

Masaryk University	
Faculty	Faculty of Science
Procedure field	Social geography and regional development
Applicant	Mgr. Ondřej Mulíček, Ph.D.
Applicant's home unit, institution	Faculty of Science, Masaryk University
Habilitation thesis	Urban Relational Spaces: Spatiotemporal Patterns of Everyday Life
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Evaluation of the applicant's scholarly/artistic qualifications

Dr Ondřej Mulíček completed his PhD degree in Regional Geography and Regional Development at Masaryk University in 2004. Since then, he has developed a sustained and coherent research profile in the fields of urban and regional geography, time-geography, and mobility studies. His research is theoretically informed and empirically grounded, with a strong orientation toward understanding the urban rhythms and mobility patterns and their relation to spatial planning and governance. The applicant has authored or co-authored 20 publications indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection, including 16 original research papers, many of them in Q1 or Q2 journals, complemented by additional Scopus-indexed publications, book chapters with international publishers (Routledge, Wiley), and contributions to proceedings. According to the Web of Science Citation Report (February 2025), his publications have received 376 citations in total, including 352 citations without self-citations, resulting in an h-index of 10 and an average of nearly 19 citations per publication. These figures clearly demonstrate both the visibility and impact of his research in the international academic community. Several of his works have become reference points in international debates on urban temporality and polycentric spatial structures. Beyond publications, Dr Mulíček has contributed to methodological and applied outcomes, including certified methodologies, specialised maps, and innovative software (e.g., Chronotopes Software). He has been the principal investigator of multiple national projects funded by the Czech Science Foundation (GAČR) and the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TAČR), and he currently acts as principal investigator for Masaryk University in an international project funded under the Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) Partnership, Horizon Europe. His ability to secure and coordinate competitive projects confirms both independence and leadership. He also successfully applies his theoretical knowledge and scientific competence in practical activities in the field of regional development and spatial planning. His experience from the practice proved to be valuable feedback for his research. His international cooperation is extensive and long-term, with active collaboration with institutions in Sweden, Belgium, France, Israel, Estonia, Austria, Spain and others. These partnerships are embedded primarily in joint projects, demonstrating an effective integration into international research networks.

Conclusion: The applicant's scholarly/artistic capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation appointment procedure in the field of Social geography and regional development.

Evaluation of the applicant's pedagogical experience

Dr. Mulíček has been continuously teaching at Masaryk University since 2002, covering a wide range of courses in human geography, urban geography, urban and regional planning, mobility studies, and methodological training. His portfolio includes 18 full-semester lecture courses and 17 seminars/exercises. He has been responsible for both introductory courses, such as Human Geography, and advanced specialised courses, such as Urban Geography, Urban and Regional Planning, and Everyday Mobility. He has also been active at Brno University of Technology as a lecturer since 2020. Supervision constitutes another strong element of his pedagogical track. He has successfully supervised 62 bachelor's theses and 61 master's theses, with several more ongoing. Importantly, he has supervised three completed doctoral dissertations and currently guides additional doctoral candidates. His doctoral students have successfully continued in academic and professional careers. He has contributed to textbook chapters, most notably Geografie sídel (2008), and has regularly engaged in outreach activities linking pedagogy and practice, for instance, through lecture series organised by the Brno City Chief Architect's Office. Overall, his pedagogical experience is comprehensive, ranging from undergraduate to doctoral levels, and confirms his qualification as an independent and accomplished educator.

Conclusion: The applicant's pedagogical capabilities **meet** the requirements expected of applicants participating in a habilitation appointment procedure in the field of Social geography and regional development.

Habilitation thesis evaluation

The habilitation thesis entitled *Urban Relational Spaces: Spatiotemporal Patterns of Everyday Life* is presented as a set of previously published works accompanied by a synthetic commentary. The thesis offers a coherent and original conceptualisation of relational urban spaces through the lens of spatiotemporal rhythms and everyday practices.

The collected works cover a broad thematic spectrum, including urban mobility, retail rhythms, polycentricity, chronotopes, and temporal infrastructures. The commentary effectively integrates these works into a unifying framework, demonstrating the applicant's intellectual trajectory and the consistency of his research agenda.

The thesis stands out for advancing the dialogue between human geography, urban studies, and planning, while introducing innovative temporal-spatial methodologies applicable to both theoretical debates and practical planning. The combination of conceptual development, empirical case studies (primarily focused on Brno and the Czech Republic), and methodological innovation provides a strong scholarly contribution with clear international relevance.

The members of the habilitation board appreciated the thesis in agreement with the written reviews received by all three opponents, Associate Professor Martin Šveda from Comenius University, Associate Professor Slavomíra Ferenčuhová from the Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Science, and Associate Professor Siiri Silm, University of Tartu.

Conclusion: The applicant's habilitation thesis **meets** the requirements expected of habilitation theses in the field of Social geography and regional development.

Secret vote results

Voting took place: electronically

Number of board members	5
Number of votes cast	5
of which	5
in favour	5
against	0

Board decision

Based on the outcome of the secret vote and following an evaluation of the applicant's scholarly or artistic qualifications, pedagogical experience and habilitation thesis, the board hereby submits a proposal to the Scientific Board of the Faculty of Science of Masaryk University to **appoint the applicant associate professor** of Social geography and regional development.

In Brno on 29.09.2025

prof. RNDr. Petr Kubíček, CSc.