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APRIL SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT DATES AT FSS

- 5 April 16:30: Debate: Russian invasion of Ukraine: International Relations, Economics and Energy Security.
- 7 April, all day: Day of the Faculty.
- 12 April 10:00: Internship, job, and volunteering opportunities in the EU
- 12 April 16:30: Debate Vol. 2
- 15-18 April: Faculty closed for Easter holidays
- 23 April - Faculty hike
- 26 April: Debate Vol. 3
- 30 April - MA and PhD application deadlines

DEBATE: RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE:

International Relations, Economics and Energy Security
5 April 16:30-18:00

The first of a series of debates in English starting 5 April 16:30 in the Atrium at FSS.

Petra Kuchyňková, Vladan Hodulák, Jan Osička and Zinaida Bechná from the Department of International Relations and European Politics debating issues of international relations, economics, and energy security in the context of the war in Ukraine.

More information can be found on our [website](#)

The debates will continue throughout the month, with the following week on the topic of migration.

INTERNSHIP, JOB, AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EU

12 April, 10:00 room P22

Are you an active student looking for an experience in the European Union or just wanna join some project as a volunteer? Join the session with Nikola Pavlůsková from Eurocentrum Brno on April 12 from 10 am (classroom P22). Find out more about the possibilities for trainees in the European institutions or EU Delegations, learn more about where to find the information needed and explore working possibilities that EU has to offer. You will also learn more about the European solidarity corps and Youth exchanges that will open another possibilities for you. As a guest we will also welcome Eliška Motyčková from Mladiinfo ČR who will present her own experience with volunteering abroad and tell you more about the activities of Mladiinfo in Brno.

For more information, contact Jana Urbanovská at 79161@mail.muni.cz.

FACULTY HIKE

23 April - meeting 11:00

Our second faculty hike of the year will take place on 23 April, rain date 30 April.

This time we will walk along the Svatka River, to the Brno Lake. Along the way we will visit the Rozhledna Holedná - observation tour.

The whole walk will be between 2-3 hours, and we will be able to end at one of the pubs on the lake for lunch/beers.

Meeting location: Jundrovský Most (25, 26, 37, 44, 84) On the 'north' side of the bridge, exact location: <https://en.mapy.cz/s/mevokajoha>



MASTERS AND PHD APPLICATION DEADLINE

30 April

If you are interested in continuing your studies at the Faculty of Social Studies, please be aware that the deadlines for Masters and PhD programmes is 30 April.

Discover more on the [MA](#) and [PhD](#) websites.

We will be hosting a livestream on Wednesday 13 April where you can learn more about the different programmes. Details to follow on the FSS website and Facebook account.

EASTER TRADITIONS

15-18 April

The Czech Republic has some pretty unique traditions typically, Easter weekend starts with Zelený čtvrtek (Green Thursday) with the monuments lit up green...and green beer is on tap. For those of you who are familiar with Christian holidays, Good Friday, White Saturday and Easter Sunday are for Christians the most important holidays.

However, Easter Monday is one of the more unique aspects of Czech (and Slovak) culture. This time of year you would see pomlázka (whips) sold throughout the city. Feelings on this tradition are very mixed, as it originated during pagan times when boys would whip girls lightly on the legs to chase away illness, bad spirits and to bring about health and youth for the next year. This tradition is still kept in villages around the country, though fewer people believe the tradition should remain. Although some boys and men strive to keep the skills of creating the pomlázka - maybe the whipping part can be left behind. :)



NEW POLICY REGARDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The FSS leadership has approved a new policy regarding sexual harassment for both employees and students, how to prevent it and what to do if you find yourself a victim. The policy can be found [here](#).

EDUROAM UPDATES

Students received an email from the Institute of Computer Science this week. To strengthen and improve the Eduroam Wi-Fi infrastructure and the remote VPN connection, we would like to ask you to perform updates on both of these services. You can find all the information with links to instructions on the [IT MUNI website](#).

DAY OF FACULTY SCHEDULE

7 April

Each year on the 7th of April the faculty celebrates its founding, this year we will be celebrating our 24 anniversary. Traditionally, it is a day to announce the FSS Dean's awards, and other such speakers. This year the itinerary is extended to offer lots of activities in both Czech and English – including a BBQ, sports activities, and screening of a student documentary. The Dean is announcing a 'dean's leave' meaning there will be no classes on this day. Even so, we hope you will join us! See the itinerary below.

10:00, auditorium

- the best of 2021 in pictures
- opening ceremony of the Faculty Day (speech by the Dean and the President of FSS Academic Senate)
- announcement of the FSS Dean's Awards
- questions and answers, discussion

12:00 - 14:00, barbecue with the Dean, 3rd floor courtyard

- for staff and students, an informal meeting with the Dean, but also with colleagues and students

13:00 - 17:00 sports activities

- atrium: table tennis tournament (please register here)
- staircase by the radio: shootout in the stair climbing race (runners sign up here)
- dance floor in the atrium, or the chill-out zone: foosball

14:00

- Lecture room P51: screening of the student documentary Informing or Dividing the People (check out the trailer)

14:30

- commented tours of the faculty (meeting in front of the building)

14:30 - Faculty Night

- we would like to invite you to Faculty Night! Totally informal but classy party at ArtBar Druhý Pá

FSS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BREAKFAST

Thank you all for joining us!



BRNO EVENTS

Podnebi Spring Brunch

On the first Sunday of April, the cafe Podnebi will be hosting their 1st brunch of this year with the theme - Spring. Click [here](#) for more information about the event. Make sure to book a place in advance if you want to attend!



Jarní swap oblečení a věcí

Would you like to exchange your old stuff for a new one? Feel free to join the spring SWAP in Mladiinfo ČR – Brno office. Bring your items (clean clothes, unused cosmetics, bijouterie, household goods, books and appliances) to our office (Masarykova 32, Brno) during these days: Thursday 24. 3. 2022 from 15:00 to 18:00 For more information click [here](#).

Berlin Vintage Meets Brno

WHAT: Berlin Vintage Pop-Up Sale
 WHERE: Kavárna Trojka, Dům pánů z Kunštátu, Dominikánská 9, 602 00 Brno-střed
 WHEN: 3 April 2 PM to 7 PM
 Free entry
 Cash only
 Bring your favorite shopping bag, we will also have paper bags available
 More information [here](#)



Living in Brno 2022 - Brno Expat Fair

Discover and enjoy what life in Brno has to offer Saturday, 9 April:

- expat-friendly services
- clubs, foreign communities, sports & leisure activities
- career corner (job opportunities + career advisors)
- international cuisine
- expert seminars
- interactive workshops

The fair is the biggest event of its kind in the Czech Republic, and your unique chance to discover what makes Brno international. In one day, in one place.

Register for free [here](#)



RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

Be aware of the expiration date

Students are responsible with ensuring their residency in the Czech Republic stays active. We urge students to look at their visa or residence permit expiration dates and plan ahead.

Students should schedule their appointment in the governmental system <https://frs.gov.cz/en>. Often appointments are booked 1-2 months in advance and it can be hard to get last minute appointments, therefore please plan ahead!

Once an appointment is scheduled, students can use our new FSS Mates programme to attend the appointment and help with any translation problems.

In the current situation the faculty is not able to call and get you an appointment - we do not have this power.

Renewing your student visa/residence permit

As a reminder, you cannot submit the application to renew your study visa until 120 days before the expiration date (i.e. if it is for September 4, you earliest you can apply is May 4), however it is always good to review what you will need for the application (proof of funds, health insurance, etc.) so you can plan ahead. **Please don't forget that according to the governmental decision you are allowed to use only PVZP company and it must be comprehensive health care. Other insurance won't be accepted by the MOI office for visa purposes, you can use this [link](#) to get the insurance.**

- For information about applying for a Long Term Residence Permit for the first time, please go to the MOI website [here](#). It's necessary to submit the application personally.
- For information about applying for extending a Long Term Residence Permit, please go to the MOI website [here](#).

Renewing your student visa/residence permit

Students who are renewing a residence permit (the plastic card) are able to submit the documents via registered mail (in Czech „doporučeně“)- during these times we urge you to use this option. Please send them also „žádost o sdělení čísla jednacího“ (to get your application number) and don't forget you need to send also the stamp to pay it (in Czech „kolek“, you can buy it at the post office). If you have questions about this process, you can write to Klára Němečková at 217236@muni.cz and she will help advise you.

Are you graduating? 'Purpose of seeking employment' visas allows you to stay in the Czech Republic for up to 9 months to find a job and transition to a work visa.

Foreign nationals who are residing in the territory of the Czech Republic with a long-term residence permit for the purpose of studies and who successfully completed their university education are eligible to file an application for a long-term residence permit for the purpose of seeking employment or, as the case may be, an application for a long-term residence permit for the purpose of starting a business. For more information on the requirements for obtaining a visa for the 'purposes of seeking employment', please visit the MOI [website](#).

Last year we organized a webinar to discuss this visa with the Brno Expat Centre, you can see it [here](#). We may offer it again and if so will inform you.

FSS MATES

support for international students

The Faculty of Social Studies has created a support system for students when they have appointments at governmental offices or doctors to provide translation services.

Please note, the FSS Mate is not responsible to make an appointment for students, nor to help students fill out applications (i.e. it is the students responsibility that they have all the required documentations required of the appointment).

Students can start requesting the services now, more information can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION

Information on regulations, testing, entry, vaccination

How to pay, recognize, and receive the vaccination

- For more information on how to get vaccinated against Covid-19, what vaccinations are recognized, and reimbursement please visit our [website](#).

Entry to the Czech Republic

- All people entering the Czech Republic, regardless of the destination country, will need to submit an [arrival form](#) for the country.
- The arrival from a foreign country is to be entered in the [IS system](#) in the case of students or [INET](#) in the case of employees respectively. To stay up to date with what color your departure country falls under, please use the MU [website](#) and always check the Ministry [website](#).

Regulations by the University and Government

- The University will move to the 'white' risk rating. For more about what this means, please visit the university [website](#).
- Respirators (N95, FFP2) are compulsory on public transport, and in health and social services.
- PCR tests are now valid for 3 days, and antigen tests for 24 hours.

Reporting Positive Test Results

If students test positive for Coronavirus they must do the following.

- Report your positive test in [IS System](#).
- Contact your study department and the IRO office at FSS that you have tested positive.

Testing locations can be found [here](#).

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please use this [app](#).