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Education

Ph.D. in Sociology. University of Bristol, United Kingdom

Passed unconditionally on 29 March 2013, with **no corrections**. PhD awarded on 14 May 2013. Examiners: Professor John Holmwood (Nottingham), Dr John Downer (Bristol). Supervisors: Professor Gregor McLennan, Professor Susan L. Robertson

MSc. in Sociology, University of Bristol, September 2008

B.A. in Politics and Society, Anglo-American University in Prague, February 2007

Research Interests

sociology of speed/acceleration & time; science and technology studies (STS); critical social science; notaphily

Languages

Czech (native), English (native level)

Full-Time Employment

01/2014- Senior Research Associate, Centre for Science, Technology, and Society Studies (CSTSS), Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences (full-time – **the main employment**)

Contractual/PT Employment

01/2019- Technology Agency of the Czech Republic, external consultant.
01/2018- Research & Teaching Fellow, Department of Security Studies, Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University (part-time & contractual employment)

Past Employments

09/2015-01/2020 Adjunct Lecturer, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Anglo-American University in Prague (contractual employment)
03/2019-06/2019 Visiting/Guest Professor, Science & Technology Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, Austria (contractual employment)
06/2017-01/2018 Social Lab Manager. NewHoRRizon (H2020 project administered by Technology Agency of the Czech Republic)
09/2015-08/2016 Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre français de recherche en sciences sociales (CEFRES)
01/2014-03/2016 Executive Assistant to the Vice-President, The Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Czech Academy of Sciences.
09/2013-08/2014 Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Sociological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague
10/2009-05/2013 Seminar Teacher/Tutor. School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences University of Bristol

Selected Publications

Books

Vostal F (ed) (2021) *Inquiring into Academic Timescapes*. Bingley: Emerald Publishing
<https://books.emeraldinsight.com/page/detail/Inquiring-into-Academic-Timescapes/?k=9781789739121>

Vostal F (2016) *Accelerating Academia: The Changing Structure of Academic Time*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9781137473592> (reviewed in *Current Anthropology*; *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Higher Education*; *LSE Review of Books*; *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*)

Books – In Preparation

Vostal F (ed) (2023 – expected) *Common Futures, Future of the Commons: Publishing, Artistry, and the Contemporary Academy*. New York: punctum books. (full manuscript to be submitted to punctum books in May 2022)

Vostal F (2022 – expected) *The Speed Complex: Socio-Technical and Human Dimensions*. Bristol: Bristol University Press (book proposal accepted, awaiting book contract)

Vostal F (2021 – expected) *Co je nového v sociální teorii? [What's New in Social Theory?]* Praha: Nová Beseda (book contract signed in April 2020, manuscript to be submitted in April/May 2021) – in Czech

Articles

Virtová T, Vostal F (forthcoming) “Project Work Strategies in Fusion Research.” *Time & Society*. (awaiting proofs)

Bicchieri M, Biocca P, Caliri C, Vostal F, Vostal L, Romano FP (2020) “Determining Old Chinese Non-Circulating Paper Money's Authenticity Using Raman and MA-XRF Spectroscopies.” *Journal of Cultural Heritage*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.culher.2020.07.006>

Vostal F (2019) “Acceleration Approximating Science and Technology Studies: On Judy Wajcman's Recent Oeuvre.” *Science, Technology, & Human Values* 44(4): 686-706 [book review essay]

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0162243919845140>

Vostal F, Benda L, Virtová T (2019) “Against Reductionism: On the Complexity of Scientific Temporality.” *Time & Society* 28(2): pp. 783–803

DOI: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0961463X17752281>

Vostal F (2019) “Slowing Down Modernity: A Critique.” *Time & Society* 28(3): 1039-1060

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0961463X17702163>

Stöckelová T, Vostal F (2017) “Academic Stratospheres-Cum-Underworlds: When High and Low Publication Cultures Meet.” *ASLIB Journal of Information Management*, 69 (5): 516-528

DOI: <https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/AJIM-01-2017-0013>

Vostal F (2015) “Speed kills, Speed Thrills: Constraining and Enabling Accelerations in Academic Work- Life.” *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, 13 (3): 295-314

DOI: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14767724.2014.959895>

Vostal F (2015) “Academic life in the fast lane: The experience of time and speed in British academia.” *Time & Society*, 24 (1): 71-95

DOI: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0961463X13517537>

Vostal F (2014) “Thematizing Speed: Between Critical Theory and Cultural Analysis.” *European Journal of Social Theory*, 17 (1): 95-114 DOI: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1368431013505014>

Vostal F (2014) “Towards a Social Theory of Acceleration: Time, Modernity, Critique. *Revue européenne des sciences sociales* 52(2): 235-249 (<https://journals.openedition.org/ress/2893>) [book review article].

Articles – In Preparation/Under Review

Vostal F (in preparation) “How 3D Molecular Cinema Rests on Standardized Time-Reckoning” – to be submitted to *Social Studies of Science*

Vostal F, Jordheim H (in preparation) “Time Languages in Science” – to be submitted to *Science, Technology & Human Values*

Vostal F, Carrigan M (under review) “Life in the Accelerated Academy: Metrics and Time Economy.” *Minerva*

Book Reviews

Vostal F (forthcoming) “Manipulating Time Experience”. *Symbolic Interaction*

Vostal F (forthcoming) “Review of *The Social Structure of Global Academia*, edited by Fabian Cannizzio and Nick Osbaldiston.” *The Sociological Review*.

Vostal F (2019) “Review *Toxic University* by John Smyth.” *Theory, Culture & Society* website, Feb 15. <https://www.theoryculturesociety.org/blog/reviews-john-smyth-toxic-university>

Book Chapters

Brož L, Stöckelová T, Vostal F (2018) “Vampires in Academic Publishing – On the Case of Wadim

Strielkowski.” In *Predatory Publishing* edited by punctum books. Coventry: Post Office Press, Rope Press and punctum books, pp. 12-17

Vostal F (2016) “Rychlostí světla: vysokofrekvenční obchodování jako symptom sociální akcelerace času [At the Speed of Light: High-Frequency Trading as a Symptom of Social Acceleration of Time].” In Dvořák, T. (ed.) *Temporalita (nových) médií [Temporality of (New) Media]*. Praha: AVU, pp. 205-45 [in Czech]

Vostal F (2015) “Temporalities of Academic work.” In Peters, MA. (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Educational Philosophy and Theory*. Singapore: Springer. Published online 17 October 2015.

DOI: https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/978-981-287-532-7_125-1.pdf

Grants

- 2019-2021 Czech Science Foundation (GACR) – Standard Grant: *Maintaining Experimental Time: How Scientists Obtain, Secure and Use Time for Experimental Research* [19-15511S]. Principal Investigator – (EUR 100.000)
- 2016-18 Czech Science Foundation (GACR) – Junior Grant: *In Search of Lost Time: Temporal Pressure and its Epistemic Implications in Contemporary Czech Academia* [16-18371Y] Principal Investigator – (EUR 170.000)
- 2015-16 Postdoc stipend. CEFRES (UK, CAS, CNRS, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs) – (EUR 13,500)
- 2015 Strategy AV 21 Fund – organization of international conference *Power, Acceleration and Metrics in Academic Life*, 2.-4.12.2015 – (EUR 8.000)

Awards & Prizes

- 2018 Teacher of the Year, Anglo-American University in Prague (EUR 1.000) (*voted by students*)
- 2017 The Czech Academy of Sciences Award for Junior Scholar for Excellent Scientific Achievements (EUR 3.000)
- 2016 Otto Wichterle Award (EUR 10.000)

Supervision – PhD Students

Jan Tesárek (main supervisor, 2018-). Dissertation title: *The Age of Genetic Code: CRISPR-Cas9 and Sociotechnical Imaginaries*

Martin Tremčinský (second supervisor, 2019-). Dissertation title: *Technologies of Exchange: Comparison of Currency Design and its Political Impact*

Jan Géryk (second supervisor 2020-). Dissertation title: *Law, Progress and the Temporal Dimension of Politics*

Editorial Work

- 2019– Times of Covid-19 – (<https://timesofcovid19.temporalities.no>) (co- editing with Helge Jordheim, University of Oslo)
- 2016– The Accelerated Academy Series. Thematic Section at *LSE Impact Blog* (<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/the-accelerated-academy-series/>) (co- editing with Mark Carrigan, University of Cambridge)
- 2016 Interrogating the Accelerated Academy. Thematic issue of *Teorie vědy/Theory of Science* 38/1 (2016) – guest editor (<http://teorievedy.flu.cas.cz/index.php/tv/issue/view/30>)

Organizational Activities

- 2019-2020 Co-Chair of the Programme Committee and Local Organization Committee of 4S/EASST Prague 2020, Aug 18-21, 2020
- 2015– Co-Founder of The Accelerated Academy Initiative (accelerated.academy)

Memberships

- 2020– International Society for the Study of Time (member)
- 2020– Antiquarian Horological Society (member)
- 2019– *Time & Society* (editorial board)
- 2018– *Sociology: Thought & Action* (editorial board)
- 2018– Culture, Politics and Global Justice, Faculty of Education, Cambridge University, UK (external member)
- 2017– Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) (member)

- 2017– European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) (member)
2016– International Bank Note Society (IBNS) (member)

Teaching

- 2020– **Culture, Modernity, Politics** (Film Seminars), Institute of Political Studies, Department of Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
2019– **Technoscientific Imaginaries & Futures** (Lectures, Seminars), Institute of Political Studies, Department of Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
2018– **Sociology of Technology** (Lectures, Seminars), Institute of Political Studies, Department of Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University
2019 **Temporalities of/in Science: Orderings, Infrastructures, Practices** (Lectures, Seminars), Department of STS, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, Austria
2018–2020 **Sociology of Culture** (Lectures, Seminars), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Anglo-American university
2015–2018 **Introduction to Social Theory**, (Lectures, Seminars), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Anglo-American university
2015–2016 **Exploring Interdisciplinarity**, CEFRES Epistemological Seminar (Convenor)
2009–2013 **Key Social Thinkers** (Seminars/Tutorials); **Research and Study Skills** (Seminars/Tutorials). School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies, University of Bristol.

Other Selected Publications (Essays & Interviews)

Vostal F (2020) „Rorty u krbu a radikální hybridita: Věda nebyla nikdy moderní“ [Rorty by the Fireplace and Radical Hybridity: Science Has Never Been Modern]. *Revue Prostor* 114 (XXXVII): 178-181 [in Czech]

Vostal F (2020) „[Ve stínu pandemie probíhá další transformace kapitalismu](#)“ [Transformation of Capitalism in the Shadow of Pandemics]. *Deník N* 27.11. [in Czech]

Vostal F (2020) „[Navigating 4S/EASST 2020 ‘virPrague’ Conference.](#)” *EASST Review* 32(2) November 2020.

Géryg J, Vostal F, (2020) „[Chceme vlastně zpomalit?](#)“ [Do we really want to slow down?]. Interview in the major Czech broadsheet *Právo*. 6.8. 13.8. [in Czech]

Rojas MG, Vostal F (2020) „[Boredom in the Czech Republic.](#)” *New Philosopher* 1.4.

Olivová J, Vostal F (2020) „[Co prožíváme v časech běžných a v časech neobvyklých – i těch koronavirových?](#)“ [What is our time experience in ordinary and extraordinary times – including times of Coronavirus?]. (interview) 27.3. *CAS Website* [in Czech]

Vostal F (2019) „Papírová platidla v leprosáriích.“ [Paper currency in leprosy colonies]. *Art & Antiques* 9/2019: 31-34. [in Czech]

Vostal F (2019) „[Politika nervozity.](#)“ [The Politics of Nervousness]. Published in major Czech broadsheet *Hospodářské noviny* 11.1.2019 [in Czech]

Vostal F (2018) „[Nevrhejme vědu do jednorozměrného světa.](#)“ (A rejoinder to prime minister Andreje Babiš: Do not Render Science One-Dimensional. Published in major Czech broadsheet *Lidové noviny*. 22.3. ([in Czech]

Paleček L, Vostal F (2017) „[Demokratizace společnosti 4.0.](#)“ [Democratization of Society 4.0]. Published *Lidové Noviny* 5.8. [in Czech]

Selected Conference Papers, Plenaries & Invited Papers

Vostal F (2020) “The Social/Great Acceleration: Five ‘Deflationary’ Notes.” *Indeterminate Future/The Future of Indeterminacy* Nov 13-15. University of Dundee

Vostal F (2020) “For Responsively Stagnant Academia”. *EASST/4S Prague 2020 Virtual Conference*, August [subplenary]

Jordheim H, Vostal F (2020) “Time Languages in Science.” *EASST/4S Prague 2020 Virtual Conference*, August

Vostal F (2020) “Leprosy Paper Money: An Accidental Currency?” On-line presentation for members of International Bank Note Society. August. [invited paper]

Vostal F (2020) “The Production of a Femtosecond Pulse: Speed as a Productive Temporal Modality.” Lifetimes Research Group Seminar. University of Oslo. [invited paper]

Vostal F (2019) “Technologies of Time.” *Accelerated Academy #7: Extraction, Speculation, and Liberation in the Accelerated Academy*. College of Arts & Letters. Michigan State University. November

Vostal F (2019) "The Production of a Femtosecond Pulse: On "Silent Significance" of Time Technologies in X-ray Free Electron Laser Experiments." Karin Knorr Cetina's Science Studies Graduate Seminar, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago. November [invited paper]
Vostal F (2019) „Těková nehybnost současné společnosti“ [The Frenetic Standstill of Contemporary Society]. IX. Conference of Neuropsychiatric Forum. Prague. April [plenary – in Czech]
Vostal F (2019) "The Production of a Femtosecond Pulse." *STS Talks*. Department of STS, University of Vienna, Austria. March. [invited paper]
Vostal F (2019) "Squeezed for Time: Life in 'Accelerating' Academia." *European X-Ray Free-Electron Laser Facility (European XFEL) Seminar Series*. Schenefeld, Germany. January. [invited paper]
Vostal F (2018) "Maintaining Beamtime." *4S – Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science*, Sydney, Australia, September (plus co-convening closed panel entitled "Doing Time" with Ulrike Felt)
Vostal F (2018) "Venture Academics." University of Cambridge & University of Bristol, UK, June [invited talks]
Vostal F, Virtová T (2017) "Chronopolitics in Experimental Physics: Technologies of Timework." *4S – Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science*, Boston, US, September

Referees

Dr Pavel Baran

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