**The Laureate of the Kateřina Šmídková Prize**

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**Marie Hoerová, Ph.D.**

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**The winner of this year’s Kateřina Šmídková Prize, awarded by the Czech Economic Society (CES),** **is Marie Hoerová, PhD, a research advisor at the European Central Bank and in CEPR. Dr Hoerová focuses mainly** on financial and monetary economics.

The Kateřina Šmídková prize is awarded by the Society in memory of Czech economist Kateřina Šmídková, a long-time member of the CES’s board of directors, a professor of economy at IES FSV UK and the director of an individual department of economic research at the Czech National Bank. The purpose of this prize is to award Czech and foreign female economists living in the Czech Republic for a long period and engaging in exceptionally high-quality publishing activities with support for their further professional progress. The prize is accompanied by a monetary award of 100,000CZK, and is financed from the funds bequeathed by Professor Šmídková.

**Marie Hoerová** works as a research advisor at the European Central Bank. Since 2006, her entire career has been connected with the ECB, where she has worked as an economist, senior economist and principal economist. She is also a CEPR (Center for Economic Policy Research, London) research fellow, a member of the ECB’s working papers editorial board and an associate editor of the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*. Her awards include the following: Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (2013); Fulbright Fellowship to Study in the U.S. (2001–2006) and Outstanding Teaching Award, Louis Walinsky Fund in Economics (2003). She defended her dissertation at Cornell University and obtained a bachelor’s degree at Charles University. Her main areas of interests are financial and monetary economics.

The President of the Czech Economic Society (CES) **Svatopluk Kapounek** commented on this year’s award as follows: ‘Publications and quotations of doctor Hoerová would ensure her a tenure at a top economic department in the US; no more than five economists of Czech origin cannot currently boast such a portfolio, regardless of a gender. Her productivity in the research field is also impressive since much of the professional time, she has to focus on a policy in the ECB’.

**Marie Hoerová is considered to be one of the 400 top-rated economists in the world** (according to the international database of IDEAS/RePEc). Since 2015, she has accumulated approximately 2,200 quotations in Google Scholar. Some of her publications have had an incredibly significant impact; for example, her 2013 article for the *Journal of Monetary Economics* has been quoted more than 800 times. In addition to the JME, Marie Hoerová has published in the *Review of Economic Studies*, the *Journal of Finance*, the *Journal of Financial Economics*, the *Journal of Econometrics* and the *IMF Economic Review*.

The prize was awarded during the XI biennial conference of the CES, which was held at the University of Economics in Prague on 17th–18th May 2021. The prize was ceremoniously presented by a member of the Committee for the Kateřina Šmídková Prize, Milena Horčicová, CSc. Dr Hoerová noted on this occasion, ‘I knew Kate. We would always go to lunch together when she was working in Frankfurt. She invited me to CNB on several occasions. She was a great person, amazing economist… It is a great honour to receive the prize which bears Kate’s name’.

For more information about the prize, see the Czech Economy Society’s ([www.cse.cz](http://www.cse.cz)) website.

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**Note for editors:**

The Czech Economic Society (CSE) is a civic association of professional and dominant scientific research academic workers and supporters of the field of economics. The main mission of the CES is to enhance the development and general knowledge of economics in the Czech Republic in a way that fully respects and supports a plurality of opinions and autonomous evolution of individual schools of economics.