

PERSONAL
INFORMATION

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Domus opus: Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Economic Studies, Prague 1, Czechia

Nationality: Czech **E-mail:** vladimir.benacek@cantab.net

Expert Category: Senior research worker; Associate Professor in international economics; Trade data analyst

Academic experience: Economist; Economic modelling, international trade, FDI, exchange rate, gravity models; Entrepreneurship, competitiveness of firms, SMEs; EU integration, economics of governance and transition, Latin America, China; Methodology of social sciences and art.

Work experience:

Dates: 2022 – present: Retired, on-line researcher; Advisor of student theses

Dates: 2011 – 2022

Position held: Reader in intl. economics, senior researcher and academic supervisor of

Name of employer: Charles University, Institutes of Economic Studies and Political Studies, Prague

Main activities: Academic supervisor of the M.A. programme “International Economic and Political Studies”; Researcher (FDI and trade)

Dates: 2004 – 2011

Position held: Deputy-Dean (2008-2010), research worker, reader in intl. economics and consultant

Name of employer: Charles University, FSV, Institute of Economic Studies, Prague, Czechia

Main activities: Research and consultancy in problems of international economics, trade policies and competitiveness; teaching international economics (trade and finance); Consultancy for United Nations DP Vienna and UN CEPAL Santiago de CL. Participation in six Phare programmes of research.

Dates: 2001 – 2004

Position held: Research scholar

Name of employer: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria (2001-3) and United Nations, ECE, Econ. Analysis Division, Geneva, CH (2003-4)

Main activities: Research in the following fields: the EU enlargement; competitiveness; enterprise restructuring in candidate countries; conditions and policies for catching-up; accession to Euro; trade with Russia; Contribution to the Economic Survey of Europe, no. 1, 2004.

Dates: 1990 – 2001

Position held: Senior research worker, cooperation with the World Bank and EcoFin of European Commission; since 1997 head of the PhD programme in economics and head of the Dept. of Ec. Policy and Integration

Name of employer: Charles University, CERGE-EI (1990-1997 – co-founder) and Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Economic Studies, Prague, Czechia

Main activities: Reader in International Economics (trade, finance and ec. integration). Research in the problems of economic transition and trade. Organising the 10th Congress of the European Ec. Association (1991-1995).

Dates: 1977 – 1989

Position held: Research worker and programmer of models

Name of employer: Economics Institute of the CS Academy of Sciences, Dept of Mathematical Methods

Main activities: Research in the models of int. trade, consumption and government finance, econometrics, and input-output. Programming 24 interacting models of 26 sectors of the CS open economy for projecting long-term predictive scenarios. (This was an original competitor to the models of L. Klein and R. Stone, for which both received the Nobel Prize. Of course, we could not get any award, except an envy and prosecution.)

Education: PhD 1978-1982: optimization models of int. trade based on comparative advantages

Dates: 1970 – 1977

Position held and employer: Research Computing Center of UN Bratislava – VVS/OSN (1971-72). Computer programmer at Ministry of Planning (SPK-Institute of Computing)

Main activities: Building the database “Energy and Fuels – enterprise supply and demand”; Analysing the national database of 4 million fixed assets on IBM 360-370 machines; Industry growth models of Harrod-Domar and Cobb-Douglas type.

Dates: 1968 – 69

Education: Economics Tripos (honours), BA programme in Economic Theory

Alma Mater: Clare College, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics, Britain

Dates: 1964 – 68, + 1970

Courses and degree: Dipl. Ing. (equivalent to MSc.), Political economy, business administration, languages

University: Prague School of Economics, Faculty of Trade, Prague, Czechoslovakia

Personal skills and competences: Mother tongues: Czech and Slovak. Other language(s): English C2-proficient, Spanish B2-independent, Russian C1-proficient. Econometric modelling, regressions. Policy recommendations in international economics and competitiveness.

Selected publications since 2010: Benáček, V. 2024. Modelling the Pataphysics Exemplified on the Novels of Franz Kafka. Submitted to journal MSSR.

Benáček, V. and Frič, P. 2023. Ossified democracy as an economic problem and policies for reclaiming its performance. IES Working Papers, No. 11

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Michalíkova E. and Benacek V. 2016. The Factors of Growth of Small Family Businesses. A Robust Estimation of the Behavioural Consistency in the Panel Data Models. Prague Economic Papers, vol. 25 (1), 85-98.

Benáček, V. et al. 2014. Political Risk and FDI: How Do They Get Along in Various European Countries? The World Economy, vol. 37 (5): 625-653.

Benáček V., Paulus, M. and Michalíková, E. 2014. German International Trade: Interpreting Export

Flows According to the Gravity Model. IES Working Paper 19/2014, Charles University.

Davidová L., Benáček V. 2014. Determinants of the Austrian International Trade: Analysis Based on the Gravity Model. IES Working Paper 05/2014. IES FSV. Charles University.

Benáček V. and Drabek Z. 2013: Trade Reorientation and Global Reintegration. In: P. Hare & G. Turley (edit.) "Routledge Handbook on the Economics and Political Economy of Transition". London, Routledge.

Contribution with research to the book of R. Devlin and G. Mogueillansky: Breeding Latin American Tigers. ECLAC and The World Bank, Washington, 2011.

Benáček, V., E. Michalíková. 2010. Family Businesses, Employment and Growth. In: Večerník J. (edit.): Individuals and Households in the Czech Republic and CEE Countries. Prague, Academy of Sciences, 2010, pp. 133-160

Benáček V. 2010. International Trade Theory and its Methodology: Explaining the Structure of Migration Flows. In: Angelescu I., P. Flather and S. Gherghina (edit.): Facets of Migration in Contemporary Europe. Stuttgart, Ibidem Verlag, p. 63-86.

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