

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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WELCOME BY MICHAELA



I'm the newest member of the Office for International Relations at the Faculty of Social Studies, and I'm so excited to welcome all students to Masaryk University. I was once a student and spent a year abroad too, so I know what it's like to be in your shoes.

My goal is to provide non-academic support and help you make the most of your time here. There are so many amazing resources available to you, like dedicated faculty, great professors, and student organizations. Plus, now that it's spring, it's the perfect time to explore the city and get involved in extracurricular activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I wish you all the best and hope you have an awesome academic experience at Masaryk University!

Michaela Nespěchalová

FSS MATES - SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

Bring Czech speaker to the appointment

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](#).

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Saturday, the 4th of March, the faculty witnessed the successful revival of Model United Nations at the University. The conference hosted and brought together delegates from all over the university and was a huge success as participants debated issues ranging from climate change to economic development and human rights.

The conference ended with the closing ceremony where Yotam Kreiman, the founder of the former MUN at MUNI and is now the deputy ambassador of Israel in Portugal, gave a well-received speech. He talked about how MUNs helped connect him to the field of diplomacy and their relevance in real life. The speech was followed by the award ceremony, where delegates were given prizes for their role in the conference ranging from the most coherent speeches to the best overall resolution passed during the conference.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the Faculty, as they were key to ensuring that the MUN came to reality. We would like to especially give our thanks to Professor Kříž for becoming the guarantor for the event and providing constant support and backing to the project.

RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

Be aware of the expiration

Students are responsible for 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. At the moment it is not possible to schedule an appointment, and if students need a new residence permit now and must apply in person they should go and wait for drop-in appointments (arrive before opening hours).

Even in this complicated situation, it is still necessary to submit an application before your current visa/resident permit expires.

However, students should check the system <https://frs.gov.cz/en> to see if this changes. Once appointments do open, we can expect appointments will be booked for 2-3 months in advance and it can be hard to get last-minute appointments. Once an appointment is scheduled, students can use our new FSS Mates program 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. The required amount of funds has now increased to 115,810 CZK. However, due to current inflation, we recommend having at least 120,000 CZK. 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.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS AT FSS

This month we will be starting our social events for International Students. In March April and May, we will be offering different events. We hope to have you join us!

- April - hike - 22th April 2023- place and more detail will be announced in April
- May - BBQ at Špilberk park- more details will be announced in April



DAY OF THE FACULTY



The faculty celebrates its founding each year, and on 20th April 2023, we will be commemorating our 25th anniversary. On this day, the FSS Dean's awards will be announced, as well as speeches by other notable figures. As per tradition, classes will not be held, and in addition, there will be various activities offered in both Czech and English, including sports. Further information regarding the itinerary will be provided in the April newsletter.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Bachelor's and Master's graduations will take place on March 23 and 24, 2023. Feel free to join your fellow International Students graduate in the audience.



MUNI CAREER CENTRE



Are you wrapping up your studies and actively seeking a job? Look no further than MUNI Career Centre! We offer a range of services tailored to international students, including career consultations, CV review, interview coaching, and much more. With our expert guidance and support, you'll be well-equipped to navigate the job market and land your dream job. Check the website [Kariérní centrum](http://www.kariera.muni.cz)

LANGUAGE COURSES FOR FREE

Do you want to learn or improve the knowledge of a foreign language? There free courses that are for free and you have the best opportunity to learn a new language. You can learn Portuguese , Japanese , Turkish , Finnish , French , Italian , Spanish and of course Czech !

Language Classes Komenského náměstí 2		
	17:00 - 18:00	18:00 - 19:00
Monday	Portuguese	Japanese
Tuesday	Turkish	Finnish
Wednesday	Czech	French
Thursday	Italian	Spanish

BRNO EVENTS

Holi festival of colours



Brno will celebrate the Holi Festival of Colours on March 18 at 1 pm in Semilasso, featuring lively music performances, mouth-watering food, and vibrant colored powder to sprinkle around. Check out [BrnoDaily](#) for more details.

Mint Market



Calling all shoppers! Discover unique Czech designs, fashionable clothing, handmade jewelry, organic skincare, exquisite paper products, and scrumptious treats. The market will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 17th and 18th, at the Tržnice Brno building located at the Zelný trh. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Brno Expat Fair- April 2023



[Living in Brno 2023 - Brno Expat Fair](#) will take place on Saturday 22 April 2023.

Discover and enjoy what life in Brno has to offer. 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. This will include expat-friendly services clubs, communities, sports, jobs, international food, culture and fun, expert seminars, interactive workshops.

Library of things

KNIHOVNA VĚCÍ BRNO



Are you looking to save money and make a positive impact on the environment? You're in luck! Library of things is a fantastic opportunity for you to borrow a variety of items, including board games, musical instruments, cameras, and more. Simply browse the catalogue and select the items you need. By borrowing instead of buying, you'll not only save money, but also reduce unnecessary waste.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a part-time job opportunity? There is an exciting job opening for a Media Researcher, and they are explicitly looking for university students.

As a Media Researcher, your primary responsibilities will include finding engaging content such as videos, news tips, and links to top journalists for our websites. You will also conduct research on media publications within the database and gather information on ownership, funding, contact details, and other relevant information.

This is a great opportunity to gain practical experience and expand your research and media skills while working with a dynamic team. If you are interested in this opportunity, check the [website](#).

