



# Summary of the main research activities

*Period: January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2015*

# Objectives of the Institute

- The primary objective of the Institute of Political Science is statutory and - in terms of national interest – specified and individualized exploration of Slovak political phenomena. The methodology and objects of the research are defined by the following approaches:
  - Slovakia in Central Europe
  - Slovakia in Europe
- Research outputs:
  - large monographs (individual and collective)
  - a large portion of the outputs is also targeted at the decision-making authorities of the Slovak Republic (as expressly stipulated by the IPS SAS Foundation Charter)

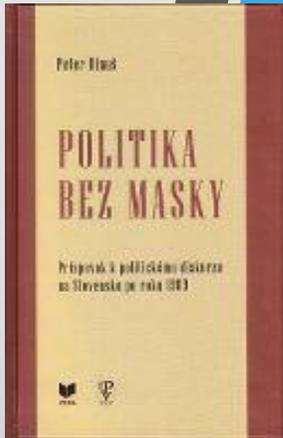
# Research areas:

In the period between 2012 and 2015, research of the Institute of Political Science focused on the following research areas:

- Political system in Slovakia before and after 1989;
- Foreign policy and international affairs of Slovakia with regard to EU and NATO;
- The history of political thought and research into the leading personalities of Slovak politics.

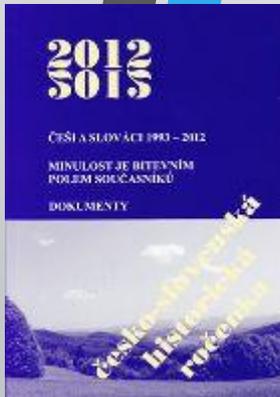
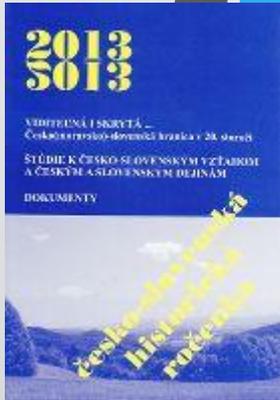
# 1. Political system in Slovakia before and after 1989

- dealing with the past - communist regime and post-1989 Slovakia;
- the impact of historical events on the formation of Slovak foreign policy after 1993;
- the intellectuals' stance on the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia;
- the period of the 1970s and 1980s,
- the status of minorities in the 20th century;
- Slovak-Hungarian relations, relations with other neighboring countries and how they were affected by historical events
- methods of teaching history in universities;
- processes of democratization, political parties;
- minority issues after 1989;
- the beginnings of Slovak foreign policy;
- the first phase of re-orientation of Slovakia towards the European Union.



# Political system – international and national projects

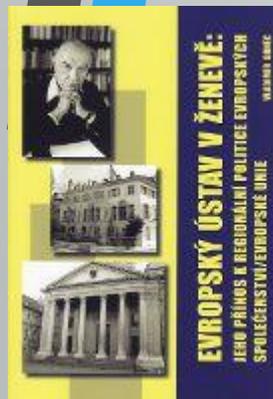
- **Jan Auerhahn Representative of the Czechoslovak Institute for Minority and his relation to the Czechoslovak minority in Vienna and Lower Austria in the 1930s.** The Visegrad Fund In collaboration with Historische Kommission OEAW (Historical Commission at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Coordinator for ISP SAS: PhDr. Zuzana Poláčková, CSc. 2010-2013
- **Recovering Forgotten History. The image of East-Central Europe in English-Language Academic Textbooks,** Project no. 21510178 (International Visegrad Fund (since 2014) – in cooperation with Oxford University Press, Harvard, Yale, Cambridge, Pittsburgh, Toronto university publishing houses. Coordinator for IPS SAS. Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD.
- **Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and the bolshevism.** Project No.: GA ČR č. 409/08/1621. Coordinator: Institute for Contemporary History Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. Coordinator for IPS SAS: Mgr. Norbert Kmeť, CSc. 2008-2012
- **Česko-slovenská historická ročenka** [Czech-Slovak Historical Yearbook]. Principal investigator: doc. PhDr. Vladimír Goněc, DrSc., J.M. Chair. Duration of the project: 01.01.2014 – 31.12.2014. Project Slovak Academy of Sciences with the Czech Academy of Sciences.



- **Od persuázie, (presviedčania) k manipulácii v politickej a masmediálnej komunikácii [From persuasion to manipulation in political and mass media communication].** Principal investigator: Doc. PhDr. Eva Jaššová, PhD. VEGA 2/0200/11. Duration of the project: 01.01.2011-31.12.2013.
- **Centre of Excellence SAS under the title "Slovak History in the History of Europe".** The principal investigator was the Institute of History SAS. 2011-2014
- **Democracy and Citizens in Slovakia: A Half-Century of Change** - Agency for Science and Research, project no. APVV-0627-12. 2013-2017
- **Formation of Slovak politics in the years 1989-1994,** VEGA 2/0187/14. 2014-2017

## 2. Slovak foreign policy and international relations of Slovakia with regard to EU and NATO

- Visegrad cooperation;
- bilateral relations of Slovakia;
- minority issues;
- political parties and foreign policy;
- national and state interests of the Slovak Republic;
- institutional arrangement of the foreign policy;
- energy security.



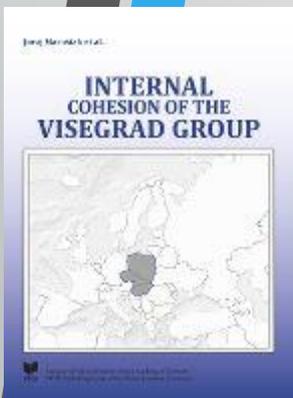
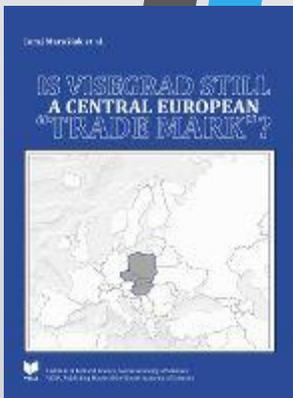
# International relations – international and national projects

• **„Europeanization“ of Slovakia and Ukraine – consequences of the EU-enlargement in 2004 in comparative perspective.** Institute of Political Sciences Slovak Academy of Sciences with I. Kuras Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Coordinator for IPS SAS. Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, Phd. Duration of the project: 01.01.2012 – 31.12.2013

• **Visegrad cooperation and the future of Central Europe.** International Visegrad Found. Project no.: 31110009. Principal Investigator: Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD. Duration of the Project: 01.10.2011 – 30.06.2013.

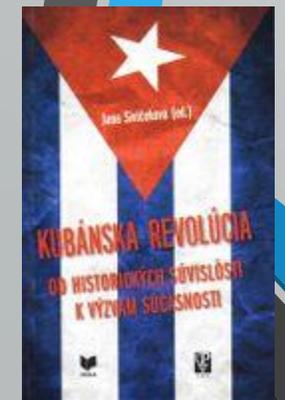
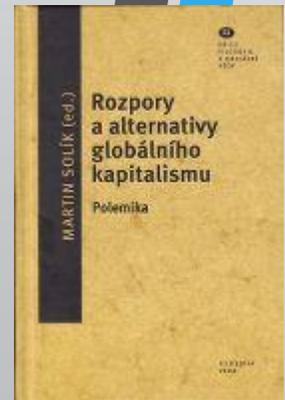
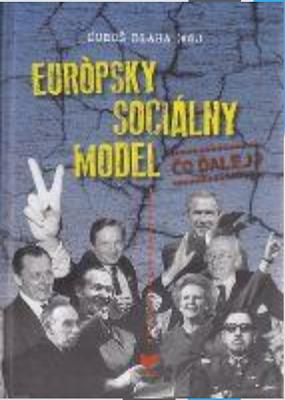
• **Visegrad University Studies Grant (VUSG)** – with the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava. IVF, **grant no. 60900014 - Visegrad Group - Politics and Society.** The output: "The (Dis) Integration Power of Central European Nationalism: A Study of the Visegrad Group Countries. By Juraj Marušiak, Ivan Halász and Mateusz Gniazdowski]. Comenius University: Bratislava 2015, 220 p.

• **Local government and administration in the Visegrad Group countries - VUSG,** State Higher Vocational School in Tarnów (Poland) (2013-2016), IVF project no.: 61200015. Output: *Rozwój administracji publicznej w państwach Grupy Wyszehradzkiej*, [Development of public administration in the Visegrad Group state] red. Anna Gądek, ISBN [978-83-941202-4-5](#). Tarnów : Państwowa Wyższa Szkoła Zawodowa w Tarnowie 2016.

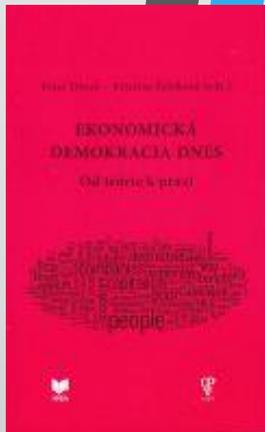


- **Národnoštátne záujmy SR v medzinárodných vzťahoch v post-integračnom období [National interests of the Slovak Republic in international relations in the post-integration period]** Principal investigator: PhDr. Zuzana Poláčková, CSc. Project No.: 2/0036/15. Duration of the project: 01. 01. 2015 – 31. 12. 2018.
- **"Foreign policy and the prospects for integration of the Visegrad group in the EU regional strategy", Project no. 2/0188/11 (VEGA) 2011-2014**
- Project partners: Faculty of Arts of Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Law of Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Arts of Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra.
- **Štátne hranice a identity v moderných slovenských dejinách v stredoeurópskom kontexte [State borders and identities in modern Slovak history in Central European context]**. Principal investigator: PhDr. Slavomír Michálek, DrSc., Institute of History of SAS. Coordinator for IPS SAS: PhDr. Zuzana Poláčková, CSc. Project No.: APVV-0628-11. Duration of the project: 01.07.2012 – 31.12.2015

### 3. The history of political thought and research on prominent figures in Slovak politics



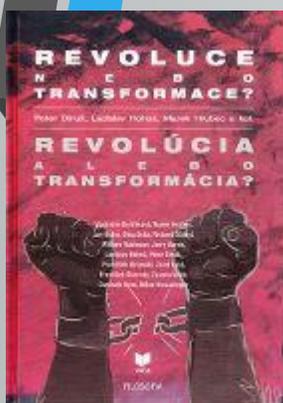
- issue of historical materialism (Marxism and the ensuing critical theories)
- issues of interpretation and misinterpretation of Marx's intellectual legacy
- critical discourse on capitalism and its alternatives (such as economic democracy)
- reflections on social changes,
- political ways of enforcing the anti-capitalist alternative,
- social justice in the conditions of globalization and against the background of the existing social model
- theories of social justice (egalitarian liberalism, libertarianism, communitarianism).

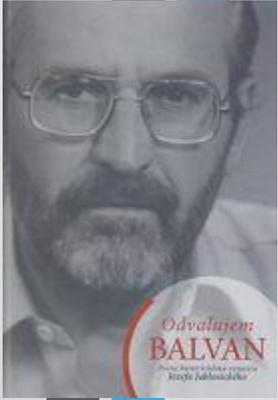


- Marx and changes in society after 1989, VEGA no. 2/0141/11 (2011-2014)
- Strategy for the transformation of society in the context of civilizational analysis, VEGA no. 2/0072/15. (2015-2018)



- Partners: Centre for Global Studies, the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, the Faculty of International Relations, University of Economics in Bratislava, the Faculty of Arts, Comenius University in Bratislava and the Faculty of Education of Comenius University in Bratislava





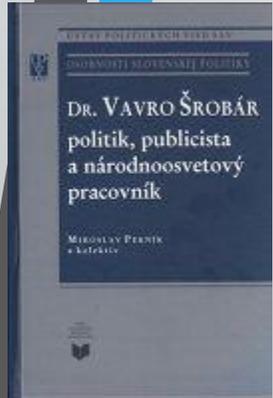
# Leading personalities in Slovak politics

strong support from the decision-making bodies; a long-term project of national importance has been carried out under the auspices of the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic and with the financial backing of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports. Each year of the annual event "Milan Hodža Days – leading personalities in Slovak politics"

- personalities covered were: Anton Štefánek, Pavol Blaho, Milan Hodža and Ivan Markovič.

„Political History and Politicians - Coming to terms with the past“, we focused on the work of Slavic missionaries Cyril and Methodius as well as the activity of Alexander Dubček, Jozef Jablonický, and Gustav Husák.

Partners: Museum of the Slovak National Uprising in Banská Bystrica, Faculty of Political Science and International Relations and Faculty of Arts of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Faculty of Arts of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Pan European University in Bratislava, Technical University of Liberec. The IPS SAS researchers have also participated in other projects pursued at partner institutions abroad: Sigmund-Naumann-Institut für Freiheit- Demokratiestudien und an der Technischen Universität Dresden with Vladimir Gonč its founding team member (since 2008).





- "Disintegration and Integration in East Central Europe (DIECE)" is a long-term research project of an international working group (F, D, GB, I, E, DK, NL, AT, PL, RO, HU, UA, CR, Moldova) existing under the same title since 2011, the project, being part of Erasmus+, is currently specified until 2018. The DIECE Group operates under the "European Union Liaison Committee of Historians" (official body of the European Commission for European Integration since 1982).
- Institutional base of DIECE is Université de Strasbourg, Institut des Sciences Politiques; Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Faculty of European Studies; Babes-Bolyai University, Campus Berlin.
- Vladimír Gonč has continued with the activities performed as part of EU's Jean Monnet Project of 1998.) Research Project (launched in 2014) "Good and Bad Neighbourhoods" is currently specified up to the end of 2018. Institutional support: Institute of International Relations and History, Casimir the Great University, Bydgoszcz. It has been in progress in a European network of universities from the Rhine Universities (Freiburg, Cologne /R, Bonn) to Moscow and Sofia. V. Gonč is a member of the Project's Scientific Committee as well as of the work team.
- "China - Central Europe Forum", a project underway since 2010, continues on an ongoing basis with the principal Investigator the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Vladimír Gonč and Juraj Marušiak have been involved in the project since 2014.
- IPS SAS has long been cooperating with Japanese universities specializing in Central Europe, namely, the University of Sapporo (Tadayoshi Hayashi) and Kyoto University (Hiroshi Fukuda).
- The Institute of Political Science SAS is a member of IPSA.

## H 2020

- IPS SAS was a member of the consortium of the project proposal Translating Protest and Cultural Opposition in Socialist Central and Eastern Europe; Call: H2020-REFLECTIVE SOCIETY 2015; Funding scheme: Research and Innovation Action; Proposal number: 692723. The project was not approved.
- IPS SAS was a member of the consortium of the project proposal The European Union and Russia, H2020 - INT - INCO - 2014 Project ID 645841. The project was not approved.

# SASPRO scholarships

- In 2014, researcher **Dr Christian Nitoiu** was admitted to the Institute of Political Science SAS under the SASPRO Programme - Mobility Programme of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Project title: The European Parliament: An Increasingly powerful actor in EU foreign policy? The case of the European Neighbourhood Policy. Proposal no: 0082/01/03. Acronym: The EP and the EU FP. Start date: 01/01/2015. End date: 01/01/2017, duration: 24 months. The contract was not signed as the researcher decided to accept a position at the London School of Economics.
- In 2015, researcher **Dr Phil. Dirk Mathias Dalberg, M. A.**, was admitted to the Institute of Political Science SAS under the SASPRO Programme - Mobility Programme of the Slovak Academy of Sciences. Project title: The Political and Democratic Theories of the Czech and Slovak Dissent in the 1970s and 1980s. Project registration number: 1291/03/03. Acronym: PDTCSO. Start date: 01/01/2016. End date: 01/01/2018, duration: 36 months. Under the terms of the signed agreement, Dr. Dalberg enrolled at the Institute on 14 January 2016.

# Scholarships for Foreign Researches

- The IPS SAS has hosted scholars from Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Ukraine within the framework of National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic, Visegrad Scholarship Program and other programs supporting academic mobility.
- *2012 – a total of 5 researches*
- *2013 – a total of 4 researches*
- *2014 – a total of 6 researches*
- *2015 – a total of 6 researches*

Short-term study of researchers IPS SAS in abroad: Czech Republic, Montenegro, Poland

## List of journals edited/published by the Institute of Political Science SAS

- Studia Politica Slovaca. Journal for political science, contemporary history and international relations
- indexed in CEEOL, ERIH PLUS, CEJSH, Index Copernicus
- Semi-annual
- Languages: Slovak / Czech and English
- Peer-reviewed

# PhD. studies

- In 2012, the SAS Accreditation Commission recommended that the Institute of Political Science should "seek accreditation for doctoral studies in compliance with the Higher Education Act", which was indeed achieved.
- **4 PhD. Students (31.12.2015) / personal staff total: 8,1 FTE working capacity**

# Evaluation 2012 - recommendations

- PhD. Study – achieved (2012)
- focus work more tightly on political science – fulfilled
- focus on the publication of scientific studies with renowned publishers and in foreign periodicals in world languages, which may potentially yield more citations – the fulfillment of recommendation is underway
- intensify international cooperation in all fields of scientific activity – fulfilled

# Popularization and social impact

- Milan Hodža Days ...2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016... (in cooperation with the Office of Government of Slovak Republic) – scientific conference, popularization of Milan Hodža and other Slovak democratic politicians among the young people (pupils, students etc.)
- Regular contact with media
- Public lectures and discussions („Klub Nového Slova – Nové Slovo Club – centre-left discussion club; University Library Bratislava)
- Touring exhibition: "Years of struggles, victims and hopes (1914 - 1920)". The exhibition was jointly prepared by Milan Rastislav Štefánik's Foundation in Bratislava and the Institute of Political Science. SAS (anniversary of the WWI)
- Expert opinion of a team of historians on the wording of a plaque on the International House of Art for Children - Bibiana in Bratislava", commissioned by the Ministry of Culture SR (2014)

Expert opinion – Regional directory of Police Corps of the Slovak Republic – radical right websites



**Thank you for your attention**