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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2005-present **Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic**
Faculty of Social Sciences. Department of Russian and East European Studies,
Associate Professor (docent)
Teaching and research focus: *Central Asia and the Eurasian Region*.
2015-2017 Head of Department of Russian and East European Studies

2010-2017 **The University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic**

2007-2008 Faculty of International Relations. Department of Tourism, Lecturer
Teaching focus: *Geography of Tourism*

EDUCATION BACKGROUND AND RESEARCH GRADES

2019 **Ostrava University, Faculty of Sciences** (habilitation/associated
professorship, doc.)
Political and Cultural Geography (Habilitation thesis “Nation-state Formation.
Personalities, Actors and Ideology. Case of Turkmenistan”).

2002-2007 **Charles University in Prague, Institute of International Studies** (Ph.D.)
International Area Studies (Ph.D. Thesis “Russia-Central Asia Mutual Links after
1991. The Central Asian View”).

1998-2002 **Charles University in Prague, Institute of International Studies** (M.A.)
Russian and Eastern European Studies

1997-2000 **Charles University in Prague, Institute of Near East and Africa**
History and Culture of Islamic Countries – Turcology

1995-1998 **The University of Hradec Králové, Department of Tourism** (B. A.)
Tourism with Extended Language Studies

INTERNSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES ABROAD (LAST 10 YEARS)

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

LANGUAGES

	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Czech	Native	Native	Native
Russian	C2	C1	C2
English	C2	B2	C1
Georgian	A2	A2	B1
Uzbek	A2	A2	A2
Turkish	A2	A2	A2
Tajik	A2	A2	A2
Persian	A2	A1	A2
French	B2	A1	A2
Spanish	B2	A2	B1
Polish	B2	A1	A1
Partial understanding/reading: Turkmen, Azeri, Ukrainian			

REFERENCES

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LIST OF MAJOR PUBLICATIONS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

- Horák, Slavomír: Ashgabat: The architecture as a showcase of personal regime. In: Routledge Handbook of Asian Cities (Hu, Richard, ed.). Routledge, Abingdon – New York, 2023, p. 472-482. ISBN 978-10-3218-840-9.
- Horák, Slavomír: Turkmenistan in Eurasian Railway Geopolitics. Central Asian Survey, Vol. 42, Issue 1, 2023, p. 171-190
- Horák, Slavomír: Turkmenistan's 2022 Leadership Change through the Personalist Paradigm. Demokratizatsiya, Vol. 30, No. 4, 2022, p. 463-471.
- Horák, Slavomír – Hoch Tomáš: The fate of sacred places as a symbol of unsuccessful conflict transformation in Nagorny Karabakh. Bulletin of Geography. Socio-economic Series, No. 58, December 2022, p. 25-40.
- Kebpanov, Yolbars - Horák, Slavomír – Ovezmyradov, Berdymyrat: The Investment Climate in Turkmenistan: Challenges and Possible Way of Attracting Foreign Investment. Lund University, Lund, 2022, 120 s. ISBN 978-91-7267-461-5.
- Horák, Slavomír: On Peculiarities of the Foreign Policy of Personalist Regimes (Example of Turkmenistan). Journal of International Analytics, Vol. 12, No. 2, 2021, p. 153-169. ISSN 2587-8476 print, 2541-9633 online (Russian).
- Horák, Slavomír: Railway Geopolitics in Central Asia from the 19th to the 21st Century. In: History and evolution of geopolitics toward Central Asia (De Cordier, Bruno - Fauve, Adrien - Van den Bosch, Jeroen, eds.), 2021, p. 965-986.
- Horák, Slavomír: History and Evolution of Geopolitics toward Central Asia. In: History and evolution of geopolitics toward Central Asia (De Cordier, Bruno - Fauve, Adrien - Van den Bosch, Jeroen, eds.), 2021, p. 571-631.
- Horák, Slavomír: Hargeisa: The Shared Urban Space as a Symbol of the State- and Nation-building. Geografické rozhledy (Geographical Review), Vol. 30, No. 4, 2020-2021, p. 18-21. ISSN 1210-3004 (Czech).
- Horák, Slavomír: Turkmenistan: Stability Through Regime Mobilization. In: Political Regimes and Neopatrimonialism in Central Asia. A Sociology of Power Perspective (Serra Massansalvador, Francesc – Izquierdo-Brichs, Ferran, eds.). Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2021. ISBN 978-981-15-9092-4.
- 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.
- 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.

LIST OF MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

- Multilevel Orders of Corruption in Central Asia. Horizons 2021 Staff Exchange Program, 2023-2025 (co-ordinator for Charles University).
- Where have all the natsmen gone? Ethnic minorities in the Post-Soviet Area. Czech Science Foundation, 2022-2024 (co-author, 20% share).
- Mapping and Organizing Research on Dictatorships, Open Repository Access. Erasmus Plus, 2022-2024 (co-author, co-ordinator for Charles University).
- The Analysis of export and Investment opportunities of Czech Republic in Central Asia in the context of changing transit and infrastructural setting in the region. Czech Technology Agency. Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic, TITSMPO939, 2021-2022 (co-author, 20% share). (Czech)
- Central Asian Law. Legal Cultures and Business Environments in Central Asia. Horizons 2020, Research and Innovation Staff Exchange Program, 2021-2023 (researcher, co-ordinator for Charles University).
- Central Asia Handbook. European Initiative for Central Asian Studies, Erasmus Plus, 2018-2021 (researcher, co-ordinator 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).

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