



Curriculum Vitae Prof. Michal Mejstřík

**Michal Mejstřík** is a Czech financial advisor and finance and banking professor at Charles University in Prague. Michal Mejstřík has always combined business and academic carrier that complemented his expert achievements.

### Business career

- Since 1991 the Chairman of Board and later single owner of the advisory company EEIP a.s. active in M&A, restructuring, strategies and elaboration of RIA models often jointly with international partners. In 1990's Senior representative of banks Standard Chartered then Chartered WestLB later integrated into WestLB Group and then co-operating with number of international banks (Merril Lynch, Commerz Bank, Raiffeisen Bank) and consultancies such as McKinsey or Boston Consulting. EEIP has been involved in more than 80 M&A and company restructuring deals in CEE including the most prominent ones (such as Euro 4.1 bn acquisition and restructuring of Czech gas sector by RWE, or combined sale of equity and debt of Unipetrol petrochemical company jointly with McKinsey Company). Also involved in a number of World Bank, USAID, UNDP and EU consultancy assignments for corporates and governments worldwide (e.g non-performing loans workouts in Chinese banks), privatization and security markets establishment in Egypt, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Baltic Republics, Russia, Moldova, Romania, Bosnia-Hercegovina, China, South Korea).
- In period 1999-2013 EEIP had served RWE group as a privatization and restructuring advisor. In 2001-2 Mr. Mejstřík jointly managed consulting team at a major acquisition of Czech gas group RWE worth 4.1 bn. Euro and defended exclusively the acquisition at the Brno Antimonopoly office, to which followed 12 years of post-acquisition advice. In 2002-2008, he was Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board at Východočeská plynárenská, a.s., a supervisory board member at Západočeská plynárenská, a.s. and Severomoravská plynárenská, a.s.
- Within 2011-2013 member of supervisory board of Budweiser brewery Budvar n.p., the only brand competitor of US Budweiser.
- Also the (restructuring) Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Czech Airlines (CSA 2009-2011)
- the founding Chairman of the Supervisory Board of 100% state-owned Czech Aeroholding,a.s. (2011-2014) restructuring all subsidiaries on pioneering unbundling principles and special envoy of the Czech Minister of Finance for (successful) negotiation with EC on airlines state aid (2012-2014). Czech Aeroholding, whose sole shareholder is the state (represented by the Ministry of Finance), is a distinguished national group of companies operating in air transport and related ground services at the international airport in the Ruzyně part of Prague. The Czech Aeroholding Group encompasses Prague Airport, the operator of the international Václav Havel Airport Prague, originally most of shares of Czech Airlines, Czech Airlines Technics – a company providing technical aircraft maintenance services, Czech Airlines Handling – a company responsible for the ground handling of aircraft and passengers. The individual companies grouped in Czech Aeroholding can then fully focus on their core business, having their administrative services centralized. All of them are commercially independent and maintain equal conditions to all business partners.
- As a special envoy of Ministry of Finance team Mr. Mejstřík led successful two-years negotiation with European Commission on state aid and restructuring of CSA and unbundled structure of newly founded Czech Aeroholding that was his pioneering contribution inspired by energy sector restructuring.

- Mr. Mejstrik mission was successfully accomplished after successful sale process of 44% Czech Airlines shares to Korean Air in 2013-2014, when Moody's assigned to Czech Aeroholding excellent A3 issuer rating on May 21st 2014.
- In the course of 2013-14 also member of Supervisory Board of the largest publicly traded central European utility CEZ responsible for its customer oriented refocus.
- Within 2009 - 2014 served as a member of National Economic Council of Czech Government (NERV) with responsibility for competitiveness and foreign trade and led preparation of Czech international competitiveness strategy appreciated by OECD.
- One result was further promotion of capital and financial market following Mr. Mejstrik long academic and business activity in the field (e.g. Prague Stock Exchange, GDRs) , and 2011 establishment of non-profit PR institution Czech Republic for Finance o.p.s. with Petr Koblic (chairman of Prague Stock exchange), Martin Hanzlik (financial markets advisor of Ministry of Finance), Zdenek Tuma (former governor of CNB) etc.
- Chairman (2011-2014), now vice-chairman of International Chamber of Commerce, ICC Czech republic supporting bottom up business standards for trade and trade finance and permanent member of the World Council of ICC (<http://www.iccwbo.org/>) chaired by Harold (Terry) McGraw, long time Chairman of McGraw Hill Financial.
- Now also vice chairman of Czech-Gulf Business Council (CGBC) and Czech-Korean Business Future Forum (chairman Jiri Rusnok, Board member of central bank CNB) that support trade activities in relevant regions.

### Academic Career

Professor Mejstřík had completed his MA diploma in econometrics at Prague School of Economics and received his postgraduate title for academic research of project assessment. He had pursued advanced studies at the London School of Economics (1990-91). Between June 1991-June 1993 the cofounder with Jan Svejnar and later the director of Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education (CERGE), Charles University, when it was awarded by EU ACE Center of Excellence. Since 1997 he has been a professor of finance and banking at Charles University and since 1993 he has established -as a Chairman- the Institute of Economic Studies at Charles University, the prestigious economic think tank in Czech Republic.

He has published over 150 contributions worldwide in the fields of better governance, corporate finance, financial markets and welfare economics that are often quoted (he was graded among the five of the most cited Czech economists among 1230 ones based upon international citations on Web of science).

Selected publications:

- Mejstrik, M., et al (editor and contributor) et al., 1997, reprint in 2012: The privatization process in East-Central Europe : Evolutionary process of Czech privatization . Kluwer Academic Publishing, Norwell , Massachusetts , USA , 2012 reprint by Springer Verlag 317 pp., ISBN 0-7923-4096-5 [https://books.google.cz/books?hl=cs&lr=&id=JLfeBwAAQBAJ&oi=fnd&pg=PR12&ots=vwLi7G8J0k&sig=EQzr6PnFhhXs035kqnFHF59hi-4&redir\\_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false](https://books.google.cz/books?hl=cs&lr=&id=JLfeBwAAQBAJ&oi=fnd&pg=PR12&ots=vwLi7G8J0k&sig=EQzr6PnFhhXs035kqnFHF59hi-4&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false)
- Mejstrik M., Pečená, M., Teplý, P. (2015). Banking in theory and practice. Prague: Karolinum Press, Unique Czech English bilingual banking textbook [http://www.cupress.cuni.cz/ink2\\_stat/index.jsp?include=podrobnosti&id=14109](http://www.cupress.cuni.cz/ink2_stat/index.jsp?include=podrobnosti&id=14109)
- Mejstrik M., 2016, Czech Republic - the Present Situation of a Prospective Eurozone Member: Current Challenges during Time of Creative Destruction (a Comparison with Slovakia As Eurozone Member) in Koyama.Y.(ed.)2015, The Eurozone Enlargement: Prospect of New EU Member States for Euro Adoption, ISBN: 978-1-63484-363-8, Nova Science Publishers [https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=56865](https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=56865)

- Yang Ye, Mejstrik M.,(editors) 2009, :欧盟一体化结构变迁与对外政策 (Oumeng yitihua jiagoubianqian yu duiwaizhengce in Chinese- Structural Changes in the Economies of CEE Countries - Implications for Foreign Policies,) , ECNU Press, Shanghai, ISBN 978-7-5617-6759-7 monograph in Chinese published also in English: Yang Ye, Mejstrik Michal (editors) 2010, European Integration: Structural Changes and Their Influence on EU Diplomatic Policies, Karolinum Press, Prague 420 pp. ISBN 978-80-246-1774-9
- Mejstrik M. et al.,2005, The Cultivation of Financial Market in the Czech republic, Carolinum Press Prague , 400 pages, ISBN 80-246-0980-0, regarding privatization of banks and their corporate governance [http://www.cupress.cuni.cz/ink2\\_stat/index.jsp?include=podrobnosti&id=1096](http://www.cupress.cuni.cz/ink2_stat/index.jsp?include=podrobnosti&id=1096)
- Mejstrik, M.,2003: Privatization and Corporate Governance in the Czech Republic . In: Parker, D., Saal, D.: Handbook on Privatization. Edward Edgar Publishers, London , ISBN 1 84064-613-6,pp.375-401
- Mejstrik, M., 1997: Privatization in the Czech Republic and Russia : The Voucher Model. In: Giersch H.,(ed.) Privatization at the End of the Century , Springer Verlag Berlin , ISBN 3-54063-0279

In period 2011-2015 the founding chairman of Regulatory Impact Assessment Board (RIAB) of Government legislative council, expert watchdog of new legislation, and one of members of Europe RegWatch group consisting from five leading EU watchdogs (in addition to UK Michael Gibbons, German, Dutch and Swedish watchdogs' chairmen). Within 2009 - 2014 also served as a member of National Economic Council of Czech Government (NERV) with responsibility for competitiveness and foreign trade. Co-Author of Competitiveness Strategy of the Czech Government that received OECD appreciation.

Professor Mejstrik has been often invited to lecture worldwide. E.g. in February 2006 he was invited speaker together with J.C.Junker on Globalization and diversity of European Social Models for EPP-ED members of European parliament. Mr. Mejstrik is also often invited to public mass media (TV, radio, newspapers) to comment landmark business and financial matters at home and worldwide.

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