

Research group:

Political Geography, Geography of Elections and European Union Policies

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Main research directions:

- » Democracy, participation and governance
- » National, regional and local context on electoral behaviour
- » Political geographical aspects of social and economic development
- » Political geography at local level and EU policies of urban and rural development
- » Geographical aspects of EU policies and Cohesion Policy impact on social, economic and political development
- » Management and monitoring of EU funds and their territorial distribution

Selected publications:

Buček, J., Ryder, A. eds. 2015. Governance in Transition, Dordrecht: Springer, pp.275-307,

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Plešivčák, M. 2013. The Regional Dimension of the Socio-Political Urban-Rural Conflict in Slovakia. Acta Universitatis Carolinae Geographica, Vol. 48, No. 1, pp. 47–58.

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Projects:

- » since 2015 NATURA 2000 „Social and economic monitoring of LIFE projects in Slovakia“
- » since 2015 IQ-Net, EPRC „Monitoring of Cohesion Policy programming quality in Slovakia“
- » 2015 OP TP „Education of University employees in the field of future administrative capacities training“
- » 2012-2015 7FP “GRINCOH - Growth – Innovation – Competitiveness: Fostering Cohesion in Central and Eastern Europe”
- » 2008-2011 - VEGA 1/0255/08 “New features in spatial organization of economic, social and political phenomenon in Slovakia after joining EU”

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