



The Czech Center for Human Rights and Democratization was established in September 2009 as an impartial non-profit institution engaged in multidisciplinary research in the human rights field. Till the end of the year 2011 the Center operated under the auspices of the International Institute of Political Studies. On May 31, 2012 the Czech Center for Human Rights and Democratization became a civic association (ID: 22610855). Four members and 14 interns were involved in the Center's activities in the academic year 2011/2012.

**Members:** Lukáš Hoder, Ľubomír Majerčík, Hubert Smekal, Ladislav Vyhnánek.

**Interns:** Helena Bončková, Tereza Doležalová, Markéta Glacová, Kristina Horňáčková, Linda Janků, Miroslav Knob, Václav Krajňanský, Monika Mareková, Anna Matušinová, Zuzana Melcrová, Jan Petrov, Melanie Phamová, Petr Příbyla, Katarína Šipulová.

## Publishing Activities

### Center's Publications

#### 1) Bulletin Current Human Rights Issues (issued in Czech)

The Center issues a monthly bulletin *Current Human Rights Issues* which provides information and short analysis of human rights related issues and which is divided into four sections: International Criminal Justice, European system of Human Rights Protection, International Politics and Human Rights, Czech Republic and Human Rights. In the period from September 2011 to August 2012 eleven bulletin were published (9 to 12/2011, 1 to 7-8/2012).

#### 2) Czech Republic Human Rights Review (issued in English)

The Center has also prepared one issue of *Czech Republic Human Rights Review* to be published in the end of the year 2012 at latest. Its aim is to present information about development of human rights in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia.

#### 3) ENAR (The European Network Against Racism) Report

The Shadow Report on the State of Racism and Discrimination in the Czech Republic is annually published by a non-governmental organization ENAR that maps racism and racial discrimination in all the EU countries. Every year a national authorial team is approached and asked to handle the topic of racism and discrimination from the non-governmental sector point of view and create a national shadow report. Based on the national reports ENAR then draws up a Shadow Report on the State of Racism and Discrimination in the EU. The Center is the author of the Czech national report for the period 2011/2012. In this period a special theme of islamophobia was reflected. The Shadow Report will be published on [www.enar-eu.org](http://www.enar-eu.org) by the end of the year 2012.

## Publications of Center Members

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- Smekal, Hubert. Recenze: Šárka Waisová: Tíha volby: Česká zahraniční politika mezi principy a zájmy. *Mezinárodní vztahy*, roč. 47, č. 2, 2012, s. 84–88.
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- Smekal, Hubert. Review: Promoting democracy and the rule of law. American and European strategies by Amichai Magen, Thomas Risse, and Michael A. McFaul (eds). *Democratization*, 2011, Vol. 18, No. 3, p. 877-880.
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## Conferences and Other Activities

### Events Organized by the Center

The Center organized two seminars which took place at the Faculty of Social Science of Masaryk University. On December 6, 2011 a seminar named „Occupy Wall Street Phenomenon from the View of Political Scientists, an Economist and a Lawyer“ was held. The invitation to present a contribution was accepted by Jana Kovačovská from the Columbia University (live video transmission from New York), Ladislav Vyhnánek from the Constitutional Court and Vladan Hodulák and Ondřej Císař from the Faculty of Social Science. Guests of the second seminar held on April 18, 2012 and called „Elections From the View of Their Observers“ were Petruška Šustrová, a prominent Czech dissident, now translator and journalist and observer of the elections in the Caucasus; Tomáš Šmíd, assistant professor at FSS MU and observer of elections in Georgia and Armenia; and Matej Kurian, programme coordinator in Transparency International in Slovakia and observer of elections in Zambia accepted the invitation.

### Active Participation of Center Members in Conferences

*Lukáš Hoder*

March 2012: Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, Sacramento, California, USA.

*Monika Mareková*

February 2012: *Enforceability of Rights in Slovakia in the View of the European Court of Human Rights*, Social Unfreedom, St. Elizabeth College of Health and Social Work, Bratislava.

December 2011: *Real Rights: How Will We Make Dignity a Reality?*, Commemorating Human Rights Day 2011: *How Far Have We Progressed?*, Universal Peace Federation, House of Lords, London, Great Britain.

September 2011: *UN Youth Delegate Programme*, Slovak Teacher's Forum, United Nations Information Service, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria.

*Anna Matušinová*

June 2012: "Katholischer Glaube als Identifikationsymbol im heutigen Europa". Vienna, Die Liechtenstein: Kontinuitäten - Diskontinuitäten. Liechtensteinisch - Tschechische Historikerkommission / Liechtenstein The Princely Collections / Historický ústav Filosofické fakulty Masarykovy univerzity / Matice moravská.

*Zuzana Melcrová a Miroslav Knob*

September 2012: 13th Annual AHRI Conference - Empower Human Rights!. Vienna, presentation of the Center's application for inclusion in the AHRI network and suprezentace přihlášky Centra do sítě AHRI and successful acceptance of the Center.

*Hubert Smekal*

May 2012: "D.H. v. Czech Republic Five Years After: On the Power of an International Human Rights Court to Push through a Systemic Change". Paris, UC Berkeley – Sciences Po Comparative Anti-Discrimination Law Symposium.

January 2012: seminar on the book written by Šárka Waisová "Tíha volby" (Burden of Choice). Prague.

November 2011: "EU and Arab Spring". Brno, Armed Conflicts and Human Rights Protection.

November 2011: "International Obligations of the Czech Republic in the Human Rights Field". Prague, Czech Foreign Policy Symposium.

April 2011: "Majoritarian Difficulty Squared". San Francisco, Harmony and Dissonance in International Law, 21st Annual Fulbright Symposium on International Legal Problems.

*Katarína Šipulová*

November 2011: "Transitional Justice – Efficiency of International Criminal Tribunals". Brno, Armed Conflicts and Human Rights Protection.

### **Other Activities of Center Members**

Lukáš Hoder - Global Teaching Fellow 2012, Georgetown University Law Center.

Kristina Hornáčková – internship in the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva.

Linda Janků - *Jean-Pictet Competition 2012*, International Humanitarian Law, Drakensberg, JAR. *Regional International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition 2011*, International Committee of the Red Cross, Sarajevo, BiH.

Monika Mareková - youth delegate of Slovakia for the 66th UN General Assembly, New York, USA; internship with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Haag, Netherlands; Best Czech Human Rights Master Thesis of the Year 2011 award; Masaryk University Rector award for the best students of master programs.

Hubert Smekal – teaching courses focusing on human rights at the Faculty of Social Science, Masaryk University.

Katarína Šipulová – teaching of the course "Transitional Justice" at the Faculty of Social Science, Masaryk University.

## I Grants and Scholarships

In the academic year 2011/2012 the Center successfully applied for two grants at the total value of 79 230 Czech crowns. The first grant was acquired within the Masaryk University rector program part of which was also support of creation of student journals. Due to this grant the Center rewarded authors of articles published in monthly bulletin *Current Human Rights Issues*, ensured sustainability of the bulletin and especially paid for the creation of a logo and own website which is planned to be launched in October 2012. The second grant received from the scholarship program of the Faculty of Social Science of Masaryk University in support of cultural and club activities. Due to it a seminar „Elections From the View of Their Observers“ was held.

### Budget of the Project Bulletin of the Czech Center of Human Rights and Democratization

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| Scholarships for authors  | 15 000 CZK        |
| Travel expenses<br>Travelling from Brno to Prague and back to interview interesting people (app. 7-8 trips)   | 3 000 CZK         |
| Study literature, costs of publications<br>Costs for purchasing specialized literature that will be reviewed in the bulletin.   | 5 000 CZK         |
| Material<br>500 flyers, 200 posters, promotional panel for conferences, 100 colored issues of bulletin for promotion at conferences, 1 USB key for archiving, office supplies for editors.  | 10 000 CZK        |
| Services<br>Graphics, design and typesetting of an electronic bulletin, modification of content management system, graphics and design of promotional leaflets and posters, typesetting in InDesign, creation of logo, costs of webhosting and domain, creation of website and content management system. Language corrections of the English version of the bulletin and English version of the website. | 40 000 CZK        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>73 000 CZK</b> |

### Budget of the Project Elections From the View of Their Observers

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| Design of promotional materials (posters, leaflets) | 1 500 CZK        |
| Print of promotional materials                      | 1 300 CZK        |
| Refreshments for panelists                          | 450 CZK          |
| Reimbursement of travel expenses to panelists       | 1 300 CZK        |
| Remuneration for organizers                         | 1 680 CZK        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>6 230 CZK</b> |