

Evaluation of research and scientific contribution of RNDr. Eva Janska, Ph.D.
Habilitation: International Migrants in Czechia: Geographic and Social Aspects of
Integration

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RNDr. Janska, Ph.D. has been researching issues of migration, more specifically migrant integration, for a long period of time as her submitted manuscripts range from 2004 to present. This range is evidence of RNDr. Janska's, Ph.D. ongoing productivity of high quality manuscripts, mostly in international journals with impact factor. It is important to mention that the manuscripts are written in fluent English and that she utilizes both qualitative and quantitative research methods in her work. Her research significantly contributes to both theoretical and empirical literature on migration. RNDr. Janska, Ph.D. has collaborated on numerous grants within the Social Geographical Research Group on Migration at Přírodovědecká Fakulta of Charles University. She is either first or second author on all manuscripts indicating that she is either leading research projects or is second in command. In addition to grant work, she regularly presents her work at international conferences and through various seminars, thus making impact nationally and internationally.

RNDr. Janska's, Ph.D. habilitation along with her publications are very timely on Czech, European, and world levels. To illustrate the importance of migration research, we don't need to look farther than the co-called Brexit, which was in large part a result of Brits' views of international migrants; the ongoing refugee crisis in much of Europe; or Donald Trumps' recent anti-immigrant policies affecting people around the world. Many Western societies are in need of models of integration that can support a healthy development which would support both native and immigrant populations.

Therefore, RNDr. Janska's, Ph.D. critique of assimilation is especially useful. Her explanation of the evolution of assimilation theory and its application in different

contexts is very insightful. She is able to detect where the theory is useful and where it lags behind and needs to be replaced by other theoretical models. RNDr. Janska, Ph.D. looks Berry's acculturation model as well as other socio-geographical theories. Does Czechia need international migrants to fill the void of Czech labor force? Are migrants integrating in the Czech society successfully? How do migrants in Czechia impact labor force? Do they intend to stay permanently, return back, or live transnationally? These and similar questions are tackled by the author in a masterful analysis of existing literature and her own empirical research.

Much of RNDr. Janska's, Ph.D. work focuses on migrants' integration once they enter Czechia. She analyzes social, cultural, and geopolitical integration of first and second generation of diverse groups of migrants. In doing that she shows her understanding of the ever-changing European and Czech migration policies and politics. RNDr. Janska's, Ph.D. work on internal migration of immigrants once they enter Czechia filled a void of research much needed to understand where and why immigrants settle. Her colleagues and RNDr. Janska, Ph.D. discovered that native-born Czechs seem to be migrating out of large cities and the housing and work opportunities left behind get filled by immigrants. Still, the internal migrant movements are not the same. As RNDr. Janska, Ph.D. demonstrates, the Vietnamese and Ukrainian patterns of movement differ mostly because they occupy different jobs.

RNDr. Janska's, Ph.D. work with the largest visible immigrant population in Czechia, the Vietnamese, is particularly important. Her research shows that they are integrating successfully on all levels (cultural, institutional, social) except for geographical. Should Czechia experience a wave of another visible immigrant population, RNDr. Janska's, Ph.D. findings could serve as an example of successful integration.

RNDr. Janska, Ph.D. also collaborated on a study of Muslim female immigrants in Czechia and along with her co-author came to a conclusion that religious practice was not related to acculturation or mobility. Family status and employment played more important role in Muslim women's integration.

Conclusion:

RNDr. Janska's, Ph.D. habilitation is clearly very timely and is a result of many years of scientific research by the author. The habilitation clearly shows that RNDr. Janska, Ph.D. is an expert on issues of migrant integration from both theoretical and applied perspectives. She was able to incorporate existing literature and results of her own work to present an impactful piece on migrant integration. This habilitation significantly contributes to current thinking about migration and can be used to further immigration research and to pedagogically explain current migration issues.

RNDr. Janska, Ph.D. clearly fulfills the requirements of scientific contributions of her work. I recommend her for promotion to "Docent" without reservations.

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