

TSCHECHISCHE REPUBLIK

Minister of Education

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Petr FIALA

Born on 1st September 1964, in Brno

Education:

1983-1988	he studied Czech Language and Literature and History at Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University (called J. E. Purkyně University) in Brno. After graduation he worked as a historian at the Museum of the Kroměříž region in Kroměříž.
1996	he habilitated at the Charles University in Prague
2002	he was named the first Professor of Political Science in the Czech Republic

Professional and Public Activity:

1984-1989	In the eighties he took part in various civic activities, e.g. the underground university; he also helped to organize the independent student movement Revue 88.
After Nov 1989	he worked shortly as a journalist and editor and afterwards took part in the establishment of the Political Science.
1993-2002	he worked as the Head of Department of Political Science
1996-2004	Director of the International Institute of Political Science
2002	he was awarded the Jean Monnet Chair in European Political Integration
2002-2004	Head of Department of International Relations and European Studies
2004	he worked as Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies of the Masaryk University
Since 2005	he is the Director of the Institute for Comparative Political Science Research

In his scientific work he specializes in comparative political science and European politics. He is the author and co-author of 14 monographs and more than 200 papers published in a number of countries. He also took part in many national and international research projects. His best known books are:

- European Union (with M. Pitrova, 2003, 2009)
- European mean time - New questions of European Integration (2007, 2010),
- Catholicism and politics (1996),
- Die verborgene Kirche (with J. Hanuš 2004),
- The Laboratory of Secularization - Religion and policy in the non-religious society: the Czech case (2007),

- Theory of Political Parties (with M. Strmiska 1998, 2009),
- Partie i systemy partyjne Europy Środkowej (with A. Antoszewski, R. Herbut a J. Sroka 2003) and Problems of the Czech politics (2010).

	In recognition of his scientific achievements he has been awarded a number of Czech and international awards.
2011	he has been awarded the Golden Plaque by the President of the Czech Republic.
2004-2011 currently	he served two terms as the Rector of the Masaryk University; he holds the position of Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs. The Masaryk University (with 45 000 students and 5 000 staff) became an important Central European educational and research institution under his leadership. The Masaryk University is currently the most in-demand university in the Czech Republic in regard to the number of applicants while foreign students make up 14 percent of its students. In this period the Masaryk University built a new campus which is one of the largest buildings and one-time investments (€ 220 million) in university education in Central and Eastern Europe.
2011	a new Central European Institute of Technology project has been approved in the amount of 5.3 billion CZK from the European Structural Funds. The project will be coordinated by the Masaryk University.
2005-2009 2009 -2011	He has been long active in institutions and bodies which deal with university education and research in the Czech Republic and abroad. In he was the Vice-President and the President of the Czech Rectors Conference, at the international level he has been among others a member of the Council of the European University Association. He is active in a number of advisory bodies
2007	he was appointed by the Parliament of the Czech Republic as a member of the Board of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, in
2002	he was appointed by the Czech Government as a member of the Accreditation Commission of the Czech Republic (until 2004)
2008	he became a member of the Research and Development Council. He is a member of many scientific and academic institutions in the Czech Republic and abroad
September 2011	he is the Chief Science Advisor to the Government of the Czech Republic