roman – Madecki, Roman (eds.): *Česká polonistická studia : tradice a současnost : (filologie – historie – politologie – právo)*. Praha, Historický ústav AV ČR, s. 288–299.

Title in English: Quarter of a century of direct presidential election in Poland

Annotation: The chapter focuses on the process and the political consequences of direct presidential elections in Poland.

Mlejnek, Josef. (2014). „Prezidenti a magie charismatického panství“. In Kubát, Michal – Lebeda, Tomáš a kol. *O komparativní politologii a současné české politice*. Praha, Karolinum, s. 37–43.

Title in English: Presidents and the magic of charismatic domination

Annotation: The chapter deals with issues related to the analysis of the position of the president in political systems. It focuses on the difficulties associated with the classification of political systems with a strong (constitutional or real) position of the president. It focuses also on the great importance of the personality of a particular office-holder in such political systems.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals:

Mlejnek, Josef. (2016). Bolševik z Rudé planety. Alexandr Bogdanov jako průkopník (nejen) komunistické sci-fi. *Securitas Imperii*, č. 28, 1/2016, s. 12–36.

Title in English: Bolshevik from Red planet. Alexander Bogdanov as a pioneer (not only) communist's science fiction

Annotation: This study focuses on Alexander A. Bogdanov, original name Malinovskij (1873–1928), a Russian and Soviet physician, philosopher, science fiction writer, and revolutionary – in particular on his works of science fiction. Bogdanov was among the original Bolsheviks and became an influential theorist of the new proletarian culture. Before the Revolution, he wrote two Martian novels: *Red Star* (1908) and *Red Star's* prequel *Engineer Menni* (1913). *Engineer Menni* is a historical novel. It tells the story of the Martian class struggle that prepared the way for the social utopia described by *Red Star's* hero and narrator Leonid, a visitor from Earth. The novels are a vehicle for the social and scientific theories that Bogdanov worked out in many books and essays.

Mlejnek, Josef. (2015). Běsi, nebo piroh socialismu? Proměnlivá role ideologie v komunistickém totalitarismu. *Securitas Imperii*, č. 26, 1/2015, s. 12–36.

Title in English: Demons, or the pie of socialism? The changing role of ideology in communist totalitarianism

Annotation: The study focuses on the role of ideology in totalitarian communist regimes. It examines the extent to which ideology can be regarded as a static or dynamic element and raises the question of to what extent ideology restricts political leaders and to what extent political leaders of communist states can use ideology arbitrarily, primarily doing so through the example of V. I. Lenin and his relation to the viability of the socialist revolution. The

study also points out the contradiction between the declared goals of communism and the political practice of the dictatorship of the proletariat. It deals with the surprising proximity between the vision of communism and the genre of science fiction. The study also focuses on the pseudo-religious character of communist totalitarianism and its implications for the nature of totalitarian communist regimes and their policy of mass repression.

Mlejnek, Josef. (2012). Solidarita jako sociální a politické hnutí – pokus o kvadraturu kruhu? *Securitas Imperii*, roč. 20, č. 1, s. 14–35.

Title in English: Solidarity as a social and political movement – an attempt to square the circle?

Annotation: A study focusing on the historical, social, cultural, religious and political roots of the Polish opposition movement Solidarity, which was founded in 1980, and on its role in the transition to democracy in Poland.