

OCTOBER 2023

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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10 October

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14 October

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professors**

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International webinar

**28 October - public
holiday**

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE BBQ!



PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Orientation week

New students at MUNI were received during the Orientation Week, which commenced on September 11th. This week-long program facilitated the organization of administrative and academic responsibilities, provided an introduction to Czech language and culture, and offered opportunities to connect, have fun, and socialize with both Czech and international students through a variety of events.



Anniversary book



The annual publication, which the Faculty of Social Studies at Masaryk University is releasing on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, explores the beginnings, 25 years of development, and provides insight into the behind-the-scenes life of the faculty. Take a look at historical photographs, reminisce alongside alumni and founders about key events in faculty life, and compare the history with current developments at the faculty. Read the [online version](#).

Open day

Our 2 dedicated student ambassadors actively participated in the Open Day held on Saturday, September 23rd. Their invaluable contribution involved providing comprehensive information in English about our Bachelor and Master programs to all prospective students. They shared insights into the academic offerings, university life, and the vibrant cultural experiences that await students at our university.



PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Graduation ceremony

We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to all the foreign students who have successfully completed their Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Spring 2023. Your dedication, hard work, and perseverance have led you to this remarkable achievement. May your education continue to open doors to exciting opportunities. Congratulations once again!



Interviews with professors

Have you ever wondered about the professors who are shaping your educational journey? Well, wonder no more! We've launched an exciting new series of interviews that delve into the lives and experiences of our esteemed faculty members. Stay tuned for captivating insights into their expertise and passions. You can find these interviews on our [faculty's webpage](#), and we're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new podcast channel, where you can also listen to these engaging conversations. We have already interviewed e.g. [Petr Suchý](#), Cate Thomas, Monika Brusenbauch Meislová and many others will be interviewed during this semester.



If you are interested in helping us with the interviews, please contact [Michaela Nespěchalová](mailto:Michaela.Nespěchalová@63272@muni.cz) at 63272@muni.cz



Matriculation ceremony- 5 October

As many international students may not know, the matriculation ceremony is a formal academic ceremony at a university where newly enrolled students in their first year of full-time studies are officially welcomed as members of the university's academic community, and they receive matriculation certificates. The ceremony is attended by academic dignitaries and the newly enrolled students themselves. It is not open to the public, and no guests are allowed to participate. It is free of charge and it is highly recommended for all new students to remember this momentous occasion that marks the beginning of an exciting academic journey.



Ekofilm festival

3-8 October



EKOFILM is an international film festival about the environment, natural and cultural heritage. It brings a wide range of viewers the latest findings about the condition of nature and the environment in various countries of the world and in many cases facts about dealing with serious issues.

142 FILMS FROM 36 COUNTRIES SUBMITTED TO THE 49TH EKOFILM THIS YEAR

The largest representation this year is Germany with 25 entries, followed by the Czech Republic and France with 19 films each. The programming team will select the 25 most attractive films to compete in three categories: the Beauty of Nature, the Visions of Nature and In Short.

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!

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Erasmus Days Presentation

10 October 16:00-18:00
Auditorium

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

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 10 October from 16-18:00 in auditorium where we will discuss the options and have students share their experiences. More information was sent via - email.

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



University hockey tournament

11 October

Join us for an [exhilarating day of ice hockey action](#) at university ice hockey tournament between Masaryk university and VUT! Whether you're a player or a fan, this event promises excitement on the ice and camaraderie in the stands. Save the date, and let's make this tournament a memorable and thrilling experience. Tickets are available [here](#).

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INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR - **Future Proofing the Future: Sustainability and Volunteerism**

12 October 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Ever wondered how sustainability supports volunteering and in reverse in what way does volunteering support sustainability?

This is the sixth webinar in a series of joint international webinars presented by Charles Sturt University Australia and Masaryk University, Brno Czech Republic.

Come and hear from academic and industry experts as they discuss these key issues including what does sustainability mean.

Register in advance for this webinar [here](#)



FACULTY HIKE

14 October

The Faculty of Social Studies would like to invite all FSS 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](#).

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.

LECTURE TITLE "THE MANAGEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE WORK AND WORKERS"



31 October, 18:00- 19:40, room U43

You're invited to an engaging lecture titled "The Management of Knowledge Work and Workers" featuring renowned expert Lenka Klimplová. As a Senior Lecturer in Business Administration and Management at Dalarna University, Sweden, Lenka's insights into organization, management, and leadership are unparalleled. In 2020, she was honored with the title of "Excellent Teacher."



MUNIMUN

Members wanted

If you are interested in joining MUNI Model United Nations (MUNIMUN) or would like to help, please contact Abhinav Banerjee at abhinavbanerjee2410@gmail.com with your interest.

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

MASTERS APPLICATIONS

Spring 2024 enrolment close 15 November

Students interested in applying for one of our Masters programmes should submit their application by 15 November.

More information [here](#).



PHD APPLICATIONS

Spring 2024 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](#).



BRNO EVENTS



DANCE THEATER PIECE

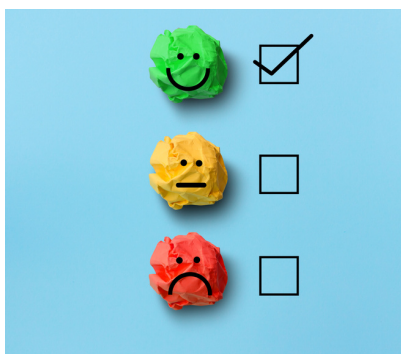
7 October at 8 p.m. at
Industra

Want to see some dance theater piece "The HUNGRY Ones" (original "GŁODNI" directed and choreographed by Agnieszka Jachym)
More information [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL BRNO16

18-22 October - Art cinema

Want to see some dance theater piece "The HUNGRY Ones" (original "GŁODNI" directed and choreographed by Agnieszka Jachym)
[More information here](#).



FSS NEWSLETTER EVALUATION

Please, find 2 minutes to [evaluate the newsletter](#) and give us some tips for the improvement and tips for future activities.