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Research & Academic Positions (Selection)

- Researcher, WONDRE Project (ERC funded); Led by Dr. Anežka Kuzmičová (January 2025 – Present)
- Researcher, MeDeMAP Project (Horizon Europe); Led by Prof. Nico Carpentier (May 2023 – February 2026)
- Lecturer, Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism, Charles University (October 2020 – Present)
- Coordinator of the MARS Master's Programme; Charles University (March 2025 – Present)
- Editor, European Journalism Observatory (EJO) - Czech Section
- Member of the CULCORC research centre

Published Papers (Selection)

- Supa, M., Nekola, M., Šimková, K., & Karníková, L. (2026). Stressing equality or embracing diversity? How teen activists navigate societal beliefs about youth activism. *Children & Society*.
- Šimková, K., & Karníková, L. (2024). "It is the best tool we have, but that doesn't mean it's a good tool": Czech Civically Engaged Youth Actors on Tackling the Ambiguity of Using Digital Media. *Media & Jornalismo*.
- Šimková, K. (2023). Entries for "mediální gramotnost" (media literacy) and "mediální výchova" (media education). In B. Osvaldová & J. Halada (Eds.), *Slovník žurnalistiky: výklad pojmů a teorie oboru* (5th ed.).
- Šimková, K. (2022). "Je jich dostatek, ale různé kvality." Učitelé mediální výchovy o výukových materiálech. *Civilia*, 13, 33-53.

Teaching Experience

- Lead Instructor: Understanding Media – for international students in English (Summer semesters 2023/2024, 2024/2025)
- Lead Instructor: Master Thesis Seminar I (Winter semester 2025/2026)
- Co-Instructor: Master Thesis Seminar II (Summer semester 2025/2026)
- Co-Instructor: Journalism Platforms in Cyberspace (since Winter semesters 2020/2021 – Present)
- Teaching Assistant: New Media and Society, assisting doc. Jaroslav Švelch (Summer semester 2024/2025, Winter semester 2025/2026)
- Co-Instructor: Introduction to Communication Studies for Ukrainian Students (2022/2023)
- Thesis Supervision and Review: Active supervisor and reviewer for multiple Bachelor's and Master's theses (2021–2026)

Grants & Funding

- GAUK Grant (Grant Agency of Charles University): One-year project related to dissertation research (2024-2025)

International Research Stays

- Universidade Lusófona (CICANT), Porto, Portugal (October 2024)
- University of Groningen, The Netherlands (June 2024)
- Universidade Lusófona (CICANT), Porto, Portugal (September – October 2023)
- Coimbra Group, Belgium: Erasmus+ Internship (October 2021 – April 2022)

Conferences & Presentations (Selection)

- IAMCR 2026 (Galway): Served as a section Head; Presented a paper, chaired two panels.
- IAMCR 2025 (Singapore): Presented two papers and chaired two panels.
- CEECOM 2025 (Zadar): Presented findings from the MeDeMAP project; participated as a speaker in a roundtable on doctoral studies in the CEE region.
- ECREA 2024 (Ljubljana): Presented dissertation project.
- IAMCR 2023 (Lyon): Presented “Youth activists perspectives on navigating the online spaces in their civic engagement”.

Academic Service & Leadership (Selection)

- Chair of the Mediated Communication, Public Opinion and Society Section within IAMCR.
- Member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University (October 2022 – Present).

- Expert Guarantor: HRY Mediální olympiády (Media Olympics), organized by the Moravian-Silesian Research Library in Ostrava (December 2025).
- Proof-Editor: COPE MOOC (covering EU matters for journalism students), Erich Brost Institute for International Journalism at TU Dortmund University (November 2023).

Education

2020 – 2026

- Ph.D. in Media and Communication Studies (Full-time)
- Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism
- Supervisor: Annamária Neag, D.Phil.
- Dissertation Title: “Between Fear and Empowerment: A Qualitative Study of Media Education Teachers in the Czech Republic”

2017 – 2020

- Master’s degree in Journalism
- Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Communication Studies and Journalism
- Erasmus+ Research stay at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Winter semester 2018/2019