

Juraj CHMIEL

Curriculum vitae

Date and place of birth: 16 August 1960, Budapest, Hungary

Languages: English, Hungarian

Married, 2 children

University and Academic Education:

1979–1984 Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, Oriental and African Department, PhDr. in African and Oriental Studies

1984 – 1992 Internal research assistantship at the Slovak Academy of Sciences (dissertation - 1992/CSc.)

Research fellowships, courses:

University in Addis Abeba – three short-time research fellowships (1988-1991)

School of Oriental and African Studies, London – Masaryk's scholarship and lecture activity (1991-1992)

Stadtschleiding, Austria, Training in Peace-keeping, Crisis and Conflict Resolution Management (06/1995 – 07/1995)

International Development Agency, Prague, Training in Development Aid Technicalities (10/2003)

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Senior Executive Seminar (04/2006 - 06/2006)

Career History:

From 2023/X – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of the State Secretary, Senior Officer, Ambassador

2019/VI - 2023/IX- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic in Republic of Slovenia

2014/IX-2019/VI – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic in Hungary

2013/XII - 2014/VIII – Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Special Envoy for EU External Dimension

2012/I – 2013/XI - Consultant on external relations, energy policy, renewable sources of energy, food security, etc. for various institutions and organizations

2010/VIII – 2012/I - Ministry of Agriculture - Deputy Minister, responsible for Common EU Agriculture and Fisheries Policy, external affairs, rural development, development cooperation, environment and renewable sources of energy, Member of the National Energy Board

2009/XI – 2010/VII - Minister for European Affairs, Czech Republic Government, Member of the National Security Council

2008/I – 2009/XI – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to Australia (seat), New Zealand, the Republic of Fiji Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of Vanuatu and Cook Islands

2007/IV- 2008/I - Office of the Government of the Czech Republic - Acting Section Director, Section of the Prime Minister for Defense, Security and Foreign Policy

1992 - 2007 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- 2006/IX- 2007/IV Policy Planning Department, MFA, **Director**

- 2005/XII -2006/IX Policy Planning Department, MFA, **Senior Officer**

- 2005/I - 2005/XII Parental leave, research

- 2003/III-2005/I Middle East and Africa Department, MFA, **Senior Officer**

- 1999/X-2003/III **Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to Nigeria (seat), Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Niger)**

- 1996/I-1999/X **charge d' affaires of the Czech Republic** (responsibility for Nigeria (seat), Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Niger)

- 1994/VIII-1996/I Department of sub-Saharan Africa, MFA, **Senior Desk Officer**

- 1993/III-1994/VIII seconded to UNOSOM Somalia, **Political Affairs Officer and Acting Officer in Charge** (Kismayo AOR, Belet Weyne AOR)

- 1992/VIII-1993/III Department of sub-Saharan Africa, MFA, **Desk Officer;**

Slovak Academy of Sciences:

-1984/VIII – 1993/VIII **research assistant**

Honors and awards:

- Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary - Magyar Érdemrend Középkeresztye - Commander's Cross (14 June 2019)

- Honorary Medal of the Police of the Czech Republic (10 May 2019)

- Award for Developing the Relationship Between the Republic of Slovenia and Czech Republic from National Council of Slovenia (30 November 1992)

Publications, lectures, presentations, conferences:

published a number of (mostly in Czech and Slovak languages) scientific studies, essays and newspaper articles on various issues associated with the history and political development of sub-Saharan Africa and other developing regions as well as active attendances at international conferences between the period of 1984 – 1992 concerning Africa topics, and a book "Hrob bílého muže" (A White Man's Grave - observations of a traveler in West and Central Africa) Czech language, Mladá Fronta, 2008

e.g. in English: Czechoslovak Armaments Industry and the Italo-Ethiopian Conflict, p. 170-189, Asian and African Studies, Vol 02/2, Bratislava 1992

Interview with the Prague Leaders Magazine 2/2008,1/2010

Delivered numerous lectures, speeches, presentations on Contemporary sub-Saharan Africa, EU policies, international policies, agriculture, renewable sources of energy (eg Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia National University, Canberra, EABC Australia, University of Sydney, Australia, Pusan National University, South Korea, various universities and research institutions in Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, national and international conference venues etc).