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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2005-present	<b>Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic</b> Faculty of Social Sciences. Department of Russian and East European Studies, Associate Professor (docent) Teaching and research focus: <i>Central Asia and the Eurasian Region</i> . 2015-2017 Head of Department of Russian and East European Studies
2010-2017	<b>The University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic</b>
2007-2008	Faculty of International Relations. Department of Tourism, Lecturer Teaching focus: <i>Geography of Tourism</i>

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## EDUCATION BACKGROUND

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2019	<b>Ostrava University, Faculty of Sciences</b> (habilitation/associated professorship, doc.) Political and Cultural Geography (Habilitation thesis: Nation-state Formation. Personalities, Actors and Ideology. Case of Turkmenistan).
2002-2007	<b>Charles University in Prague, Institute of International Studies</b> (Ph.D.) International Area Studies (Subject of research: Russia-Central Asia Mutual Links after 1991. The Central Asian View).
1998-2002	<b>Charles University in Prague, Institute of International Studies</b> (M.A.) Russian and Eastern European Studies
1997-2000	<b>Charles University in Prague, Institute of Near East and Africa</b> History and Culture of Islamic Countries – Turcology
1995-1998	<b>The University of Hradec Králové, Department of Tourism</b> (B. A.) Tourism with Extended Language Studies

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## INTERNSHIPS AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES ABROAD

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2017-2019	<b>Tbilisi State University</b> Tbilisi, Georgia, lecturer and visiting fellow
2014	<b>Institute of Oriental Languages</b> Almaty, lecturer (1 month)
2014	<b>Alexanteri Institute, Helsinki University</b> Helsinki, Central Asia Fellow (1 month)
2012-2013	<b>School of Advanced and International Studies, John Hopkins University,</b> Washington DC, Fulbright scholarship (6 months)
2008-2010	<b>Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa,</b> Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, lecturer

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## LANGUAGES

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Czech (native)  
Russian (highly advanced)  
English (advanced)  
Persian/Tajik, Spanish, Georgian (intermediate)  
Turkish, Polish, Uzbek (lower intermediate)  
French, Turkmen, Azeri, Ukrainian, Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian (reading/understanding comprehension)

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## REFERENCES

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## LIST OF MAJOR PUBLICATIONS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

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- Horák, Slavomír: Education in Turkmenistan under the second president. Reforms or pretend reforms? In: Education in Central Asia: A Kaleidoscope of Challenges and Opportunities (Denise Egea, ed.). Springer, 2020, p. 71-91. ISBN 978-3-030-50126-6.
- Horák, Slavomír: Sports politics in authoritarian regimes. The synergies of sport, ideology and personality cult in Turkmenistan. In: Sport, Statehood and Transition in Europe. Comparative perspectives from post-Soviet and post-socialist societies (Rojo-Labaien, Ekain - Díaz, Juan Álvaro Rodríguez - Rookwood, Joel, eds.). Routledge, Abingdon-New York, 2020, p. 250-267. ISBN 978-0-367-34440-5.
- Horák, Slavomír: The emergence and failure of the Gagauz Republic (1989–1995). In: De Facto States in Eurasia (Tomáš Hoch, Vincenc Kopeček, eds.). Routledge, Abingdon, Oxon, New York, 2020, p. 274-295. ISBN 978-03-6719-912-8.
- Horák, Slavomír: Bukharan People's Soviet Republic: from protectorate to SSR. In: De Facto States in Eurasia (Tomáš Hoch, Vincenc Kopeček, eds.). Routledge, Abingdon, Oxon, New York, 2020, p. 46-62. ISBN 978-03-6719-912-8.
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- Horák, Slavomír. Emergency and Development in Bukhara de facto state. Slovanický přehled [Slavic Review], Vol. 104, No. 1, 2018, p. 73-93. ISSN 0037-6922 (Czech).
- Horák, Slavomír: Leadership Succession in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan: Between Stability and Instability. Central Asian Affairs, Vol. 5., No. 1, 2018, p. 1-15. ISSN 2214-2282.
- Polese, Abel - Ó Beacháin, Donnacha - Horák, Slavomír: Strategies of Legitimation in Central Asia: Regime Durability in Turkmenistan. Contemporary Politics, Vol. 23, No. 4, 2017, p. 427-455.
- Horák, Slavomír: Turkmenistan at the last stage of Perestroika. Determinant of the authoritarian path of independent Turkmenistan. Cahiers de l'Asie Centrale, No. 26, 2016. p. 29-49. ISSN [1270-9247](#).
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- Horák, Slavomír – Polese, Abel: A tale of two presidents: personality cult and symbolic nation-building in Turkmenistan. Nationalities Papers. Vol. 43, Issue 3, 2015, p. 457-478. ISSN 0090-5992.
- Horák, Slavomír: The Battle of Gökdepe in the Turkmen post-Soviet historical discourse. Central Asian Survey, Vol. 34, No. 2, 2015, p. 149-161. ISBN 1465-3354.

- Horák, Slavomír: Visa regimes and regulatory documents as an obstacle for tourism development in Central Asia. In: *Tourism in Central Asia: Cultural Potential and Challenges* (Uysal, M. – Kantarci, K. - Magnini, V. P., eds.). Apple Academic Press, Waretown, NJ, 2014. pp. 233-258. ISBN 978-1771880558.
- Horák, Slavomír: Challenges from the East: China. In: *Putin's Grand Strategy: The Eurasian Union and its Discontents*. (Cornell, S. - Starr, F. S., eds.), Central Asia and Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program, Washington & Stockholm, 2014, pp. 166-178. ISBN 978-91-86635-82-4.
- Horák, Slavomír: Turkmenistan in the search of stable institutional design. The shape of power vertical after USSR dissolution. *Politicheskaya Nauka*, Vol. 4, No. 1, 2014, p. 181-198 (Russian).
- Horák, Slavomír: Educational Reforms in Turkmenistan: Good Framework, Bad Content. Central Asia Policy Brief, No. 11, September 2013. The Elliot School of International Affairs. George Washington University, Central Asia Program, 2013.
- Horák, Slavomír: The Elite in Post-Soviet and Post-Niyazow Turkmenistan: Does Political Culture Form a Leader? *Demokratizatsiya*, Vol. 20, No. 4, 2012, p. 371-385. ISSN 1074-6846.
- Horák, Slavomír: The Ideology of National Independence of Uzbekistan. *Slovanský přehled* (Slavonic Review, Review for the History of Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, The Institute of History, Czech Academy of Sciences), Vol. 98, No. 1-2, 2012, p. 81-96. ISSN 0037-6922 (forthcoming, Czech).
- Horák, Slavomír: Turkmenistan' Shifting Energy Geopolitics in 2009-2011: European Perspectives. *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 59, No. 2 (March-April 2012), p. 18-30. IF 0,404.
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- Horák, Slavomír: In search of the History of Tajikistan: What Are Tajik and Uzbek Historians Arguing About? *Russian Politics and Law*. Vol. 48, No. 5, September-October 2010, s. 65-77.

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## LIST OF MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

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- **Central Asian Law.** Horizons 2020, 2021-2023 (researcher responsible for Charles University).
- **Central Asia Handbook.** European Initiative for Central Asian Studies, Erasmus Plus, 2018-2021 (researcher responsible for Charles University).
- **Enhancing Cooperation Among Central Asia Researchers in the Visegrad Countries.** International Visegrad Fund, 2017-2018 (Researcher).
- **De Facto States in Northern Eurasia in the Context of the Russian Foreign Policy.** Czech Republic Sciences Foundation (GAČR), 2015-2017 (grant leader).
- **The Activities of the New Energy Customers (China and India) in the World Markets and Their Impact on the EU Energy.** Czech Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2011 (researcher).
- **The Impact of Eventual Turkish-Iranian Energy Partnership for EU Energy Politics.** Czech Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2010 (co-researcher).
- **The Mythology of Central Asian countries.** Czech Academy of Sciences Foundation, 2009-2011 (grant leader).

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