Missionary Zeal of Recent Converts: 
Norms and Norm Entrepreneurs in the Foreign Policy of the 
Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia in 1989-2011 
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Following the downfall of communism, the young democracies in Central and Eastern Europe quickly became known for displays of moral fiber in combating authoritarian regimes and terrorism around the globe. Under which conditions, and through which mechanisms, did international norms - such as freedom, human rights and democracy, which form the ideational basis of "soft power" – become translated into actual foreign policy outcomes? Transcending borders, eras and administrations, the distinct elite groups conceptualized in this dissertation as "norm entrepreneurs" have struggled to “advertise” – by rebranding and repackaging if necessary – and “sell” these norms on a strictly competitive foreign policy market, which, by definition, favors security and economic interests. How do they arise? How do they operate? How do they succeed?

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