Report on the Activities in

2012/2013



The Center for Human Rights and Democratization was founded in September 2009 as an independent nonprofit institution that concentrates on multi-discipline research of human rights. Up to the end of year 2011 the Center worked under patronage of International Institute of Political Science of Masaryk University, and in May 2012 the Center for Human Rights and Democratization became a citizens' association (IČO: 22610855). In academic year 2012/2013, 4 members and 17 interns from Masaryk University were participating in activities of the Center.

Members of the Center: Lukáš Hoder, Linda Janků, Hubert Smekal, Ladislav Vyhnánek.

Interns: Martin Bobák, Helena Bončková, Tereza Doležalová, Markéta Glacová, Kristina Horňáčková, Miroslav Knob, Vendula Karásková, Václav Krajňanský, Monika Mareková, Anna Matušinová, Zuzana Melcrová, Melanie Phamová, Lenka Píčová, Petr Přibyla, Michaela Smolková, Katarína Šipulová, Ondřej Vykoukal.

Publishing Activities

A) Publications released by the Center

1) Current Human Rights Issues Bulletin

Every month the Center releases a new issue of the *Czech Republic Human Rights Review*, which provides information and short analyses of problems related to human rights. These are divided into four sections: International Criminal Justice, European System of Human Rights Protection, International Politics and Human Rights, the Czech Republic and Human Rights. In February 2013 one of the sections was renamed International Politics, Business and Human Rights. In the period from September 2012 to August 2013, in total eleven bulletins were published in Czech language (issues 9 to 12/2012, 1 to 7/2013).

2) Czech Republic Human Rights Review

In January 2013 the Center released an issue of *Czech Republic Human Rights Review*, which provides information on the development of human rights in the Czech Republic and Slovakia in the past year and also brings interviews with professor Manfred Nowak and Radovan Karadzic's law consultant, Peter Robinson.

B) Publications of the Center's members

• **Bončková, Helena.** Věc Lutsenko proti Ukrajině (Ohraničení možnosti omezení práv). Přehled rozsudků Evropského soudu pro lidská práva, Praha : ASPI., Wolters Kluwer ČR a.s., 2013, roč. XVI., č. 1, s. 47–60.

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• Majerčík, Lubomír – Matušinová, Anna – Smekal, Hubert. The Czech Republic and the European Court of Human Rights in 2011. *Czech Yearbook of Public & Private International Law*, Vol. 3, 2012, s. 277–291.

• Melcrová, Zuzana. Aplikace dublinského nařízení v české právní praxi. COFOLA 2012, sborník z konference, Brno 2012.

• Smekal, Hubert – Majerčík, Ľubomír. Karel Jungwiert (1993-2012): bilance působení prvního českého soudce u ESLP. In Michal Bobek - Jiří Kmec - David Kosař - Jan Kratochvíl. *Dvacet let Evropské úmluvy v České republice a na Slovensku*. Praha: C. H. Beck, 2013, s. 25–35.

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• Smekal, Hubert – Majerčík, Ľubomír. Vnitrostátní soudy a ozbrojené konflikty. In Ozbrojené konflikty po konci studené války. Brno: Masarykova univerzita, Muni Press, 2012, s. 191–227.

• Šipulová, Katarína – Mareková, Monika – Smekal, Hubert. Zásada non-refoulement a porušovanie predbežných opatrení: Labsi v. Slovensko. *Justičná revue*, č. 12, 2012, s. 1442–1452.

• Šipulová, Katarína. Tranzitní spravedlnost v postkonfliktním prostředí: stíhání zločinů a usmíření společnosti. In *Ozbrojené konflikty po konci studené války*. Brno: Masarykova univerzita, Muni Press, 2013. s. 275–308, 34 s. Monografie, č. 46. ISBN 978-80-210-6047-0.

• Šipulová, Katarína – Hloušek, Vít. Different Paths of Transitional Justice in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland. *World Political Science Review*, Berkeley: Berkeley Electronic Press, 2013, roč. 9, č. 1, s. 31-69. ISSN 1935-6226.

• Vyhnánek, Ladislav. Kontrasignace rozhodnutí prezidenta republiky. *Státní zastupitelství*, Praha: Wolters Kluwer ČR, a.s., 2013, roč. 2013, č. 2, s. 18–23. ISSN 1214-3758.

• Vyhnánek, Ladislav. Judikatura v ústavním právu. In *Judikatura a právní argumentace*. 2. vyd. Praha: Auditorium, 2013.

Conferences and Other Activities

A) Events organized by the Center

The Center organized two seminars, one lecture and a film screening. First seminar took place at Faculty of Law of MU on November 5, 2012, and concentrated on *labour market discrimination*. The event was held under supervision of the Center for Human Rights and Democratization which was asked to assist with this event by JobChallenge, a job opportunities fair for students and graduates. Second seminar, called "*International Criminal Court: Political and Legal Limits of Effective Functioning*", was held on December 6, 2012 at the occasion of 10th anniversary of International Criminal Court. Robert Fremr, a judge at the ICC, and

Kateřina Uhlířová, assistant professor at the Department of International and European Law, Faculty of Science, Masaryk University delivered their speeches there. On December 11, 2012, a lecture on "*Functioning of the Secret Police during Stalinism and screening processes of the 90s*", by Molly Marie Pucci took place at Faculty of Social Science, Masaryk University. On April 15, 2013 *a screening of the film Kabul Transit* took place on the premises of Faculty of Social Science, Masaryk University, which was followed by the discussion with the director, David Edwards.

B) Active participation of the Center members at conferences

• **Bončková, Helena – Smekal, Hubert.** "The Czech Republic and the exception from the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms of the EU - Always With Us". Prague, Symposium Czech Foreign Policy, October 2012.

• Melcrová, Zuzana – Knob, Miroslav. Conference AHRI, organized by Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI); within the meeting of AHRI, which took place on the last day of the conference, the representatives of the Center officially applied for the membership in AHRI, and were successful. The Center is, therefore, a member of AHRI network since September 10-12, 2012.

• Knob, Miroslav. "Disintegration of a federation as a specific element in application of European Union law (Slovak pensions in the judicature of the Constitutional Court)". Brno. Days of Law, November 2012.

• Smekal, Hubert. "National Courts and Armed Conflicts". Brno, Armed Conflicts After the Cold War, November 2012.

• Smekal, Hubert. "Judicialization of Politics, or Juristocracy?". Brno, Judicialization of Politics, or Juristocracy?, November 2012.

• Vyhnánek, Ladislav. "Social and Economic Laws in Judicature of Constinutional Courts of the Czech Republic and Slovakia". Brno. Days of Law, November 2012.

• Vyhnánek, Ladislav. "Current Electoral Judicature of the Constitutional Court". The Supreme Administrative Court, November 2012.

• Vyhnánek, Ladislav. "Intertemporal Regulations in Judicature of the Constitutional Court". Olomouc, Law Days in Olomouc, May 2013.

C) Other Activities of the Center members

• **Doležalová, Tereza** – an internship in the office of Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in the department of the Human Rights Council, February - April, Geneva.

• **Doležalová, Tereza** – participation in a team which finished 1st in the national round of the second year of Human Rights moot court.

• Horňáčková, Kristina – participation in a winning team of Faculty of Science, MU, in national round of competition in public international law Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, and he also participated in an international round in Washington D.C.

• Janků, Linda – in an interview for Czech television she introduced principal conclusions of the new Shadow report for European Network Against Racism (ENAR), which the Center for the Czech Republic prepared. A recording of the interview can be found at: (http://www.ceskatelevize.cz/ct24/domaci/219786-evropa-se-boji-islamu-v-cr-rostou-protiromske-nala-dy/).

• Janků, Linda – organization of the competition Asyl moot court 2013 relate to refugee law, which was held under patronage of Faculty of Science, MU and supported by UNHCR and Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic. A coach of the Faculty of Science Team in the competition (an award for the best written submission).

• Janků, Linda – participation in a Faculty of Science team in the international round of the competition in International Criminal Law ICC Trial Competition, organized by International Criminal Law Network in Haag.

• Janků, Linda – a coach of one of the teams from Faculty of Science, MU, in a human rights contest Moot Court 2012, which qualified in a faculty semi-finals, and overall finished in the 3rd place.

• Janků, Linda – participation in organizing a workshop Trafficking in Human Beings: Current Trends and Challenges in Europe, which took place at Faculty of Science, MU with the participation of Czech as well as international experts and representatives of non-governmental organizations specializing in helping victims of human trafficking.

• Melcrová, Zuzana – active participation in organizing the contest Human Rights moot court 2012, the first year ever organized by Human Rights League in cooperation with Faculty of Science, MU; during the contest she worked as a couch of one of the teams which consequently qualified in the semifinals, and overall finished in the 3rd place.

D) Workshops taught by the Center members

• Janků, Linda – A Refugee Law Clinic, Asylum and Migration Rights at Faculty of Science, MU.

• Smekal, Hubert – Introduction to Human Rights, Judicialization of International Politics at Faculty of Social Science, MU.

• Šipulová, Katarína – Democratization of European Countries in the 20th Century, Introduction to Human Rights, Transit Justice at Faculty of Social Science, MU.

• Vyhnánek, Ladislav – Human Rights in Europe, Human Rights and Judicature, Human Rights in Applied Practice, Religion and Faith in Democratic Legal State at Faculty of Science, MU.

Grants and Scholarships

A) Of the Center for Human Rights and Democratization

In academic year 2013/2013 the Center successfully applied for two grants in total amount of 70 801 CZK. The first grant was received within Masaryk University rector's program, part of which was also a support of students' journals production. Because of this grant the Center was able to reward the authors of the Current Human Rights Issues monthly bulletin, ensured sustainability of the bulletin and paid the fees for running the web pages, that the Center managed to innovate in many ways thanks to the grant. For the second grant the Center successfully applied within a scholarship program of Faculty of Social Science at Masaryk University in support of cultural and associational activities, more precisely to organize a seminar called "International Criminal Court: Political and Law Limits of effective functioning".

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

Scholarship for authors Chief editor and members of editing council (3 x 2 250,- CZK), members of	15 000 CZK
the editorial (11 x 750,- CZK).	
Travel expenses	12 500 CZK
Expenses for traveling and accommodation (Brno - Prague) in order to inter-	
view people (approx. 4-5 times). Expenses for traveling and accommodation	
(Brno - Vienna/other European cities) in order to attend conferences and meet-	
ings within AHRI (approx. 2 journeys).	
Study literature, costs of publications	5 000 CZK
Costs for purchasing specialized literature about Human Rights, Demacratiza-	
tion and judicature, that will be reviewed in the bulletin.	
Materials	7 100 CZK
Promotional flyer, which will be distributed among other materials provided	
to participants of the thematically related conferences organized by IIP MU,	
Faculty of Science and Faculty of Social Science at MU (approx. 500 pieces);	
promotional posters (approx. 100 pieces); Illustrative colored issues of bulletin	
for promotion at conferences (approx. 100 pieces), folders, pens, business cards	
(approx. 500 peices); USB key for archiving, office supplies for editorial.	27 000 C7V
Services	27 000 CZK
Graphics, design and typesetting of an electronic bulletin (4 000 CZK); graph-	
ics and design of promotional leaflets and posters, design and typesetting in In- Design program $(2,000,CZK)$: costs of web hosting and internet domain (5,000)	
Design program (3 000 CZK); costs of web-hosting and internet domain (5 000 CZK); innovation of the web pages and editorial system, namely blog's graphic	
integration into current web form (12 000 CZK); translations of contributions	
for the English version of the bulletin and web pages, including proof-readings	
(3 000 CZK).	
TOTAL	66 600 CZK

Note.: Two invoices were paid on June 23, 2013 belonging to the section ''services'', first of them in the amount of 1 354 CZK to Red Web company for web-hosting, and the second one in the amount of 15 488 CZK to the same company for the work related to innovation of the web pages. Payment of the rest of the amount is planned for the second half of 2013 (realization of the project runs from 1. 1. 2013 to 31. 12. 2013)

Budget of the project International Criminal Court: Political and Law Limits of Effective Functioning

graphic design of promotional material (posters format AA3/A4, leaflets for- mat A6)	1 500 CZK
Printing of promotional material (10x poster A3 per 23,70 CZK, 20x posters A4 per 12,10 CZK, 80x leaflet A5 per 3,025 CZK)	721 CZK
Refreshments for panelists (approx. 150 CZK per person)	300 CZK
Remuneration for organizers (60 CZK/hour X 4 persons. X 7 working hours)	1 680 CZK
TOTAL	4 201 CZK

Note: All items from the budget were already payed and final report containing account statement of the project was submitted to the grantor of the scholarship.

B) Individual Members

• **Hubert Smekal** is a researcher of the project in 2013 to support cooperation between universities, namely with Utrecht University, on program Master in European Governance, which, from September 2013, Masaryk University organizes with already mention Utrecht University.

• Linda Janků, Hubert Smekal a Katarína Šipulová are members of the research team within the project called ''International Human Rights Commitments of the Czech Republic: Trends, Practice, Consequences", supported by the Grant agency of the Czech Republic and running from 2013 to 2016, led by prof. Týč.

• Monika Mareková is a receiver of the scholarship Hlavička from Foundation SPP for studying and research of human rights at University of Oxford in academic year 2013/2014.

• Ladislav Vyhnánek is a receiver of Fulbright scholarship and Dean's Graduate Award (NYU Law School) in years pro 2013 – 2014.