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Doc. Ing. Petr Drulák, Ph.D.



- has degrees in international economics, international policy, and philosophy
- has been with the Institute of International Relations since 1998 and became its director in 2004
- served as executive director of the Czech Council of International Relations
- teaches at two Prague universities – as assistant professor at University of Economics and associate professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Charles

University (at both the Institute of Political Studies and the Institute of International Studies)

- is chairman of the editorial board of „Mezinárodní vztahy“ (International Relations) and „Perspectives“ - the two most important scholarly journals in the Czech republic published by the IIR – and supervises the reviews section in the Journal of International Relations and Development
- has contributed numerous articles, studies and chapters in both Czech and international prestigious periodicals and monographs
- his main areas of interest are the theory of international relations and role of language in IR, European integration and European small states issues

JUDr. Vladimír Handl, CSc.



- graduated the Moscow State Institute of International Relations
- has worked at the Institute of International Relations as a researcher since 1982 already with the exception of the periods of 1996-2000 and 2002-2003 when he pursued his research activities at the Institute for German Studies at the University of Birmingham, Great Britain
- lectures at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Charles University

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- has authored numerous articles and studies published both in the Czech Republic and abroad
- his main areas of interest are international relations of Central and Eastern Europe states, foreign policy of the Czech Republic and Germany and German-Czech relations

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PhDr. Vít Vaníček

- ❑ works in the Institute of International Relations as public relations manager, organizes international conferences and seminars on high diplomatic and academic level, and represents the IIR at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- ❑ has a PhDr. degree in culture studies from Charles University in Prague where he is currently working on his PhD. degree in English and American Literature as an external candidate
- ❑ passed one semester of his studies at the American University, Washington, D.C., studying and working for the Center for the Study of the Presidency as project assistant
- ❑ has taught American literature courses for East and Central European studies program for the international students at the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts of the Charles University
- ❑ has published several book reviews in the Institute of International Relations' periodicals

Mgr. Denisa Kera, Ph.D.



- ❑ has degrees in philosophy and information science from Charles University in Prague where she also works at the New Media Studies Department - that she co-founded - as an assistant professor
- ❑ also lectured at the Faculty of Humanities' "Electronic culture and semiotics" program of the same university, at the Czech Technical University, and the Academy of Performing Arts
- ❑ is currently working on a Post-doctoral research at the Centre for Global studies of the Czech Academy of Sciences
- ❑ is author of many articles, critiques and reviews about new media and art published in Czech and foreign print and electronic magazines
- ❑ has co-organized and participated at numerous international conferences and workshops
- ❑ her main areas of interest are new media theory, new media art, philosophy of technology, and philosophy of science
- ❑ her current research is concentrated on the posthumanist aspects of society and globalization, technological acceleration and evolution theories.

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Ing. Petr Kadlec



- ❑ studied computer science at the Czech Technical University
- ❑ currently works as a programmer - software developer
- ❑ began to edit the Czech version of Wikipedia on June 15, 2004 as the user #290 (after he edited the English version for his first time two days before)
- ❑ since then, he has edited more than 10.000 entries in about 20 language versions
- ❑ is one of the administrators of the Czech Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons project and contributes to the development of the MediaWiki system that Wikipedia runs on
- ❑ in 2006, Ing. Kadlec participated with his paper about Wikipedia at the prestigious Inforum conference dealing with professional electronic information resources for research, development, education, and business purposes

JUDr. David Král



- ❑ graduated from the Law Faculty at Charles University
- ❑ lectures at the University of Public Administration and International Relations in Prague, and previously lectured at Charles University – Faculty of Social Sciences
- ❑ has been the chairman of EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy since 2000 where he also serves as the director of EU policies programme
- ❑ is also a certified trainer in EU modules for public administration
- ❑ while working for the Convention on the Future of Europe and the Intergovernmental Conference 2003/2004 he was a member of advisory groups of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister
- ❑ is a member of the Board of PASOS - Policy Association for an Open Society
- ❑ his main areas of interest include the EU reform and Constitutional Treaty, EU enlargement, EU external relations, Common Foreign and Security Policy and EU policy of Freedom, Security and Justice

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- Chairman of the Board of Directors, founder and Managing Director of I2S a.s., a Czech high-tech company providing services and solutions at the cutting edge of information and communication technology to leading organizations in Europe and the USA.
- Originally I2S focused on ICT security (risk analysis and management, business continuity management, applied cryptography, SW development) and held extensive research in information science and mathematics (decision support systems; queuing theory; decision making and priority theory; knowledge discovery in databases).
- Since 2000 I2S has served as a subcontractor of Cubic Defense Applications on major government IT restructuring projects supported by the US government in CEE. Fields of expertise: strategic issues, force modernization, C4I, OSINT.
- Since 2004 I2S has specialized in knowledge management and text-mining. In 2005, I2S established a unit dedicated to news aggregation, result of which is the Advanced Multilingual Web News Aggregation & Organization Service www.newstin.com.
- Frantisek holds a Doctor of Education degree from the Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.