

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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Dear colleagues,

Days pass by very quickly and we are already in the second half of the fall semester. I hope that you enjoy your studies, classes and spending time in our great library.

As we all know socialization, meeting new people and making new friends is also a very important part of our lives. We were very happy to organize first two of the series of events planned for our students enrolled in English taught programs. In October we made a wonderful hike to the Veverí castle and also held a debate focusing on the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

We enjoyed both opportunities to meet our students beyond regular class sessions a lot. We also hope that you will not miss next opportunity (for more info read further) to learn more about politics of football. Enjoy nice colorful fall in Brno.

Petr Suchý
Vice-Dean for Internationalization & Student Affairs

STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY DAY

17 November

November 17 is particularly important in the Czech Republic, and this year even more so. In 1939, the Nazi's stormed Czech universities, executed nine Czech students and professors and 1,200 were sent to concentration camps.

These actions lead this day to be known around the world as International Students' Day. On the 50th anniversary of this event, in 1989, a student demonstration was suppressed by riot police. The 1989 demonstrations lead to what is now known as the Velvet Revolution, and the fall of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia.

Every year, there are commemorations for each of these events across the republic. In Brno there is a Lantern Parade through Brno to light candles in memorial, starting at 17:30 in náměstí Svobody.



APPLY FOR MA AND PHD PROGRAMMES

MA programmes: 15 November
PhD programmes: 30 November

Are you finishing your degree this semester and interested in continuing your studies. There is still time to apply for our MA and PhD programmes for Spring 2022 enrollment.

More information on programmes at FSS:

- [MA programmes](#)
- [PhD programmes](#)

More information on all other MU programmes (deadlines may differ)

- [MA programmes](#)
- [PhD programmes](#)

ACCOMMODATION GRANT

1-30 November

Masaryk University provides a financial grant to help students offset their accommodation costs. It is awarded each semester to students who meet all the required criteria (enrolled in a full degree programme, do not have a permanent address in Brno).

Each semester students are reminded in the IS to apply for the Accommodation Grant.

More information can be found [here](#).

FINISHING YOUR STUDIES?

Make sure you know the deadlines!

In order to sit for your final state exam all classes must have their grades *at least* 3 working days prior to the state exam date.

	IREP (BA)	CDS	EPS	IREP (MA)	PSPHR	CSOC	ESOC
Apply for State exam	6. 11. 2022	1. 10. - 30. 11. 2022	6. 11. 2022	6. 11. 2022	15. 11. 2022	11. 12. 2022	11. 12. 2022
submission of the final thesis to the IS archive	11. 12. 2022	3. 1. 2022	2. 1. 2023	18. 12. 2022	13. 12. 2022	2. 1. 2023	2. 1. 2023
Defense of the final thesis	12. - 13. 1. 2023	25. 1. 2023	25. - 26. 1. 2023	16. 1. 2023	25. 1. 2023	18. 1. 2023	18. 1. 2023
Dates of state exam	20. 1. 2023	25. 1. 2023	25. - 26. 1. 2023	16. 1. 2023	27. 1. 2023	18. 1. 2023	18. 1. 2023

RECAP OF OCTOBER EVENTS

Erasmus days, FSS Hike, and discussions

The faculty as a whole organized 3 different events targeted specifically for our international students: presentation on Erasmus opportunities, a hike to Veverří Castle (shout out to those who didn't let the weather forecast turn them away), and a discussion on the Czech Presidency of the EU Council.



FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022: THE POLITICS OF FOOTBALL

10 November 16:00
room U41

The next discussion in our lecture series is on the topic of the FIFA World Cup.

Join Dr. Oldřich Krpec from the International Relations and European Politics department and Dr. Radim Marada from the Sociology department as they discuss the political and social implications of the World Cup, with an emphasis on this year's championship in Qatar.



VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

5 November 14:00-17:00

FSS will be hosting a Virtual Open Day for prospective students. If you know anyone interested in studying here, we would encourage you to share this event so they can hear directly from fellow students and lecturers about the programmes. Links to the sessions are available after registration [here](#).

Schedule

14:00-14:45: Student life

- Brno – why students love it, safety of the Czech Republic
- General faculty student life – library, events, etc.
- Accommodation
- Technicalities (visas, language requirements, deadlines, etc.)

15:00 – Programme introductions

- Bachelor's: International Relations and European Politics
- Master's: Conflict and Democracy Studies

15:30 – Programme introductions

- Bachelor's: Global Challenges: Society, Politics, Environment
- Master's: International Relations and European Politics
- Master's: Public and Social Policy and Human Resources

16:00 – Programme introductions

- Bachelor's: Politics, Media and Communication
- Master's: Energy Policy Studies
- Master's: Sociology and Cultural Sociology

16:30 – Q&A

- Regroup with the student ambassadors and student support coordinator and ask any final questions you may have.

ST. MARTIN'S DAY

11 November

Czechs celebrate St. Martin's Day on 11 November, a holiday focusing on food and wine. The feast of St. Martin is traditionally goose and the 'young wines' are opened as celebration. The first bottles of young wine open at exactly 11:11 am. St. Martin wines are fresh and young, as they only have a few weeks to mature.

Around this day you will see many restaurants offering the traditional St. Martin's meal, and from 12-15 November Náměstí Svobody will have a wine festival with many South Moravian wineries showing off their young wines.

BRNO DEBATING SOCIETY

2x per month

Interested in honing your debating skills, check out this group that will meet occasionally around Brno, next meeting time is 7 November.

BRNO CHRISTMAS MARKETS

25 November - 23 December

This month the Christmas markets open with the arrival of the Christmas trees on 19 November. The official lighting of the Christmas tree at Náměstí Svobody will be on 25 November at 17:00 (although the programme starts at 16:00).

FSS MATES

support for international students

If you would like a Czech speaking 'mate' to go with you to your appointments, such as governmental offices or doctors to provide translation services, you can sign up for the service [here](#).

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).

STUDENT BALL

25 November

The Masaryk Student Union will be hosting the 9th annual Masaryk University student ball - a perfect excuse to dress up and dance the night away.

Tickets go on sale 3 November at 17:00. More information [here](#).