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Research fields

Monetary and financial history; interwar Central Europe; cliometrics; international trade; historical national accounts; history of economic thought.

Academic appointment

Sep 2026–present — Assistant Professor
Department of Economic History, Faculty of Economics, Prague University of Economics and Business.

Education

Sep 2026 — PhD in Economic History
Prague University of Economics and Business.
Dissertation: *Apriorism in Czech Economics and Its Influence on Czechoslovak Economic History*.
Defended 29 September 2026. Supervisor: Ján Pavlík.

2021 — Ing. in Finance (master's degree)
Faculty of Finance and Accounting, Prague University of Economics and Business.
Minor: Financial Engineering.

2019 — Bc. in Finance
Prague University of Economics and Business.

Teaching

Prague University of Economics and Business.

2021–present — Economic History (5HD200).

2021–present — Defence of an Academic Paper (55F112).

From 2026/27 — Foundations of Microeconomics (5EN102).

Selected research projects

Since 2026 — Research team member. *Frontiers in Empirical Economics: Causal Analysis of Historical Policies, Behavioral Preferences, and Sectoral Resilience.*

Since 2025 — Research team member. *Economic Theory and Social Policy in Interwar Czechoslovakia.*

2022–2023 — Project lead. *Engliš's Monetary Theory and Practice at the Head of the Czechoslovak National Bank.*
Internal university research project.

Published and forthcoming articles

2026 — Dittrich, Adam. "Measuring financial stress under the gold standard: evidence from interwar Czechoslovakia." *Cliometrica*. Published online 15 November 2026.
DOI: 10.1007/s11698-026-00353-x.

Forthcoming — Dittrich, Adam. "The Crown Against the World: Reconstructing Czechoslovakia's Effective Exchange Rates, 1920–1938." *Statistika: Statistics and Economy Journal*.

Accepted — Dittrich, Adam. "Spor o cukerní daň roku 1928: Karel Engliš a Gustav Heidler [The 1928 Sugar-Tax Dispute: Karel Engliš and Gustav Heidler]." *Listy cukrovarnické a řepařské [Czech Sugar and Sugar Beet Journal].* Publication expected in 2027.

2025 — Rytina, Jiří; Adam Dittrich; and Jakub Drábek. "Historický vztah československého cukrovarnického průmyslu k sociální problematice na příkladu penze: Sociálně solidární cíle mezi lety 1918 až 1926 jako výsledek negativní časové preference [The Historical Relationship of the Czechoslovak Sugar Industry to Social Issues: Pensions and Social Solidarity in 1918–1926 as a Result of Negative Time Preference]." *Listy cukrovarnické a řepařské [Czech Sugar and Sugar Beet Journal]* 141(9–10): 320–322.

2025 — Dittrich, Adam; Jiří Rytina; and Jakub Drábek. "Cukrovarnický průmysl versus deflační politika: Konflikt hospodářských zájmů v meziválečném Československu [Sugar Industry versus Deflationary Policy: Conflict of Economic Interests in Interwar Czechoslovakia]." *Listy cukrovarnické a řepařské [Czech Sugar and Sugar Beet Journal]* 141(7–8): 260–264.

2023 — Dittrich, Adam. "Karel Engliš as the Governor of the Czechoslovakian National Bank (1934–1939)." *Revista Română de Studii Eurasiatice* 19(1–2): 105–124.

Published conference proceedings

2025 — Dittrich, Adam. "Efektivní směnné kurzy Československa 1925–1936: rekonstrukce, dekompozice a efekt devalvace [Czechoslovakia's Effective Exchange Rates, 1925–1936: Reconstruction, Decomposition and the Effect of Devaluation]." In O. Roubal (ed.), *Konference doktorandů na Vysoké škole finanční a správní 2025 [Doctoral Students Conference at the University of Finance and Administration 2025].* Prague: VŠFS, pp. 26–40. Proceedings PDF. DOI: 10.37355/KD-2025-02.

2024 — Dittrich, Adam. "Russian Crisis of 1998." In M. Müller and P. Slavíčková (eds.), *KNOWCON 2024: Knowledge on Economics and Management Conference Proceedings.* Olomouc: Palacký University Olomouc, pp. 26–32. Proceedings PDF.

Conference presentations

16 Oct 2026 — Dittrich, Adam; Jiří Rytina; and Jakub Drábek. "Kapacita bez efektivity? Zdravotnická infrastruktura a zdravotní výsledky v socialistickém Československu [Capacity without Effectiveness? Healthcare Infrastructure and Health Outcomes in Socialist Czechoslovakia]." *Zdraví a sociální otázky v dějinách: interdisciplinární perspektivy [Health and Social Issues in History: Interdisciplinary Perspectives].* University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, 15–16 October 2026. Conference programme.

25 Sep 2025 — Dittrich, Adam, and Jiří Rytina. "Měnová úprava jako pokrizová obnova: Případová studie československé devalvace v roce 1934 [Monetary Adjustment as Post-Crisis Recovery: A Case Study of the Czechoslovak Devaluation of 1934]." *Pokrizová obnova [Post-Crisis Recovery].* National Archives, Prague, 24–26 September 2025. Conference programme.

Public working paper

Rytina, Jiří, and Adam Dittrich (2026). "Negative Time Preference & the Czech Sugar Industry from 1896 to 1926." HAL Open Science, hal-05660879. RePEc record. HAL archive.

Research manuscripts

Measuring the Turning Point in Czechoslovak Foreign Trade during the Great Depression

Who Paid for Credibility? The Technology of Monetary Defense on Europe's Periphery, 1926–1938

The Koruna-Defence Gap: External Credibility, Real-Rate Restriction and the Great Depression in Interwar Czechoslovakia

Recovery before Jobs: Unemployment, Vacancies, and the State in Interwar Czechoslovakia, 1926–38

The Missing J in Interwar Europe: A Monthly Cliometric Dataset on Effective Exchange Rates and Trade-Balance Adjustment, 1925–1936

Prices Recover, Markets Remember: Late Devaluation and the Erosion of Price Competition in Interwar Czechoslovakia, 1929–1938

The Price of Credibility: Quota 90 and Fascist Italy's Internal Deflation in Monthly European Perspective, 1925–1928

The Price of Credibility: Central-Bank Law, Monetary Defence, and Domestic Contraction in Interwar Czechoslovakia

Public research data

Financial-stress dataset. Measuring Financial Stress under the Gold Standard: Evidence from Interwar Czechoslovakia. Monthly observations, November 1929–September 1938; eleven component indicators. openICPSR, DOI 10.3886/E247312V1.

Monthly exchange-rate and trade-balance dataset. The Missing J in Interwar Europe: A Monthly Cliometric Dataset on Effective Exchange Rates and Trade-Balance Adjustment, 1925–1936. openICPSR, DOI 10.3886/E251239V1.

Additional datasets and documentation: website Data section.

Current research and historical data

Historical national accounts. Developing the Czechoslovak contribution to a comparative Central and Eastern European GDP-reconstruction project with Matthias Morys and Marcin Wroński. Current work focuses on agricultural output and value added, sectoral coverage, prices, intermediate inputs and comparability across countries.

Monetary and macroeconomic data. Reconstructing monthly Czechoslovak series from National Bank reports for 1926–1938: central-bank balance sheets, reserves, note circulation, monetary aggregates, lending operations, prices, industrial activity, unemployment, vacancies, exchange rates and foreign trade.

Source documentation and reproducibility. Digitisation and verification of historical statistical publications; source-level metadata; harmonisation of definitions and reporting breaks; reproducible links between transcribed data and derived indices.

Selected working papers and projects in development

Gold Flows, Sterilisation, and the Monetary Base in Interwar Czechoslovakia, 1927–1938

From Bills to Money Markets: The Structural Transformation of the Credit Transmission Mechanism of the National Bank of Czechoslovakia, 1926–1936

Crisis as a Failure of Distribution: Jan Loevenstein's Theory of Underconsumption, Technological Unemployment, and the Great Depression

Methods and training

Historical source criticism; archival, parliamentary and press research; central-bank balance-sheet reconstruction; index construction and decomposition; time-series and panel econometrics; PPML and gravity models; event studies; synthetic control and comparative counterfactual analysis.

2025 — International Monetary Fund training: Monetary Policy Analysis and Forecasting.

2023 — International Monetary Fund training: Macroeconomic Forecasting.

Software, memberships and languages

Software: R, Stata and Python; additional experience with EViews and MATLAB.

Professional memberships: Economic History Society; Economic History Association; Czech Economic Society.

Languages: Czech (native); English (fluent); German (elementary/intermediate).