

MICHAL SMETANA | ACADEMIC CV

- Associate Professor at the [Institute of International Studies](#), Charles University
- Director of the [Peace Research Center Prague](#) (PRCP)
- Head Researcher at the [Experimental Lab for International Security Studies](#) (ELISS)

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EDUCATION & ACADEMIC TITLES

Masaryk University, Faculty of Social Studies
Brno, Czech Republic

2022 Political Science, Habilitation, Associate Professor / Docent (doc.)

Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences
Prague, Czech Republic

2017 International Relations, Ph.D.

2011 Security Studies, M.A./Master's degree (*summa cum laude*)

2008 International Area Studies, B.A./Bachelor's degree

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024–*present* **Associate Professor**
Department of North American Studies, Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic.

2023–*present* **Senior Researcher and Head of a Research Center**
Institute of International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic.

2020–*present* **Director**
Peace Research Center Prague (PRCP), Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic.

2019–2020 **Visiting Scholar (Fulbright)**
Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University. Stanford, California, United States.

2016 **Visiting Researcher (EU Nonproliferation and Disarmament Consortium)**
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF). Frankfurt, Germany.

2015	Visiting Research Fellow Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Stockholm, Sweden.
2015–2023	Researcher and Lecturer Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic.
2013–2014	Deputy Head Centre for Doctoral Studies, Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic.

GRANTS

2024– <i>present</i>	“Peace Research Center Prague II”, University Center of Excellence (UNCE) program, Charles University, project coordinator & senior researcher
2023– <i>present</i>	“Public Support for Nuclear Arms Control: An Experimental Survey Approach”, 2022 Nuclear Security Grant Program, Stanton Foundation (United States) , principal investigator
2022– <i>present</i>	“Beyond Nuclear Deterrence” (Rethinking Nuclear Deterrence), McArthur Foundation, Harvard University – John F. Kennedy School of Government , researcher & Charles University team leader
2022– <i>present</i>	“Experimental Lab for International Security Studies (ELISS)”, PRIMUS program , Charles University, principal investigator
2018–2023	“Peace Research Center Prague”, University Center of Excellence (UNCE) , Charles University, project coordinator & researcher
2021–2022	“Strategic Communication: Lessons from COVID-19”, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic , researcher
2019–2020	“Moral Foundations of International Security: An Experimental Approach”, Fulbright Program, Fulbright-Masaryk Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Stanford University , principal investigator
2018–2019	“Expanding the Study of the Nuclear Taboo: Cross-National and Multi-Dimensional Perspectives”, International Studies Association (ISA) , Catalytic Research Grant, principal investigator
2017–2018	“Cyber-League: Volunteer Capacity Building in Cyber Defense”, National Cyber and Information Security Agency , researcher
2017–2019	“Protection of Research Organizations in Relation to the State’s Economic Security”, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic , researcher
2015–2019	“Early Warning Indicators of Escalating Frozen Conflicts”, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic , researcher
2014–2016	“Indirect Coercive Strategies: Nuclear Weapons and Tacit Threats in International Crises”, Grant Agency of Charles University (GAUK) , principal investigator
2013–2016	“Global Prohibition Regimes: Theoretical Refinement and Empirical Analysis”, Czech Science Foundation (GACR) , researcher

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

Michal Smetana. 2024. Microfoundations of Domestic Audience Costs in Nondemocratic Regimes: Experimental Evidence from Putin's Russia. *Journal of Peace Research*. Online first: February 2024. 1–17.

Ondrej Rosendorf, Michal Smetana, and Marek Vranka. 2023. "Algorithmic Aversion? Experimental Evidence on the Elasticity of Public Attitudes to 'Killer Robots'" *Security Studies*. Online first: September 2023, 1–31.

Michal Smetana, Marek Vranka, and Ondrej Rosendorf. 2023. "The "Commitment Trap" Revisited: Experimental Evidence on Ambiguous Nuclear Threats." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. Online first: March 2023, 1–14.

Michal Smetana and Michal Onderco. 2023. "From Moscow with a Mushroom Cloud? Russian Public Attitudes to the Use of Nuclear Weapons in a Conflict with NATO." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 67(2–3), 183–209.

Michal Smetana, Marek Vranka, and Ondrej Rosendorf. 2023. "The Lesser Evil? Experimental Evidence on the Strength of Nuclear and Chemical Weapon "Taboos." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 40(1), 3–21.

Michal Onderco, Michal Smetana, and Tom Etienne. 2023. "Hawks in the making? European public views on nuclear weapons post-Ukraine." *Global Policy*. 14(2), 305–317.

Michal Smetana and Michal Onderco. 2022. "Elite-Public Gaps in Attitudes to Nuclear Weapons: New Evidence from a Survey of German Citizens and Parliamentarians." *International Studies Quarterly*. 66(2), 1–10.

Michal Smetana and Joseph O'Mahoney. 2022. "NPT as an Antifragile System: How Contestation Improves the Nonproliferation Regime." *Contemporary Security Policy*. 43(1), 24–49.

Michal Onderco, Tom Etienne, and Michal Smetana. 2022. "Ideology and the Red Button: How Ideology Shapes Nuclear Weapons Use Preferences in Europe." *Foreign Policy Analysis*. 18(4), 1–20.

Ondrej Rosendorf, Michal Smetana, and Marek Vranka. 2022. "Autonomous Weapons and Ethical Judgments: Experimental Evidence on Attitudes towards the Military Use of 'Killer Robots.'" *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. 28(2), 177–183.

Ondrej Rosendorf, Michal Smetana, and Marek Vranka. 2021. "Disarming Arguments: Public Opinion and Nuclear Abolition." *Survival*. 63(6), 183–200.

Michal Smetana and Carmen Wunderlich. 2021. "Forum: Nonuse of Nuclear Weapons in World Politics: Toward the Third Generation of 'Nuclear Taboo' Research." *International Studies Review*. 23(3), 1072–1099.

Kamil Klošek, Vojtech Bahenský, Michal Smetana, and Jan Ludvík. 2021. "Frozen Conflicts in World Politics: A New Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research*. 58(4), 849–858.

Michal Smetana, Michal Onderco, and Tom Etienne. 2021. "Do Germany and the Netherlands Want to Say Goodbye to US Nuclear Weapons?" *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. 77(4), 215–221.

Michal Onderco and Michal Smetana. 2021. "German Views on US Nuclear Weapons in Europe: Public and Elite Perspectives." *European Security*. 30(4), 630–648.

Michal Smetana and Marek Vranka. 2021. "How Moral Foundations Shape Public Approval of Nuclear, Chemical, and Conventional Strikes: New Evidence from Experimental Surveys." *International Interactions*. 47(2), 374–390.

Michal Onderco, Michal Smetana, Sico van der Meer, and Tom Etienne. 2021. "When do the Dutch Want to Join the Nuclear Ban Treaty? Findings of a Public Opinion Survey." *The Nonproliferation Review*. 28(1–3), 149–163.

Hana Martinkova and Michal Smetana. 2020. "Dynamics of Norm Contestation in the Chemical Weapons Convention: The Case of 'Non-lethal Agents.'" *Politics*. 40(4), 428–443.

Michal Smetana. 2020. "(De-)stigmatising the outsider: nuclear-armed India, United States, and the global nonproliferation order." *Journal of International Relations and Development*. 23, 535–558.

Michal Smetana and Jan Ludvík. 2019. "Theorising Indirect Coercion: The Logic of Triangular Strategies." *International Relations*. 33(3), 455–474.

Michal Smetana and Jan Ludvík. 2019. "Between War and Peace: A Dynamic Reconceptualization of 'Frozen Conflicts.'" *Asia-Europe Journal*. 17(1), 1–14.

Sumit Ganguly, Michal Smetana, Sannia Abdullah, and Ales Karmazin. 2019. "India, Pakistan, and the Kashmir Dispute: Unpacking the Dynamics of South Asian Frozen Conflict." *Asia-Europe Journal*. 17(1), 129–143.

Michal Smetana and Michal Onderco. 2018. "Bringing the Outsiders in: An Interactionist Perspective on Deviance and Normative Change." *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*. 31(6), 516–536.

Michal Smetana. 2018. "A Nuclear Posture Review for the Third Nuclear Age." *The Washington Quarterly*. 41(3), 137–157.

Michal Smetana. 2018. "The Prague Agenda: An Obituary?" *New Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Journal of Central & East European Politics and International Relations*. 26(1), 16–22.

Michal Smetana and Jan Ludvík. 2017. "Correspondence – Nuclear Proliferation, Preventive Strikes, and the Optimist-Pessimist Divide." *The Nonproliferation Review*. 23(5–6), 535–536.

Michal Smetana. 2016. "Stuck on Disarmament: The European Union and the 2015 NPT Review Conference." *International Affairs*. 92(1), 137–152.

Michal Smetana and Ondrej Ditrych. 2015. "The More the Merrier: Time for a Multilateral Turn in Nuclear Disarmament." *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. 71(3), 30–37.

Michal Smetana. 2015. "Jaderná infrastruktura ve svete bez jaderných zbraní: logika virtuálních arzenálů v kontextu jaderného odzbrojení." ["Nuclear Infrastructure in a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World: The Logic of Virtual Arsenals in the Context of Nuclear Disarmament"] *Obrana a strategie [Defence and Strategy]* 15(1), 19–30.

Michal Smetana. 2014. "Jaderná politika Spojených států po konci studené války: Vývoj v kontextu proliferace ZHN". [U.S. Nuclear Policy after the Cold War: Evolution in the Context of WMD Proliferation] *Obrana a strategie [Defence and Strategy]* 14(1).

Michal Smetana. 2013. “Role jaderných zbraní v bezpečnostní strategii Spojených států ve 21. století.” [The Role of Nuclear Weapons in 21st Century U.S. Security Strategy] *Mezinárodní vztahy [Czech Journal of International Relations]* 48(1), 27–49.

Special issue/section editor

Michal Smetana and Carmen Wunderlich (eds.) 2021. “Forum: Nonuse of Nuclear Weapons in World Politics: Toward the Third Generation of ‘Nuclear Taboo’ Research.” *International Studies Review*.

Michal Smetana and Jan Ludvík (eds.) 2018. “Between War and Peace: Frozen Conflicts in Eurasia.” *Asia-Europe Journal*.

Michal Smetana and Benjamin Tallis (eds.) 2018. “The Prague Agenda.” *New Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Journal of Central & East European Politics and International Relations*.

Academic books

Michal Smetana. 2020. *Nuclear Deviance: Stigma Politics and the Rules of the Nonproliferation Games*. London: **Palgrave Macmillan**.

Michal Smetana and Veronika Bílková (eds.) 2020. *Jaderné odzbrojení v mezinárodním právu a politice .”* [Nuclear Disarmament in International Law and Politics] Prague: **Institute of International Relations**.

Michal Smetana and Jan Ludvík (eds.) 2017. *Indirect Coercion: Triangular Strategies and International Conflict*. Prague: Karolinum – **Charles University Press**.

Nik Hynek and Michal Smetana (eds.) 2015. *Global Nuclear Disarmament: Strategic, Political and Regional Perspectives*. Oxon: **Routledge**.

Academic book chapters

Michal Smetana. 2020. “Nuclear Weapons and Peaceful Change.” In: *The Oxford Handbook of Peaceful Change in International Relations*. Oxford: **Oxford University Press**.

Falk Ostermann, Florian Böller, Flemming J. Christiansen, Fabrizio Coticchia, Daan Fonck, Anna Herranz-Surrallés, Juliet Kaarbo Kryštof Kučmáš, Michal Onderco, Rasmus B. Pedersen, Tapio Raunio, Yf Reykers, Michal Smetana, Valerio Vignoli, Wolfgang Wagner. 2020. “Constructing a Parliamentary Deployment Votes Database: Challenges of Data Collection, Classification, and Indexing.” In: *Research Methods in Defence Studies: A Multidisciplinary Overview*. Oxon: **Routledge**.

Michal Smetana. 2018. “Weapons of Mass Protection? Rogue Asteroids, Nuclear Explosions in Space, and the Norms of Global Nuclear Order.” In: *Planetary Defense: Global Collaboration for Saving Earth from Asteroids and Comets*. Cham: **Springer**.

Michal Smetana and Jan Ludvík. 2017. “The Concept of Indirect Coercion.” In: *Indirect Coercion: Triangular Strategies and International Conflict*. Prague: Karolinum – **Charles University Press**.

Michal Smetana. 2015. “Nuclear Infrastructure, Strategic Hedging, and the Implications for Disarmament.” In: *Global Nuclear Disarmament: Strategic, Political and Regional Perspectives*. Oxon: **Routledge**.

Michal Smetana and Nik Hynek. 2015. “Nuclear Disarmament: Prague Moments and Analytical Remarks.” In: *Global Nuclear Disarmament: Strategic, Political and Regional Perspectives*. London: **Routledge**.

Selected applied research (policy reports)

Michal Smetana. 2022. “Is NATO Losing the Strategic Communication Campaign to Remain a Nuclear Alliance?” Open Perspectives Exchange Network (OPEN). Norfolk, VA: **NATO HQ Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT)**.

Michal Smetana and Michal Onderco. 2023. “Public views on nuclear weapons after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine: survey evidence from Germany and the Netherlands.” **U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)**, a project by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS/PONI).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer of courses in BA, MA, and PhD programs at Charles University
- Supervisor and reviewer of BA, MA, and PhD theses at Charles University
- Mentor of EU Nonproliferation and Disarmament Consortium (EUNPDC) interns
- Mentor of Erasmus+ trainees
- Mentor in the Science Research Program of the University at Albany
- Chairman of State Examination committee

Courses taught at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University (2012–2024)

Political Psychology in International Relations (2024) MA

Nuclear Weapons in World Politics (2024) BA

Theory and Practice of Academic Work (2023) PhD

Methods of International Studies (2023) PhD

Diploma Seminar II+III (2023) MA

Political Psychology in IR (2021–2023) BA

Politics of Nuclear (Non-)Proliferation (2018, 2020–2022) MA

Crisis Games (2015–2023) MA

Strategic Studies (2016–2017) MA

Arms Control and Disarmament (2013–2017) MA

Unconventional Strategies (2013–2015) MA

Introduction to Strategic Studies (2012–2016) MA

Theory and Practice of Arms Control and Disarmament (2012) MA

Invited guest lectures and presentations (international institutions, selected)

Cambridge University, United Kingdom (2024)

Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, California, United States (2024)

Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland (2024)

Freiburg University, Germany (2024)

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain (2024)

Israel National Defense College (2022)

Stanford University, California, United States (2020)

Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, California, United States (2020)

Yale University, United States (2019)

Brown University, Rhode Island, United States (2019)

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany (2018)

SciencesPo, Paris, France (2018)

Invited guest lectures and presentations (Czech institutions, selected)

Robinson Martin Security Scholars Academy, Prague Security Studies Institute, Prague (2024)

University of Business and Economics, Prague (2022–2023)

4EU+ Emerging Leaders Workshop, Prague (2022)

Masaryk University, Brno (2022)

University of West Bohemia, Pilsen (2022)

Junior University (JUK), Prague (2021)

Future European Leaders Forum (Prague European Summit) (2018)

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

2024	External evaluator for the project Arms Control and Emerging Technologies, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH) at the University of Hamburg
2023– <i>present</i>	Coordinator for Eastern Europe, Global Research Framework on Peaceful Change (GRENPEC)
2022– <i>present</i>	Member of the Scientific Board for the project “Party-Political Contestation of the Liberal International Order,” Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam , Dutch Research Council – Open Competition SSH
2021–2023	Chairman of the editorial board of International Politics [<i>Mezinárodní politika</i>] journal

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES & INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2024	Member of the jury for the Intergenerational Justice Prize, Stiftung Apfelbaum, Germany
2022–2023	Member of the Legislative Committee of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University.
2021– <i>today</i>	Vice-chairman of the board of the Committee of the University Trade Union of the Faculty of Social Sciences
2015	Senator of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. Member of the Study Committee of the Senate.
2013–2014	Executive Secretary of the Czech Political Science Association

AWARDS

2022	Award of the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports for outstanding educational activities.
2015, 2021, 2022	Award for Teaching Excellence (“Golder Course”) for “Political Psychology in International Relations” (1x) and “Crisis Games” (3x) courses at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
2011	Excellent Thesis Award of the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

PEER REVIEWS FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS

American Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, European Journal of International Relations, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Nature (Nature Food), European Political Science Review, Cooperation and Conflict, International Studies Review, International Interactions, Contemporary Security Policy, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of International Relations and Development, The Nonproliferation Review, International Spectator, Third World Quarterly, Defence and Strategy

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Conference organizer/co-organizer

Czech Security Forum, Prague (2023–2024)
Peace Research Conference, Brussels (2023)
PRCP Annual Conference, Prague (2018–2024)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Prague (2016)
Prague Agenda, Prague (2013–2016)

Panel/roundtable/workshop/section chair (selected)

International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco (2024)
European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS), Prague (2024)
International Studies Association (ISA), Montréal (2023)
Peace Research Conference, Brussels (2023)
International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto (2019)
International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco (2018)
European International Studies Association (EISA), Prague (2018)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) GSC, Innsbruck (2014)

Conference presentations (selected)

Beyond Nuclear Deterrence, Mexico City (2024)
International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco (2024)
International Studies Association (ISA), Montréal (2023)
CSIS Public Perspectives on Disarmament & Deterrence, London (2023)
Beyond Nuclear Deterrence, Hiroshima (2024)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Innsbruck (2022)
European International Studies Association (EISA), Athens (2022)
European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS), Berlin (2022)
American Political Science Association (APSA), Seattle (2021)
Digital Nuclear Security, Hertie School of Government, Berlin (2021)
International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto (2019)
Nuclear Retreat, CISAC – Stanford University, Stanford (2019)
International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco (2018)
European International Studies Association (EISA), Prague (2018)
International Studies Association (ISA), Baltimore (2017)
ISSS–ISAC, Washington, D.C. (2017)
Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference, New York (2015)
International Studies Association (ISA), New Orleans (2015)
ISSS–ISAC, Austin (2014)
Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) Spring Conference, Hill AFB, Utah (2013)
International Studies Association (ISA) Midwest, St. Louis (2013)

MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association (ISA)
European International Studies Association (EISA)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS)

LANGUAGES

Czech (native)
English (proficient, TOEFL exam 114/120, CEFR level C2)
Spanish (working knowledge, state exam, CEFR level B2)