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ABSTRACT OF PRESENTATION

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The presentation analyses the process of establishment of European Union (EU) studies centres in previously-candidate countries of the EU and their transformation after the EU enlargement in 2004. It focuses on the case-study of formation of the EU studies architecture and the EU-related research and teaching within Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, which hosts the oldest Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in the new Central European member states. The dynamics of EU studies development in the Czech republic and changes brought both by the EU accession is examined, including: the shift in status from an outsider to insider state; the shift from technical adaptation for membership to policy-formulation. Changes brought about by new emerging areas of European integration are also discussed, for example: the constitutionalisation of the EU, the Justice and Home Affairs agenda, the Lisbon process, energy policy and so forth.