

PRESS RELEASE

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wiiw mourns for the loss of Dipl.-Ing. Peter Havlik (1950–2020)

The Prague-born economist Dipl.-Ing. Peter Havlik died in Vienna on 2 December at the age of 71. He was an expert on Russia at the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) from 1982 and remained associated with the wiiw as Senior Research Associate after his retirement in 2019. From 1990 to 2013 he was wiiw Deputy Director and responsible for the economic monitoring of the countries of Central, East and Southeast Europe. For many years he was wiiw's face and voice when presenting wiiw economic forecasts.

Born in Prague in 1950, Peter Havlik studied statistics and economics at the Prague School of Economics. He followed this with post-graduate studies at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague as well as at the USSR Academy of Sciences in Moscow. After his emigration to Austria in 1980, he continued his studies at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna.

Peter joined wiiw in 1982 as a researcher in East-West economic relations. During his long career at wiiw, Peter's research focused on the economy of Russia, EU-Russian relations, European integration and competitiveness. Throughout his time at our institute, he was a strong supporter and promoter of wiiw's comprehensive statistical activities and databases.

As Deputy Director from 1990 until 2013, Peter coordinated wiiw's research work on the economies of Central, East and Southeast Europe. He presented the institute's findings around the world and built up an extensive network across the region and beyond. Peter gained wide and international acknowledgement of his research work. Over several decades, Peter played a decisive role in the development of the wiiw and was actively involved in the research activities until the end.

Further information

Photo and curriculum vitae

<https://wiiw.ac.at/peter-havlik-s-5.html>

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