

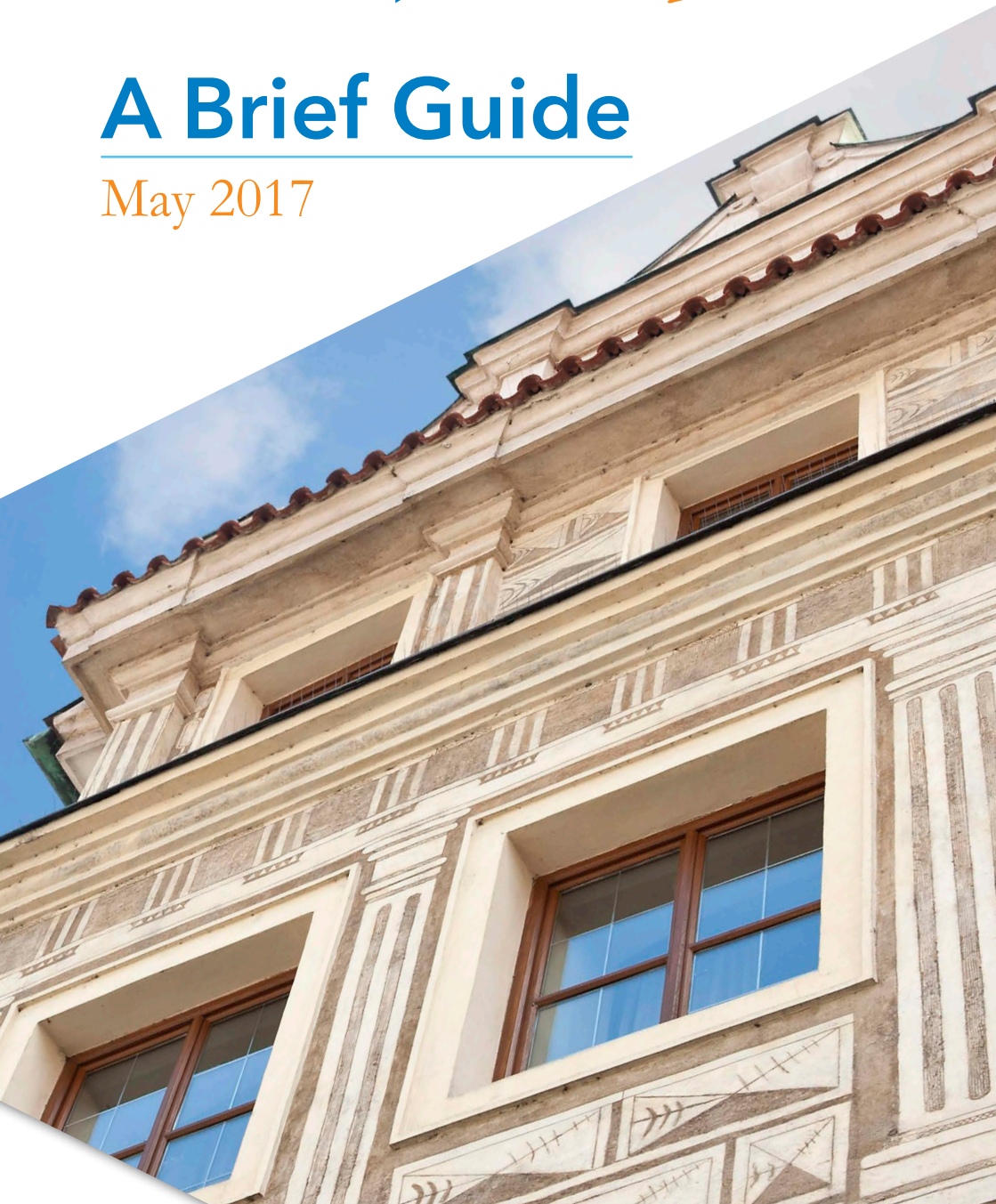
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OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
PRAGUE *60years*

# A Brief Guide

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## | Word of the Director

Dear friends,

As incredible as it may sound, this year, our Institute is entering the seventh decade of its existence. Its history cannot be expressed as a linear narrative about the evolution from humble beginnings to a great present and even a greater future. It is more a history of interruptions than of continuities and more a history of ideological struggles than of pure scientific detachment; in short it is a history of a living institution. The awareness of this historical context allows us to see our presence through appreciative, yet critical eyes.

Today, the Institute is a well-established research institution that carries out both theoretical and policy-relevant research. Being positioned at the intersection of the academia and politics, it is involved not only in academic analysis but also in addressing the key challenges of our time, which are copious indeed. This is the reason why we insist on connecting basic and applied research and presenting their results in publicly accessible ways. And this wish is also the essential rationale for the publication of this brochure: to show that students of international relations are not ivory-tower hermits

but engaged members of both the international scholarly community and our European public sphere.

Our Institute covers several broad thematic areas – European integration, international security, foreign policy, international law, and global issues. But we are aware of the danger of an ever narrower academic specialization; we do not perceive these areas as closed, walled-off topics but rather as mental categories that we have to transcend if we are to truly understand the complexities of our world. Our researchers aim at producing knowledge that brings these themes together and our research centers reflect the same logic – from the Center for European Security to the newly established Center for International Law.

Our research is then made visible through our media appearances (more than 400 hundred last year alone), through our public events (46 in 2016) and through our journal outlets. We are also opening up our Library for informal public events and making our Institute more friendly towards

its visitors. I am proud that we are undoubtedly one of the most active research institutes in terms of new social media as well.

Excellent and independent basic research, society-relevant applied research and an intense democratic debate about the direction of our country in Europe and in the world – these are the three pillars on which we based our activities in 2016.

On behalf of all my colleagues, I would like to thank you for your support and look forward to our cooperation in 2017.



**Petr Kratochvíl**  
The Director







We are based in 3 Nerudova Street, in a palace built before the year 1404.

## | General Information

### Main facts:

- ▶ An independent public research institution (since 2007).
- ▶ Forming a bridge between the academic world, the general public, and the national and international practitioners.
- ▶ Originally founded as the Institute of International Politics and Economics in 1957, seated in the Lobkowitz Palace.
- ▶ The only Czech public research institute in the international studies area.

To form a bridge between



### Who are we?

The Institute of International Relations Prague (IIR) is an **independent public research institution** which conducts scholarly research in the area of international studies. It maintains a close relation with its founder, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, providing the Ministry with policy advice in the relevant areas.

centre of our activities is **basic as well as applied research**, which is used to assist in the formation of foreign policy as well as to improve the public debate on foreign policy.

### What are our goals?

- ▶ to conduct internationally recognized, excellent research in the field of international studies,
- ▶ to influence the formation and the conduct of the Czech foreign policy and EU external policies,
- ▶ to increase awareness of issues of international relations both among professionals and among the public.

### Why are we unique?

The IIR is the **only Czech public research institute in the area of international studies**, forming a bridge between the academic world, the general public and the national and international practitioners. At the

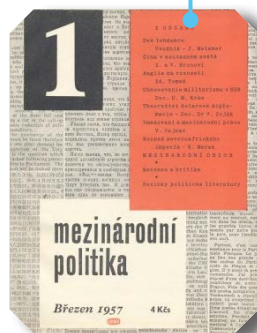
## The Institute for International Politics and Economics

1957

- ▶ 1957: The Institute for International Politics and Economics was founded and was based in the Lobkowicz Palace.



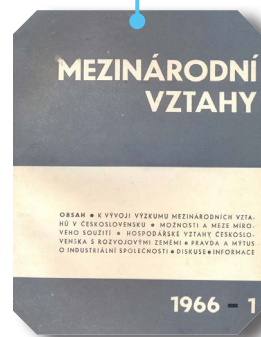
- ▶ 1957: The first issue of our magazine *Mezinárodní politika*.



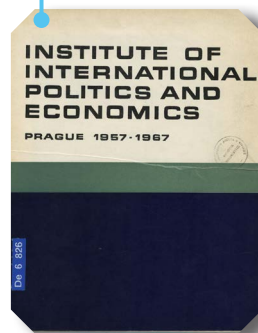
## The Institute of International Relations

1970

- ▶ 1966: The first issue of *Mezinárodní vztahy* (which is still being published nowadays).



- ▶ 1968–1970: Most of the Institute's researchers took part in the reform process of the Prague Spring of 1968. As a result, the IIPE was reorganised and turned into the Institute of International Relations, based in Nerudova Street.



## An Independent Institution

1990

- ▶ 1988: A public library was incorporated into the IIR's structure.

- ▶ 1991: The IIR became the seat of the popular science journal *Mezinárodní politika*, which was banned during the normalisation period.

- ▶ 1997: The Diplomatic Academy was opened at the IIR; today it is under the Czech MFA.

- ▶ 1999–2000: Reconstruction of the IIR's building in Nerudova Street.

- ▶ 2000: The IIR's visual identity is formed.



## A Public Research Institution

2007

- ▶ 2007: The IIR was turned into a public research organisation.

- ▶ 2013: The current director Petr Kratochvíl was appointed.

- ▶ 2017: The IIR's 60th anniversary.



## How are we organised?



**Petr Kratochvíl**  
*Director*

- ▶ the statutory representative of the IIR
- ▶ responsible for research, public activities and internal management

The director distributes the responsibilities between his two deputies:



**Ondřej Horký-Hluchář**  
*Deputy Director for Research*

- ▶ responsible for the IIR's core activity – achieving excellence in scholarly research by supervising the research team



**Linda Flanderová**  
*Deputy Director for Services*

- ▶ assists in promoting the researchers' work outside the IIR (e.g. event organization, publishing, and library management)
- ▶ supervises the internal services (e.g. HR, IT, etc.)

## What are the other directing bodies?

The Institute's independence, non-partisanship and high quality research are ensured by other bodies that steer or support the IIR's activities:

### The IIR Board

The IIR Board is one of the main governing bodies of the Institute of International Relations as a public research institution. The rights and duties of the Board are laid out by the Public Research Institutions Act (341/2005), and its tasks comprise the following: maintaining the aim with which the IIR has been established; pursuing the public interest in the activities of the IIR and supervising its due management; outlining and directing the activities of the IIR according to the IIR Charter; deciding about the conception of the IIR's future development; adopting the IIR budget and its amendments as well as the mid-term financial plan; ratifying internal regulations of the IIR such as the election rules for the Board, rules for managing financial funds, etc.

### The IIR Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board is another body of the Institute of International Relations as a public research institution. Its rights and duties are laid out by the Public Research Institutions Act (341/2005 Sb.) and comprise the following: supervision of the activities and management of the public research institution, supervision of the handling of the property of the public research institution, etc.

### Other bodies

The Ethical Committee's constitution and activities are laid out by the IIR Research Ethics Code. It is the central body that assesses whether IIR employees adhere to the Code and deals with any issues relevant to its area of activity.

The Committee for Labour Affairs is appointed by the IIR Director and its members are chosen from the IIR Board. It deals with issues concerning the working conditions, etc.

## How do we take part in the activities of the Anne Lindh Foundation?

The Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue Between Cultures (ALF) is a network of civil society organisations dedicated to promoting **intercultural dialogue** in the Mediterranean region. The ALF is named in the honour of Anna Lindh, the Swedish Foreign Minister who was murdered in 2003.

The participating like-minded organisations subscribe to the ALF's mandate which is to bring people together from across the Mediterranean to **improve mutual respect** between cultures and to **support civil society** working for a common future of the Region. The projects we participate in are essential for human and social dialogue and fall into several categories: Education and Youth; Culture and Arts; Peace and Co-existence; Values, Religion and Spirituality; Cities and Migration; Media.

For updated information on our activities in the ALF visit our webpage; for more info on the ALF visit [www.annalindhfoundation.org](http://www.annalindhfoundation.org).

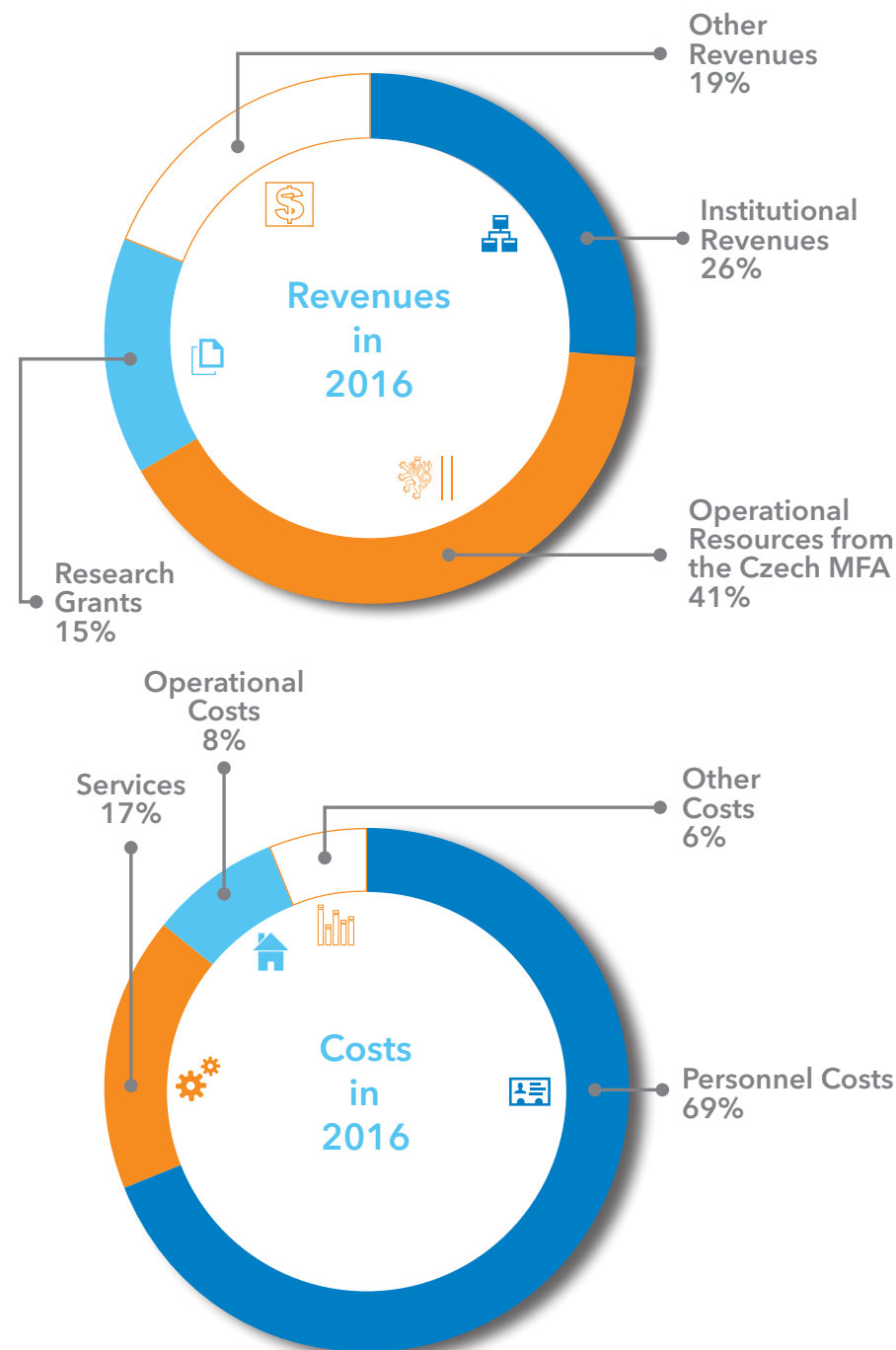


## How is the IIR financed?

The Institute of International Relations was transformed into a public research institution (v.v.i.) in accordance with a new Czech law in 2007. The key effect of this transformation was the change in the financing of our activities. As a public research institution, the IIR is a **non-profit organization** that focuses on research and its results.

## What is the structure of the IIR's financing?

The government's financing of research and development and the particular support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs represent the two major sources for the IIR's budget. While the general Czech research and development support in the field of international relations is aimed at supporting the long term institutional development of the IIR, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic provides highly appreciated intensive support for more policy-oriented research and related activities of the IIR.







Our research team at the annual casual meeting.

## 💡 | Research

### Main facts:

- ▶ 19 researchers
- ▶ 5 articles in impacted journals in 2016
- ▶ 10 articles in peer-reviewed journals in 2016
- ▶ 419 media appearances in 2016



### What type of research do we specialise in?

The Institute of International Relations strives to be among the best research institutions in the field of international studies in Europe. The Institute engages in the **complete research cycle**, starting from identification of basic research trends and then moving on to theory formulation and empirical research as well as applied research. As a result, the IIR offers a wide variety of theoretical academic publications as well as policy oriented research papers and reports. Our researchers publish regularly in the **most recognized publishing houses** as well as in **highly appraised impacted journals**. The IIR is currently engaged in several international projects, one project of basic research funded by the Czech Science Foundation and 27 smaller

applied research projects for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that are funded by the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic. The IIR also offers opportunities to visiting scholars who are seeking to join the IIR research community with their own research project as well as being open to partnerships in large European grant projects, such as Horizon 2020 and similar projects.

### How is our research organised?

The research department has undergone an important change in its internal management, as it is starting to rely more on concentrated and coordinated activities in the form of **research centres** which bring together scholars with similar research interests and also provide the necessary interdisciplinary approach.



## What are our currently operating research centres?



### CES Co-ordinator:

▶ Mark Galeotti

### Researchers:

- ▶ Benjamin Tallis
- ▶ Jan Daniel
- ▶ Jan Eichler
- ▶ Michal Šimečka

We have established our new Centre for European Security (CES) to take up the challenge of exploring the new contours of the emerging global security (dis)order from a European – and particularly Central European – perspective. Amidst the proliferation of security research centres in Central Europe, the CES is **exceptional** in that it brings together experts from the fields of Security Studies and European Studies.

It is **not** a purely **security-oriented** centre **nor** a solely **EU integration-oriented** one. The CES is well positioned to provide the necessary insight into security in Europe, the security of Europe and the role of the EU and its member states as security actors.



### CIL Co-ordinator:

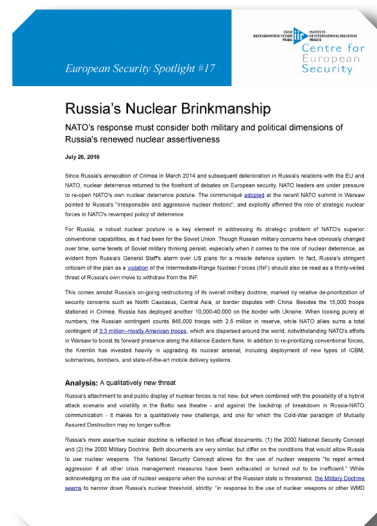
▶ Veronika Bílková

### Researchers:

- ▶ Tamás Lattmann
- ▶ Miroslav Tůma (ext.)

The new Centre for International Law (CIL) endeavours to **analyse new challenges** of the international relations and the way in which international law responds to them. Reflecting the research profiles of its members and the long-term priorities of the Czech foreign policy, it places particular emphasis upon the following areas: human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, the fight against terrorism, the use of force in international relations, and international organisations.

The Centre produces **three categories of outputs**: academic articles contributing to the debate in the area of international law, policy-oriented papers addressed to the representatives of the Czech public institutions, and popularising articles that are intended to expound international law issues to the Czech general public.



## Who are our researchers?



### Pavel Barša

- ▶ Immigration policies and multiculturalism in Western countries
- ▶ Islam in Western Europe
- ▶ The Middle Eastern conflict (Israel and Palestine)
- ▶ American foreign policy



### Vít Beneš

- ▶ EU enlargement
- ▶ European integration and EU institutions
- ▶ The European dimension of Czech foreign policy
- ▶ Turkey-EU relations
- ▶ IR theories
- ▶ Theories of European integration
- ▶ Brexit



### Veronika Bílková

- ▶ International law
- ▶ International humanitarian law
- ▶ International criminal law
- ▶ Human rights
- ▶ Terrorism
- ▶ Use of force in international relations
- ▶ International sanctions



### Jan Daniel

- ▶ Global security governance and security governance on national and local levels
- ▶ The Middle East and North Africa (Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia, the Sahel region)
- ▶ Armed non-state actors in international politics
- ▶ Insurgency and counterinsurgency
- ▶ Contemporary theories of international relations – international political sociology, critical and post-structuralist approaches



### Tomáš Dopita

- ▶ Security, nationhood, statehood, and European integration in the Western Balkans
- ▶ Post-structuralist theory and methodology in IR
- ▶ Gender equality and equal opportunities in development assistance and foreign service



### Jakub Eberle

- ▶ German foreign policy
- ▶ Czech foreign policy
- ▶ Critical theories of international relations
- ▶ German politics
- ▶ Discourse theory and methodology



### Jan Eichler

- ▶ International security
- ▶ Transatlantic relations
- ▶ Strategic culture
- ▶ The military dimension of security
- ▶ Armed conflicts
- ▶ Wars in the contemporary world
- ▶ Terrorism



### Rudolf Fürst

- ▶ China
- ▶ The Far East
- ▶ Czech-Chinese relations
- ▶ EU-Chinese relations, relations of Central and Eastern Europe with China
- ▶ Postcommunist transformation in Eastern Europe and East Asia
- ▶ Soft power in East-West relations



### Mark Galeotti

- ▶ Russian domestic and foreign policy
- ▶ Russian security affairs
- ▶ Russian and Soviet history
- ▶ Transnational and organised crime
- ▶ Intelligence and covert operations
- ▶ Military and non-military security challenges



### Tamás Lattmann

- ▶ International public law
- ▶ International humanitarian law
- ▶ International human rights law
- ▶ European public law
- ▶ European Union institutions and legislation
- ▶ Modern international criminal law



### Ondřej Horký-Hlucháň

- ▶ Global international and sustainable development, poverty; development of Africa, Asia, Latin America and East Europe
- ▶ Globalisation and North-South relations
- ▶ Development and humanitarian aid, international development cooperation
- ▶ Czech and EU relations with sub-Saharan Africa
- ▶ Gender in development and IR



### Miroslav Nožina

- ▶ Organised crime and the international spread of antisocial phenomena
- ▶ Actual trends in continental Southeast Asia
- ▶ Political anthropology and anthropology of criminality / cultural criminology
- ▶ Ethnicity / ethnic issues
- ▶ Drug issues



### Jan Kovář

- ▶ European integration
- ▶ The EU's institutional framework and its reform
- ▶ Elections to the European Parliament
- ▶ Media and political communication in the EU
- ▶ EU immigration and asylum policy
- ▶ The EU's internal security



### Tomáš Profant

- ▶ North-South relations
- ▶ Post-colonial and post-development approaches
- ▶ The political economy of the EU
- ▶ Globalisation and capitalism
- ▶ Sustainability and environment



### Petr Kratochvíl

- ▶ Czech foreign policy
- ▶ European integration
- ▶ Critical IR theories, post-colonialism
- ▶ Russian foreign policy
- ▶ The role of religion in international relations
- ▶ The Catholic Church and international relations
- ▶ Discourse-related methodology
- ▶ Theories of European integration



### Michal Šimečka

- ▶ Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU
- ▶ European Neighbourhood Policy
- ▶ EU integration and enlargement
- ▶ Foreign policies of new EU member states
- ▶ Politics of the post-Soviet region
- ▶ Theories of democracy and democratization





### Benjamin Tallis

- ▶ European security
- ▶ Borders and the politics of bordering
- ▶ Critical geopolitics and political geography
- ▶ Post-communism and the politics of transition
- ▶ Central and East European politics
- ▶ EU Foreign & Security, Neighbourhood and JHA Policy
- ▶ Cultural Politics, especially architectural and material politics of memory
- ▶ Critical pragmatism and interpretive research methodology



### Lukáš Tichý

- ▶ Energy security (Europe, Russia, Central Asia)
- ▶ Energy security of Africa (conflicts over resources, energy policy of global actors in Africa)
- ▶ Discourse analysis
- ▶ Geopolitics of transport routes
- ▶ EU-Russia relations
- ▶ The security and strategic culture of Russia
- ▶ Theories of international relations

Our scientists' updated biographies including media appearances can be found on our website:



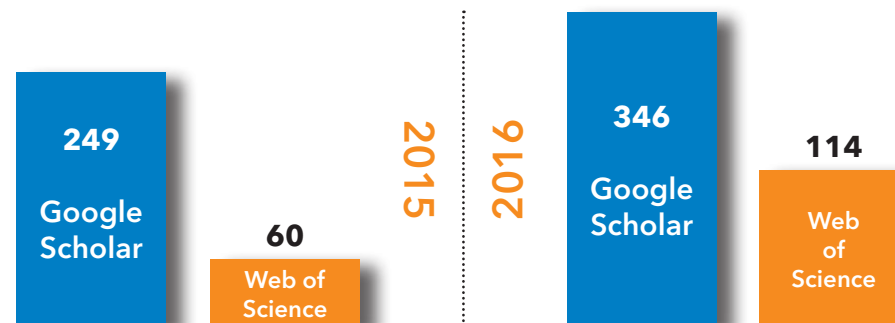
### Do we cooperate with external researchers in our research projects?

The IIR regularly seeks external researchers and associate research fellows who broaden the scope of its research. They work closely with the research department on their projects and make use of the IIR's facilities and support in the process. For the most current list of the external researchers or to see the current openings for such positions see our website.

### What international networks are we members of?

To maintain the high relevance of our research internationally, the IIR puts emphasis on its intensive **collaboration** with the **most prestigious** research networks: the CEEISA, EISA, ETNC, TEPSA, EPIN, EADI, ECPR, EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, ESIL, EuroMeSCo, FoRS, IASGP, IPSA, and ISA. The IIR is also a proud member of the Think Visegrad network of research institutions and think-tanks.

### Increases in Our Researchers' Quotes:



Our research excellence ...



...in numbers!



ČESKÁ ZAHRANIČNÍ POLITIKA V ROCE 2011

MICHAL KOŘAN A ONDŘEJ DITRYCH (EDS.)

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We started publishing our annual research evaluation of Czech foreign policy started in 2007.

## | Publishing

### Main facts in 2016:

- ▶ 3 publications in Czech and foreign publishing houses
- ▶ 6 issues of our journals
- ▶ 14 policy papers

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Expert  
Journals

Mezinárodní vztahy

New Perspectives

Interdisciplinary Journal of Central & East European Politics and International Relations



Visit our e-shop [www.umv.cz](http://www.umv.cz)  
to order:

- ▶ Subscriptions to our journals
- ▶ Books by our researchers

Among the crucial activities of the Institute of International Relations are its publication activities. The published texts include academic monographs, periodicals, policy papers and articles in scholarly journals.

While we encourage our researchers to publish with international publishers and in prestigious academic journals

published by other institutions, we have a number of publication outlets of our own, including the IIR publishing house, two journals and several series of policy briefs / policy papers. Moreover, we publish **online outputs of our research centers** under the titles *European Security Spotlight* and *International Law Reflections*.



## Do we publish journals for English-speaking recipients?

*New Perspectives* is our English language journal. This **peer-reviewed** journal is published twice a year and has recently been revamped both in graphic terms and in terms of its contents. The journal's subtitle is "the Interdisciplinary Journal of Central & East European Politics and International Relations".

*New Perspectives* seeks to encourage and publish original research that is **methodologically systematic**, rigorous and reflexive; **theoretically innovative** and compelling; or **empirically ground-breaking**. The borders of Central and Eastern Europe are interpreted broadly and can therefore include a larger selection of topics of interest. The journal is included in the leading international academic databases, i.e. Scopus, EBSCO, Pro-

Quest, CIAO, IBSS, JSTOR, etc. *New Perspectives* is also active in the public sphere with its Twitter and Facebook accounts, as well as on its blog: [ceenewperspectives.iir.cz](http://ceenewperspectives.iir.cz).

For more information please visit [newperspectives.iir.cz](http://newperspectives.iir.cz).

## What other periodicals do we publish?

The IIR is proud to publish the only journal completely devoted to the study of international relations in Czechia – *Mezinárodní vztahy*. The journal, first issued by the IIR in 1966, concentrates on original research in the fields of international relations, European studies, international security, etc. The submissions are peer-reviewed in an anonymised review process.



## What books do we publish?

Every year, the IIR's researchers publish a number of their original works via the IIR's **own publishing house** or in cooperation with global publishing houses, such as Palgrave, Ashgate, etc. This way, the research department can measure its output on the global level.

Apart from individual monographs we also focus on long-term projects, the most important of which is the annual series of book-length **assessments of Czech foreign policy**. This defining yearbook titled *Czech Foreign Policy* has been issued in Czech every year since 2007 and is created from the research effort of our whole research department. Presenting an annual overall analysis of Czech foreign policy, this yearbook is regarded as the most complex and academically robust publication on the Czech foreign policy.

## How do we present our policy-related research?

The IIR also produces a number of **policy and discussion papers** focusing on recent events in the international environment – from further enlargement of the European Union to the current relations of Central European countries with China. The emphasis is put on providing serious, relevant and realistic recommenda-

tions relying on the analytical skills of our researchers.

The latest English version of the yearbook is *Czech Foreign Policy in 2015: Analysis*.



For more information on our publications and books visit our website [iir.cz](http://iir.cz) or contact us at [iir@iir.cz](mailto:iir@iir.cz).



Some of our great current interns!

**3** types of internships

Independent Researcher

Research Assistant

PR Assistant

We offer a PhD. programme  
in cooperation with:

METROPOLITNÍ  
UNIVERZITA PRAHA



## Education

### Main facts:

- ▶ PhD. programme in cooperation with the Metropolitan University Prague
- ▶ Internships for students
- ▶ Seminars and conferences

The IIR and Metropolitan University Prague (MUP) jointly provide a prestigious PhD. programme in International Relations and European Studies, in both Czech and English formats.

In this programme, students are incorporated in the regular work of the research department and are motivated to cultivate their own individual research projects, with the support of or under the guidance of our researchers.

Apart from this, the programme's graduates must also pass several compulsory courses according to their specialisations. Our aim is to provide a PhD. programme **on par with** other similar programmes of **world-leading universities**, which requires us to internationalise the programme's efforts.

More information is available at: [www.mup.cz/en](http://www.mup.cz/en).

## Who are our current PhD. students?



### Jan Blažek

- Migration
- Ethics in international relations
- Alternative visions of political cultures in international relations



### Sabina Domaskina

- Mass media and propaganda
- Information warfare
- Nationalism
- Conflict resolution
- Diversionary politics



### Michal Kouřil

- Thai history, society and culture
- Thai para-military groups
- Security issues in the border area between Thailand and Burma
- Conflicts and armed groups in Burma
- Drug geopolitics within the Golden Triangle



### Míla O'Sullivan Lukášová

- Feminist theories of International Relations
- The gender dimension of peace and security in theory and practice
- The gender dimension of development cooperation
- Gender mainstreaming

## What other experience can students gain at the IIR?

Young people interested in gaining work experience both within the field of international relations and without it are more than welcome to apply for

several types of internships with the Institute of International Relations:

- Independent Researcher
- Research Assistant
- PR Assistant

## Independent Researcher

As an independent research institution we primarily look for university students and graduates from both Czechia and foreign countries to **help them start their research careers**. It is our voluntary service to furthering the cause of high-quality IR research in the country and beyond, so the programme is offered in Czech as well as English.

As an Independent Researcher the intern is first assigned a researcher-mentor who is responsible for the intern's personal development throughout the duration of the internship. The intern then works on individual projects based on a submitted plan before the signing of the Internship Agreement. The internship's aim is to deliver publishable results of the intern's project which would meet our high research standards.

## Research Assistant

With the Research Assistant internship the intern undertakes various tasks that are necessary to advance the IIR's ongoing projects. Mostly the intern **supports the research department** by aggregating research data or writing literature reviews. They also help with the coordination of public and closed events or assist researchers in other tasks.

## PR Assistant

This practically-oriented internship aims to **advance the interns' skills in marketing and event coordination**. During their 2-semester (or longer) stay with the IIR, the intern must flexibly support the Conference Service in its organising of public events presenting project outcomes as well as any other public presentations of the IIR. The target group for this programme is broad as the applicants come from talented young journalists or graphic designers.

*During 2016 we hosted around 50 interns and here we would like to thank them for their hard work!*

## How to apply for an internship?

If you are interested in one of the internship programmes, please first refer to the relevant section of **our website** (in Czech or English), where the application process is detailed. At the IIR we prefer internships with longer durations (of at least 3 months, ideally of 1 or 2 whole academic semesters). Applications are accepted throughout the year but the starting date of the internship must be agreed upon with the IIR in correspondence to the actual demand for interns on the part of the research or conference service.





One of the conferences in the Czernin Palace.

In 2016  
we organised:

46 events

visited by

2417

satisfied visitors.

From seminars and workshops to top conferences, the IIR strives to **open its research to the general public** as well as the academic and expert community. The events are often recorded and **uploaded** to YouTube; many are **live-tweeted**.

are the Faculty of Social Sciences (Charles University), Metropolitan University Prague and the University of Economics, Prague. Recently, we also organised several events in cooperation with the Embassies of Canada, Germany, Spain, and the USA.

Many events are organised based on the demand on the part of the research department as well as the ongoing trends in public debates. The most common types of IIR events are public seminars, workshops, presentations of publications and round-table discussions. Many of these are organised in cooperation with the foundations the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Prague, the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Prague, and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in the Czech Republic. Some other important partners of ours

### Where can you find information on the IIR's events?

Updated and detailed information about our upcoming as well as past events is available **on our website** and also on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Our events are open to the general public but due to the limited capacity of the venues or for security reasons we require the participants to register in advance.



## Events and PR

### Main facts:

- ▶ 46 events in 2016: 2417 visitors
- ▶ More than 100 internationally recognised experts
- ▶ Our main conferences: International Symposium, Prague Agenda and Prague European Summit
- ▶ More than 5,500 fans on Facebook



author of the logo:  
Petra Poliaková, IIR's PR intern, 2014



## The International Symposium "Czech Foreign Policy"

Being the largest event related to international politics in the Czech Republic it annually attracts specialists, academics, politicians, journalists and the general public with the aim to **freely exchange opinions and experiences** in the broader field of international relations.



Lubomír Zaorálek  
current Czech Foreign Minister



Karel Schwarzenberg  
former Czech Foreign Minister



## The Prague Agenda Conference

Since former US President Barrack Obama's 2009 announcement of his long-term nuclear disarmament vision in Prague and the following signing of the 2010 US-Russia START Treaty, **Prague has established itself as a venue for discussion** and taking stock of issues related to nuclear arms control, nuclear security, disarmament and non-proliferation.



Rose Gottemoeller, US Under Secretary for  
Arms Control and International Security







Bohuslav Sobotka  
current Czech Prime Minister

## The Strategic Expert Platform "Prague European Summit"

The Prague European Summit is conceived as a platform for a **regular high-level strategic debate on the future of the European Union**. The event is co-organised with the EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy and supported by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Representation of the European Commission in Prague.



Lubomír Zaorálek  
current Czech Foreign Minister



PES Keynote Speech: Frans Timmermans,  
First Vice-President, EU Commission



PES Opening speech:  
Petr Kratochvíl, IIR's Director



Vision for Europe Ceremony  
Czernin Palace



Vision for Europe Award

## "Vision for Europe" Award

A part of the annual Prague European Summit, the Vision for Europe Award is an annually bestowed award for distinguished personalities who have, in the course of their lives, **devoted substantial energies to the establishment and development of European ideals** such as strengthening the peaceful cooperation among nations, developing a fair institutional arrangement of European integration, making European integration more accessible to European publics, or overcoming prejudices and misconceptions related to the integration process.

*In 2016 the first award was bestowed upon:*  
**Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels**  
*Professor & Jean-Monnet-Chair, University of Cologne*



Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels (middle)



## Do you want to be updated real-time on our activities?

We belong to the **most progressive** research institutes in the region in terms of the use of social media:

### Facebook

The IIR's online communication with the general public is **primarily provided via Facebook**, where all of the relevant information about the Institute's activities, from upcoming events to recent articles published by our researchers, is posted. The current number of IIR Facebook profile supporters is over 5,500 and is growing steadily.

*Our Facebook profile's **most successful post** of 2016 was Michal Kořan's assessment of the year's conduct of Czech foreign policy.*

***Most successful tweet** concerned our M. Galeotti's commentary on Vladimir Putin.*

***Most watched Youtube video** captured our seminar on Czechia and its (paradoxically existent) postcolonial thinking.*

### Twitter

Our Twitter account has more than 1000 followers. This number usually increases during times when IIR conferences and events are held and attending experts' quotes are tweeted. Our posts are often retweeted by some of the most respected institutions in the region (for example, the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the IRSEC Hub – International Relations and Security Affairs Resource Hub, the European Institute of the Mediterranean or the US Embassy in Prague).

### YouTube

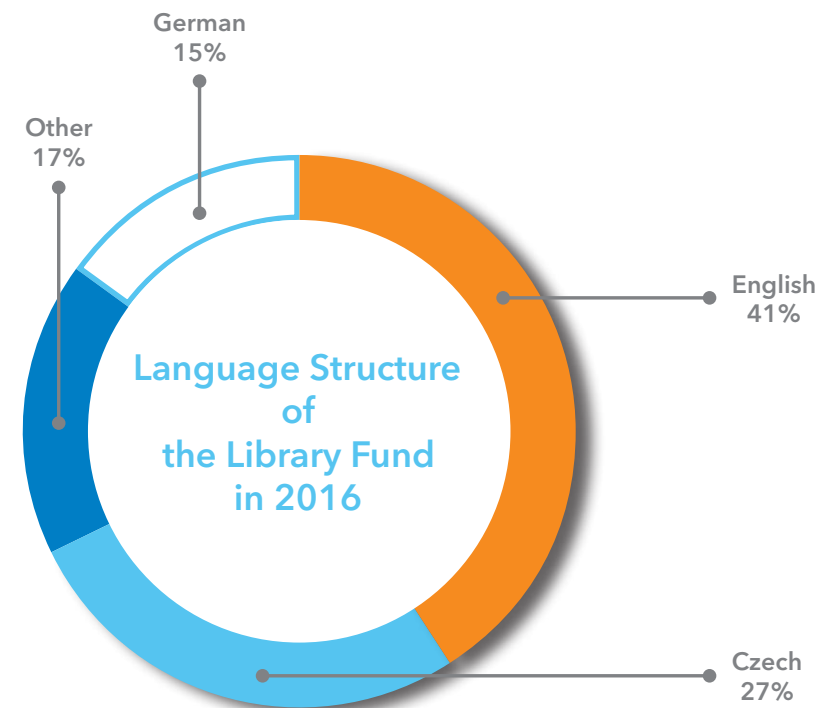
The IIR currently continues in its posting of full-length videos on its YouTube channel, which has accumulated more than 62,000 views. Almost **every event** organised by the IIR is **recorded** and later published online. This allows students, academics, and experts to use the full-length recordings in their research, tuition, and information gathering.

### LinkedIn

In line with our efforts to bolster our image as a professional employer we have created a LinkedIn profile to promote our activities in the expert domain.

## Stay in contact with us on social media!





## | Library

### Main facts:

- ▶ More than 84 000 records
- ▶ The number of books exceeds 55 950
- ▶ The only Czech library wholly devoted to international relations
- ▶ Open to the general public

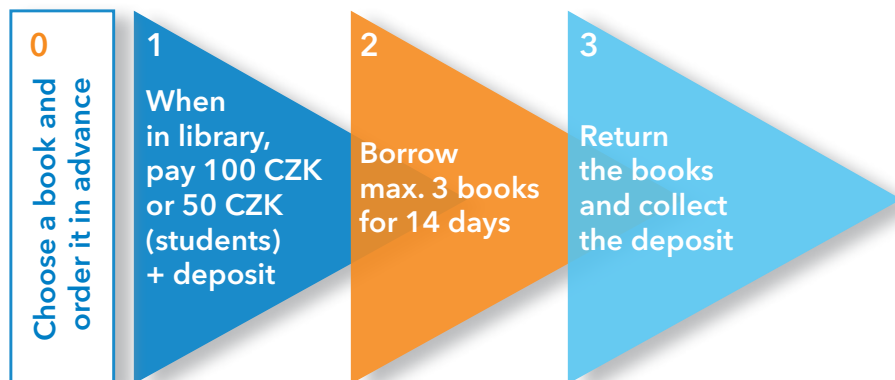
The IIR library is the only library in Czechia with a specific focus on the field of international relations and the related areas of study. Its aim is to ensure the highest possible availability of Czech and international reference books focusing on foreign policy, international relations, security studies

and similar subjects. Its truly unique selection of books in Czechia is bolstered by its **ability to obtain books from other partner libraries**, both Czech and international ones, such as members of the European Information Network on International Relations and Area Studies (EINIRAS).

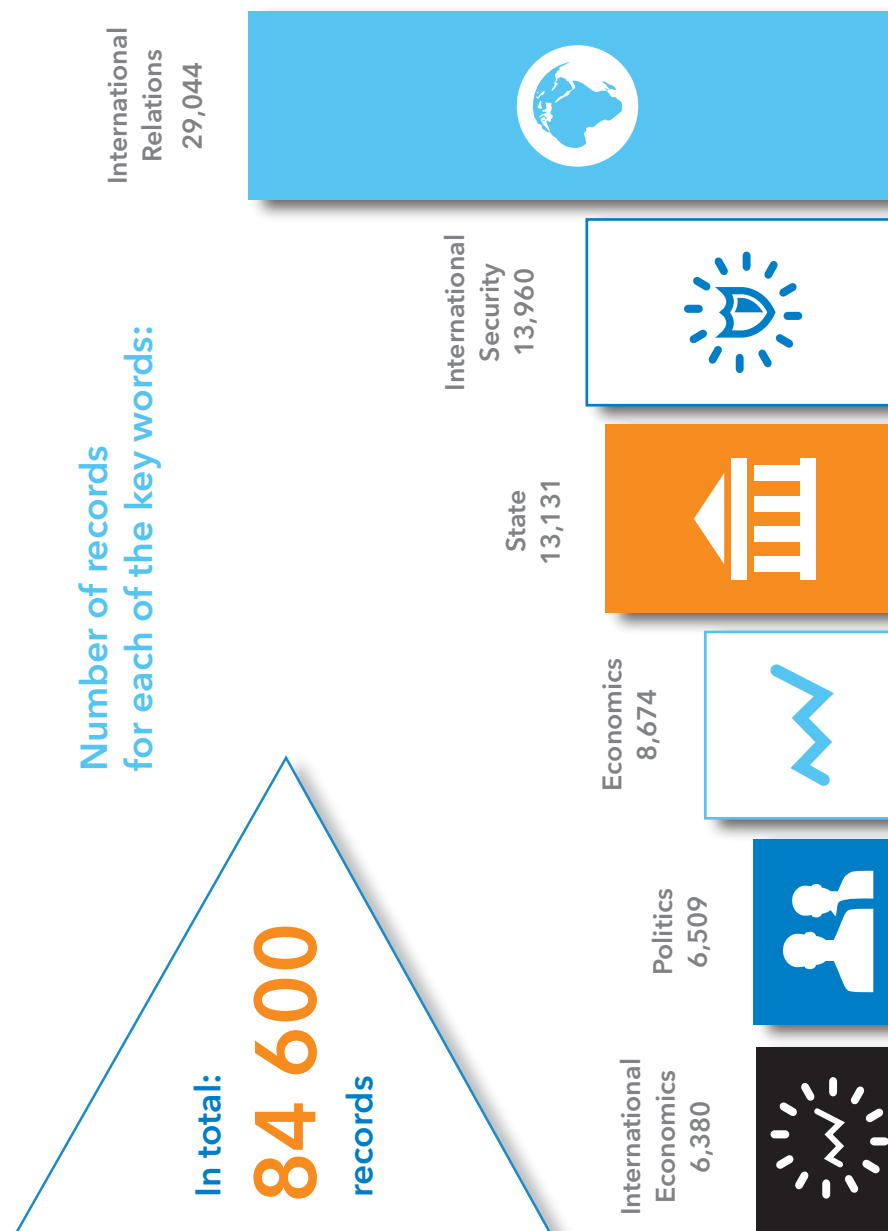
### How many records can be found in our library?

At the end of 2016 the library fund comprised 419 magazine titles and **84,600 records of books and yearbooks**. The library can also provide the user with **all of the IIR's publications** as well as a selection of the most recent news magazines and newspapers. The library also aims to support the usage of electronic informational sources and various forms of electronic communication by its users, as the library provides them with access to a number of external electronic databases in its study room.

### How to borrow a book from our library?



### Number of records for each of the key words:





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