

What We Can (and Can Not) Do For You

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9 PhD programs (CZ/EN)

- CZ:EN approximately 79:21
- CZ programs converge to being operated (almost) fully in English; seminars in English, all instruction materials and emails in English, and publications in English
- Trend: less CZ students, more EN students



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- Area Studies 7.5%
- Digital Social Science: just opening
- **Economics and Finance 23%**
- International Relations 9.5%
- **Media and Communication Studies 20%**
- Modern History 6%
- Political Science 9%
- Public and Social Policy 7.5%
- **Sociology 16.5%**



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Highlights in 2023/24

2023/24 Academic/Research Placement Outside of CZ

- Nino Buliskeria, Assistant Professor of Economics, Nazarbayev University
- Ali Elminejad, Assistant Professor of Economics, Nazarbayev University
- José Hildo de Oliveira Filho, Postdoctoral Researcher, The Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) & External Lecturer, University of Cologne
- Matej Nevrla, Lecturer (Assistant Professor) of Finance, University of Liverpool Management School
- Kristína Országhová, Research Assistant and External Lecturer, Central European University, Vienna
- Ondřej Rosendorf, Research Fellow, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg
- Jakub Střelec, Research Associate (Postdoc) at Charité's Institute of Medical History (a joint institute of HU Berline and FU Berlin)



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Who is Who

- **9 Program Directors:** responsible for all the content and all operations
- **5 Directors of Institutes:** closely coordinate with Program Directors, responsible for all financial decisions and institute-level policies (TAs, research bonuses etc.)
- **5 Centers of Doctoral Studies:** conduct research and administrative tasks, especially internal/informal (within Institutes, especially communication with students); collaborate closely with administration of Institutes
- **Administration at FSV:** core administrative tasks, especially formal tasks, and all legally binding decisions
- **Vice-Dean:** regulations, monitoring, overlooks operations, signs all legally binding decisions, communication with Program Directors, Institutes and Charles University



Delegation

- Programs (and Institutes) are largely **self-governed**.
- Each Institute is expected to set the optimal structure of tasks for the incoming PhD students (integration into existing research structures: UNCE Fellowships, teaching seminars, administrative tasks in CDSs etc.)
- Financial responsibility for all key program aspects is fully given to Directors of Institutes, and it is assumed that Program Directors and Directors of Institute set jointly the optimal strategy.



Our service: Monitoring

Quality Assessment through Student Surveys

- Courses/Seminars:
 - every term, including the opportunity to provide feedback
 - Spring 2024: overall grade **4.76** (scale 1-5)
- Annual Survey
 - in late August/early September
 - motivations, career outlook, estimated success probability
 - feedback on the most enjoyable and most challenging points
 - feedback on the level of difficulty, the amount of work and time pressure
 - communication frequency: advisor, other faculty, students
 - feedback on advice (dissertation research, overall progress, resources)
 - results to be presented in the afternoon



Our service: Basic Info

Basic Information

- <https://fsv.cuni.cz/studium/typy-studia/doktorske-studium> (CZ)
- <https://fsv.cuni.cz/en/study/phd-students> (EN)
- We will be distributing all important information and news via emails.



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Our service: Guidance

Guidance

- Currently we provide guidance for the choice between full-time and part-time forms.
- We offer best practices:
 - Detailed Individual Study Plans for Doctoral Students of Economics and Finance
 - Handbook for Doctoral Students of Economics and Finance – a 40-page dense document
 - All at: <https://ies.fsv.cuni.cz/en/study/phd-economics-and-finance/study-rules>



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- Manuals and Regulations: <https://phd.cuni.cz/PHDEN-46.html>
- Doctoral Study Hub: <https://phd.cuni.cz/PHDEN-41.html>
 - Events, Social Activities
 - Data Management Training
 - Survival Czech: Language Course for Beginners
 - Project Management
 - Data Visualisation, Introduction to Statistics



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Conclusions

Thank you for your attention.



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