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PhD Political Sciences, University of Leiden, Netherlands

Topic: The role of party organisation in the electoral success of new anti-establishment parties in Austria, the Czech Republic, Italy and Slovakia.

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### Education:

- 2014 - **Leiden University**, Leiden, Netherlands  
2021 PhD in Political Sciences  
**Thesis:** *Party Organization and Electoral Success of Anti-Establishment Parties*  
Supervisors: Professor Petr Kopecký and Dr. Maria Spirova
- 2012 - **University of Aberdeen**, Aberdeen, United Kingdom  
2013 MSc in Globalization (with commendation)  
**Thesis:** *Czechs and Poles living 'the British Dream' Comparative study of differences between Czech and Polish ways of integration into British society*  
Supervisor: Dr. Christopher Kollmeyer
- 2009 - **Robert Gordon University**, Aberdeen, United Kingdom  
2012 BA (Hons) in Applied Social Sciences (2.1 grade)  
**Thesis:** *'Paying the Price': An Ethnography of Contemporary Workplace Control*  
Supervisor: Dr. Donncha Marron
- 2008 - **Banff and Buchan College**, Fraserburgh, United Kingdom  
2009 HNC (Higher National Certificate) in Social Sciences
- 2004 - **Business Academy and Language School**, Jihlava, Czech Republic  
2008 GSCE – with grades A, A, A, B

### Academic Work Experience:

- 2015 **University of Exeter**, United Kingdom  
External Research Assistant
- 2014 - **Leiden University**, Netherlands  
present Research Assistant
- 2013 - **University of Aberdeen**, United Kingdom  
2014 Postgraduate Researcher
- 2013 - **University of Aberdeen**, United Kingdom  
2014 Postgraduate Course tutor

### Languages :

Czech, Slovak	Native
English	Fluent (near-native)
Polish, Russian	Basic

### Other Skills:

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point), SPSS  
Driving licence group B

### Current Research Projects:

- 2017 - **Research Assistance:**  
present Connection between The Judiciary of the Czech Republic and Czech political Parties book  
Prof. Petr Kopecký, Leiden University  
Data collection and literature review
- 2014 - **PhD research:**  
present Electoral Success of new anti-establishment parties
- 2014 - **Research Assistance:**  
present Political Corruption book  
Prof. Petr Kopecký, Dr. Maria Spirova  
Literature collection, media search of articles mapping examples of corruption scandals

### Completed Research Projects:

- 2019 **Data collection for party database:**  
The Political Party Database Project  
prof. Susan Scarrow, University of Houston  
Collecting party data on Czech parties for international party database
- 2015 **Research Assistance:**  
Research on multilevel party cooperation  
Prof. Nicole Bolleyer, University of Exeter  
Collecting party data of Czech parties for international research project
- 2013 **Master's dissertation:** Integration of Czech and Polish migrants in the UK,  
Comparison of migrants' integration based on their language, social capital and religiosity
- 2012 **Pilot Study for Master's dissertation:**  
Cultural integration of Central Eastern Europeans into the Scottish Society
- 2012 **Bachelor's dissertation:** Standardization of labour at workplace, impact of standardized procedures of employees, application of McDonalidization theory
- 2007 **Comenius student exchange project:** Study of ethnic minorities  
Research of integration of Roma, Ukrainian and Vietnamese minorities into Czech Society

## Other Work Experience:

- 2019 – present     **Booking.com**, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Quality Advisor
- 2016 – 2019     **Booking.com**, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Accommodaton Service Specialist (Czech and Slovak markets)
- 2014             **Leiden University**, Leiden, Netherlands  
Editing Assistant - preparing manuscript of European Women’s Movement and Body Politics: The Struggle for Autonomy book for prof. Joyce Outshoorn
- 2011 – 2014     **Travelex**, Aberdeen Airport, United Kingdom  
Sales Consultant
- 2009 – 2011     **TRG plc**, Aberdeen Airport, United Kingdom  
Duty Manager

## Conference Presentations:

- 2018             ECPR Standing Group on Central and Eastern Politics: Party Leaders in CEE: Roles, Actions and Consequences at Babeş-Bolyai University in *Cluj-Napoca, Romania*  
**Presentation:** Party Leaders in the Czech Republic: A Tale of two Personalies.
- 2017             Graduate Conference on Party Research (GraPa 2017) in *Düsseldorf, Germany*  
**Presentation:** Changing Trends in Party Membership: The Story of ANO and VV.
- 2017             Leiden University’s Central and East European Studies Center: Round Table on Challenges to Liberal Democracy in Slovakia and the Czech Republic in *Leiden, The Netherlands*  
**Presentation:** Challenges to Liberal Democracy: Slovakia and the Czech Republic.
- 2016             ECPR General Conference in *Prague, the Czech Republic*  
**Presentation:** Career Backgrounds, Professional Network and Party Cohesion.
- 2015             Annual Convention of the Austrian Center Studies in *Vienna, Austria*  
**Presentation:** Party elite Homogeneity: Explaining the success of Czech ANO.

## List of Publications:

- Cirhan, Tomáš and Kopecký, Petr, 2021. Fragmentation and anti-establishment politics: Czech party system in the 2020s’ in Hofmeister, Wilhelm and Poguntke, Thomas, (eds.) 2021. *Political Parties and the Crisis of Democracy*. XX:XX.
- Cirhan, Tomáš, 2020. Which party organisational aspects explain success of entrepreneurial parties? Comparative analysis of ANO, Forza Italia, Team Stronach and O’laNO in *Comparative European Politics* – currently under review process.
- Cirhan, Tomáš and Stauber, Jakub. 2019. Okamura as phoenix of Czech far-right: Analysis of the role of party leader personality in the rebirth of failed party. Conference paper prepared for *The 2020 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*.
- Cirhan, Tomáš and Kopecký, Petr, 2019. From Ideology to interest driven politics: Václav Klaus, Andrej Babiš and two eras of party leadership in the Czech Republic in Ghergina, Sergiu, (ed.) 2019. *Party Leaders in Eastern Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Cirhan, Tomáš and Stauber, Jakub. 2018. Online Supporter and Registered Sympathiser as Alternatives to a Regular Party Member in *East European Politics* 34(4): 458–482.
- Cirhan, Tomáš. 2018. Political-Firm or Political Party? An Analysis of ANO's Party Elites' Homogeneity in Wakounig, Marija and Kuhnel, Ferdinand (eds.) 2018. *East Central Europe at a Glance: People -Cultures - Developments*. Vienna: LIT VERLAG.
- Cirhan, Tomáš and Kopecký, Petr, 2017. Career Backgrounds, Professional Network and Party Cohesion in *Czech Journal of Political Science* 2:116-136.