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FACULTY HIKE

15 October

The Faculty of Social Studies would like to invite all FSS international students to join us on a hike around the Brno Lake to Veveří Castle. We plan to take the ferry boat back.

Students should plan to meet at the anchor at the bottom of the lake at 11:30. The hike to the castle is 8.5km and will take between 2.5-3 hours. Our halfway point will be at Veveří Castle. Do not be scared though - there is only a total of 200metres elevation! You can see the hike [here](#).

Once arriving at the castle, we will have time for some food and drinks and to explore. You should pack water and snacks for the hike.

Entrance into the castle is 50czk, and the ferry back is between 55-110czk depending on your transportation card.

Meeting location: large Anchor at the lake (Trams 3 and 10 to Přístaviště) [exact location](#).

Due to some scheduling changes, there will be no rain date.

Let us know if you plan to join us [here](#)!



CZECHOSLOVAK INDEPENDENCE DAY

October 28

Following the dissolution of Austrian-Hungarian Empire many new states were established. On October 28, 1918, Czechs and Slovaks agreed to establish their state: Czechoslovakia. Today, the Czech Republic still celebrates this day, even though the country Czechoslovakia no longer exists. Flowers will be placed at Masaryk's statue in remembrance.

Similar to September 28, Statehood Day, stores larger than 200 square meters have to stay closed.

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ERASMUS DAYS PRESENTATION

14 October 12:00-14:00 P52

Did you know that full degree students are able to participate on mobility options outside the Czech Republic during their studies?

International students are eligible for the same funding opportunities as Czech students and FSS encourages all students to participate, whether it is a summer school, internship, or semester abroad!

Find out your options on the FSS [webpage](#), and for more university wide agreements, on the [website](#) for the Centre for International Cooperation.

Join our presentation on 14 October from 12-14:00 in room P52 where we will discuss the options and have students share their experiences. More information [here](#).

This is part of the larger Erasmus Days celebration at MU, see the full programme [here](#).



ACADEMIC DISCUSSIONS RETURNING

info to come

This semester we will once again be organizing a series of academic lectures open to all students (and the public). While last semesters discussion series was focused on the war in Ukraine, this semester we will offer a variety of topics.

The exact topics and dates are being finalized. We will share via email and on social media - so keep your eyes out for the information!

MUNIMUN

In the process of being renewed

Over the last few years the MuniMUN student club briefly closed. Some of our students are in the process of bringing it back to life. If you are interested in joining or would like to help, please contact Abhinav Banerjee at abhinavbanerjee2410@gmail.com with your interest.

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EKOFILM FESTIVAL



12-15 October

The EKOFILM dramaturgy team has selected the top 25 films in competition from a total of 243 entries. The festival jury will award the best films in the sections Beauty of Nature, Central European Films and Short Films. Any of the films in competition can then win one of the other awards - the Main Award of the Minister of the Environment for the best film and the President's Award of the Festival.

The final twenty-five entries will present the most films from Germany and the Czech Republic. These countries have four films in competition each. In addition, Germany will present one more documentary co-produced with Hungary. Two films were made in Austria. The other eleven documentaries in competition come from the UK, Iran, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, and one each from Chile and Canada.

The full programme can be found on the festivals [website](#). The language of the events is listed clearly, often discussions will be held in Czech (such as the opening discussion), however many of the films are in English or with English subtitles. Additionally, there are concerts throughout the week, and since music is international, we invite you to join in on the fun!

MINT MARKET

22 October

Want to see some fresh fashion, jewelry and design? Visit the Mint Market (takes place almost every month). More information [here](#).

COFFEE WEEK

1-7 October

Coffee Week was created as a festival that set itself the task of bringing the world of coffee closer to the general public. In other words, the goal was to spread awareness about the methods of cultivation, roasting, preparation, and consumption, but at the same time an effort to point to Brno itself as the center of the café scene.

See the event programme on the [website](#) (you may need to use a translate function)

MUSHROOM HUNTING

How and Why

Frieda, one of our FSS ambassadors share's her love of mushroom hunting - which just so happens to be a HUGE Czech past time.

You can read her blog [here](#).

However, if you choose to try your luck at mushroom hunting, be sure to know what you're eating as not all mushrooms are safe to eat - this app can [help](#).



GRADUATING THIS SEMESTER?

what not to forget...

There are numerous deadlines in your final semester that you must meet if you want to graduate, and they are different for each programme. Here are a few examples of things you should make sure you know when (and how) to do - and if you don't know as your programme guarantor!

- submit thesis topic
- submit thesis draft
- submit final thesis (generally 1 month before defense)
- file intent to submit thesis
- file intent to take state exam

FSS LASER TAG!

19 October 17:40-20:00

Your student ambassadors have come together to organize a night of laser tag. If interested please complete the registration [form](#).

Registration will close 12 October at the latest but may close sooner if there is high demand.

Where: LASER ARÉNA BRNO

Cost (to be paid on arrival at the venue):
100 Kč per person / 110 Kč without ISIC card

For questions contact Frieda:
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MASTERS APPLICATIONS

Spring 2023 enrolment close 15 November

6 of our 8 masters programmes are available to start in the spring semester. Students interested in applying for one of our Masters programmes should submit their application by 15 November.

More information [here](#).

PHD APPLICATIONS

Spring 2023 enrolment close 30 November

students interested in continuing their studies into the doctoral level are invited to apply for a PhD programme. The application requires approval by your prospective supervisor, as well as other steps - so if interested be sure to get started soon!

More information [here](#).

ENERGY CRISIS AND FSS

What does it mean?

You have probably heard a lot about the increase costs for gas and electricity. While this is something that both the faculty and university are concerned about - it doesn't change anything for students.

At this time, the faculty continues to function as normal, including during the exam period. At this time, whether your final exams will be in person or online will be up to your teacher (has it has been for the past few semesters). If anything changes, we will let you know. However, students should plan to be in Brno in January for exams if their teachers are organizing in person exams.