

# MICHAL SMETANA | CV

- Researcher and Lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences, [Charles University](#)
- Director of the [Peace Research Center Prague](#) (PRCP)
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## EDUCATION & ACADEMIC TITLES

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**Charles University**, Faculty of Social Sciences  
Prague, Czech Republic

2017 International Relations, Ph.D.  
2011 Security Studies, Master's Degree (*summa cum laude*)  
2008 International Area Studies, Bachelor's Degree

**Masaryk University**, Faculty of Social Studies  
Brno, Czech Republic

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

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

2022–*present* Head of the **Experimental Lab for International Security Studies (ELISS), Charles University**. Prague, Czech Republic.

2022–*present* 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

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

2018– <i>present</i>	Director of the University Research Center of Excellence at the <b>Peace Research Center Prague (PRCP), Charles University</b> . Prague, Czech Republic.
2016	EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium (EUNPDC) Fellow at <b>Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)</b> . Frankfurt, Germany.
2015– <i>present</i>	Researcher at the <b>Institute of Political Studies, Charles University</b> . Prague, Czech Republic.
2015	Visiting Researcher at the <b>Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)</b> . Stockholm, Sweden.
2013–2014	Deputy Head of the <b>Centre for Doctoral Studies, Institute of Political Studies, Charles University</b> . Prague, Czech Republic.
2013–2014	Executive Secretary of the <b>Czech Political Science Association</b> . Prague, Czech Republic.
2011	Intern at the <b>Middle East and North Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic</b> . Prague, Czech Republic.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Articles in academic journals**

- Ondrej Rosendorf, Michal Smetana, and Marek Vranka. 2023. “Algorithmic Aversion? Experimental Evidence on the Elasticity of Public Attitudes to ‘Killer Robots’” *Security Studies*. Conditionally accepted / forthcoming in 2023.
- Michal Smetana, Marek Vranka, and Ondrej Rosendorf. 2023. “The “Commitment Trap” Revisited: Experimental Evidence on Ambiguous Nuclear Threats.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. First view: 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 Klosek, Vojtech Bahensky, Michal Smetana, and Jan Ludvik. 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century U.S. Security Strategy] *Mezinárodní vztahy [Czech Journal of International Relations]* 48(1), 27–49.

#### Special issues/sections

- 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 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 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. “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), project by Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS/PONI).

## GRANTS & RESEARCH PROJECTS

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2023– <i>present</i>	“Public Support for Nuclear Arms Control: An Experimental Survey Approach”, Stanton Foundation (United States), 2022 Nuclear Security Grant Program, principal investigator
2022– <i>present</i>	“Beyond Nuclear Deterrence” (Rethinking Nuclear Deterrence), McArthur Foundation, Harvard University – John F. Kennedy School of Government, researcher
2022– <i>present</i>	“Experimental Lab for International Security Studies (ELISS)”, PRIMUS, Charles University, principal investigator
2018– <i>present</i>	University Center of Excellence, “Peace Research Center Prague”, 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
2018–2022	“Mapping the Debate on Autonomous Weapon Systems: Power, Preferences and Policy Choice”, Grant Agency of Charles University (GAUK), supervisor
2017–2018	“Cyber-League: Volunteer Capacity Building in Cyber Defense”, National Cyber and Information Security Agency, researcher
2017–2019	“Contested Meanings of the Norm Against Chemical Weapons: CWC and the Issue of Non-Lethal Agents”, Grant Agency of Charles University (GAUK), project supervisor
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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2012–*present*

**Lecturer** at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. Teaching undergraduate (B.A.) and graduate (M.A.) courses at the Department of International Relations, Department of Security Studies, and Department of Political Science. Supervising and reviewing B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. theses.

**Courses (Charles University):**

- Politics of Nuclear (Non-)Proliferation (2018, 2020–2022)
- Political Psychology in International Relations (2021–2023)
- Crisis Games (2015–2023)
- Strategic Studies (2016–2017)
- Arms Control and Disarmament (2013–2017)
- Introduction to Strategic Studies (2012–2016)
- Theory and Practice of Arms Control and Disarmament (2012)
- Unconventional Strategies (2013–2015)

**Guest lecturer (Charles University):**

- 4EU+ Plurality of Memories Emerging Leaders Workshop (2022)
- Contemporary Issues in International Relations (2022)
- War and Strategy in the Nuclear Age (2022)
- Strategic Communication: Main Theories and Approaches (2020–2022)
- Junior University (JUK) – Political Psychology in IR (2021)
- Progressive Foreign Policy in Germany and the EU (2021)
- Introduction to Security and Conflict Studies (2014)
- Theory and Practice of Security (2012, 2013)

**Guest lecturer (others):**

- Impact of the War in Ukraine (Israel National Defense College) (2022)
- International Security Relations (University of Economics) (2022)
- Competences for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Practice (University of West Bohemia) (2022)
- Moral Foundations Theory and Foreign Policy Attitudes (Masaryk University) (2022)
- Future European Leaders Forum (Prague European Summit) (2018)

**Invited guest lectures abroad:**

- 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)
- SciencesPo, Paris, France (2018)

## RESEARCH TRAINING AND COURSES

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- 2013–2014            **Academic Writing Courses I-III**, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2012                    **Intensive Course on Nuclear Disarmament**, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), Vienna, Austria

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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- 2022–2023            Member of the Legislative Committee of the **Academic Senate** of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University.
- 2022–*today*            Supervisor of **Erasmus+** trainees at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
- 2021–*today*            Chairman of the editorial board of *International Politics [Mezinarodni politika]* journal
- 2021–*today*            Vice-chairman of the board of the Committee of the University **Trade Union** of the Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2017–*today*            Coordinator of the **EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium** internship program at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, regular supervision and mentoring of EUNPDC interns
- 2015–2016            Co-organizer of the 2016 **European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)** General Conference in Prague
- 2013–2016            **Program Coordinator of “The Prague Agenda”**, an annual international conference on nuclear arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation organized by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Institute of International Relations Prague
- 2015                    **Senator of the Academic Senate** of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. Member of the Study Committee of the Senate.

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## 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**

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

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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**International Studies Association (ISA)** – Peace Studies Section, Security Studies Section  
**European International Studies Association (EISA)**  
**European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)**  
**European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS)**

## **MEDIA OUTREACH (interviews, commentaries, op-eds)**

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The Washington Post, Czech TV (ČT1, ČT24), DVTV, Nova TV, CNN Prima News, TA3, RTVS, Czech Radio (CRO) / irozhlas.cz, Seznam TV / Seznam Zpravy, MF DNES / idnes.cz, Lidove noviny / lidovky.cz, Hospodarske noviny / ihned.cz, Právo / novinky.cz, Respekt, Reporter, Euro, Deník N, Aktuálně.cz, Echo24, Info.cz, Blesk, A2larm, Radio Z, Radio 1, Forum, Reflex, Voxpot...

## **LANGUAGES**

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