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MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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Dear students,

Time is flying, and we're already halfway through the fall semester. I hope you're enjoying your studies, going to classes, and using our wonderful library.

Making friends and meeting new people is important while you're at university. We're excited to tell you that we've had many successful events for students in English-taught programs. In September we organized the FSS International barbecue, in October, we went on a hike to Veveří Castle, which allowed us to get to know you better and make friends outside of class and meet your Czech classmates as well.

We're planning more events like this, so stay tuned for what's coming up.

Enjoy the beautiful autumn in Brno!

Best wishes,

Michaela (International Relations Office)

PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Portuguese ambassador at FSS, FSS Hike, Erasmus days, and Brno Expat Centre

Several events targeted specifically for our international students were organized at FSS:

- Portuguese ambassador' s speech,
- presentation on Erasmus opportunities,
- hike to Veverří Castle along the Brno reservoir for both Czech and international students
- and a presentation from Brno Expat Centre in connection with visa and long-term residency.



BRNO EXPAT CENTRE

We cordially invite you to

SEMINAR FOR MASARYK UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Organized by Brno Expat Centre

October

Tuesday **24** at 4:00 PM

2023

classroom U23, Joštova 10, Brno

The poster features a circular inset image of students in a classroom setting.



PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

Interviews with professors, alumni and current students

Our interviews with professors are continuing, you can read the interview with our current vice-dean for internationalization and student affairs - Blanka Plasová,

with the guarantor of the Bachelors Programme International Relations and European Politics - Martin Chovančík and

with Jereon Knevel from University of Applied Sciences Utrecht teaching one autumn course at our faculty called: "Human Rights, Social Inclusion and Disability".



We have already interviewed our alumni from Energy Policy Studies Master's Program :

Mohammed Ramadan who is a current FSS Ph.D. student and Khatia Shaversdashvili working as Senior IT Service Manager.

if you have any contacts to our alumni that would like to be interviewed, please, contact [Michaela Nespěchalová](mailto:Michaela.Nespěchalová@63272@muni.cz) at 63272@muni.cz

FSS Student Radio - English interviews and podcast team is looking for new members



Would you like to have interviews with professors, alumni, current students about the study programs or record a podcast episode?

Or would you like to help us with a logo, music and cut the audio or video files?

Please contact [Michaela Nespěchalová](mailto:Michaela.Nespěchalová@63272@muni.cz) at 63272@muni.cz



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	CSOC	ESOC	EPS	IREP (MA)	PSPHR
Apply for state exam	6. 11. 2023	1. 10. - 30. 11. 2023	10. 12. 2023	10. 12. 2023	do 6. 11. 2023	6. 11. 2023	1. 11. 2023
Submission of the final thesis to the IS archive	17. 12. 2023	4. 1. 2024	14. 12. 2023	14. 12. 2023	2. 1. 2024	10. 12. 2023	12. 12. 2023
Defense of the final thesis	15. 1. 2024	24. 1. 2024	10. 1. 2024	10. 1. 2024	24. 1. - 25. 1. 2024	10. 1. - 12. 1. 2024	22. 1. - 26. 1. 2024
Dates of state exam	19. 1. 2024	24. 1. 2024	10. 1. 2024	10. 1. 2024	24. 1. - 25. 1. 2024	10. 1. - 12. 1. 2024	22. 1. - 26. 1. 2024

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 2023 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](#)

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FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Guest lecture -7 and 8 November 2023

MUNI
FSS

Katedra
sociální politiky
a sociální práce

Guest Lectures:

**Identity Structure Analysis as a potential
approach in social work research**

7th November at 8:00 AM at U23

**Phenomenology of major life transitions
and the connections to suicide**

8th November at 2:00 PM at P21b

Dr. habil. Erdős Márta, Bognárné PhD
University of Pécs, Hungary



For more [informations go to this link.](#)

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FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Laser Tag -10 November, 7:40 p.m.

Get ready to dive into the ultimate laser battle that is organized by FSS ambassadors! Join us on Tron Laser Arena for an electrifying experience. Limited slots available! Reserve your spot now and gear up for an epic showdown! [Register here](#)



Clash of Universities- 15 November 6:00 p.m.

Join us for the upcoming basketball "University Clash!" On November 15th at 6:00 p.m. The men's teams of MENDELU and MUNI will face off in a thrilling basketball match at the Sports Hall on Vodova Street. Come and be part of the excitement! [Tickets are available here:](#)



WellTogether Conference - 30 Nov – 1 December 2023

You're invited to the WellTogether: Belonging and Inclusion Conference, hosted by Masaryk University. Save the date for November 30 - December 1, 2023, at the Faculty of Education.

This international event explores the vital topics of wellbeing and inclusion in both educational and workplace contexts. Join academics and professionals for keynote sessions, discussions, and interactive workshops. Registration is open until November 27, and the entire conference program is free. Connect with peers and gain practical insights to make a positive impact. For details, visit the [conference website](#).



BRNO EVENTS

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.



Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day -17 November

November 17 is significant in the Czech Republic. In 1939, the Nazi regime's assault on Czech universities led to International Students' Day. In 1989, a student protest ignited the Velvet Revolution, ending communism. Commemorations occur nationwide, including a Lantern Parade in Brno at 18:00 in náměstí Svobody.

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 18:00 in náměstí Svobody.

Remember that 17 November is a public holiday in the Czech republic, there will be no classes that day and the library will be closed that day.

Shops may be open that day.

BRNO EVENTS

Brno Christmas Markets 24 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 24 November at 17:00 followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree at Zelný trh at 18:00.

“Christmas at Freedom Square and Dominican Square” will include 61 stalls at Freedom Square and eight stalls at Dominican Square.

“Advent on Zelňák” focuses on traditional crafts and decorations.

“Advent on Moravák”- One part is held in the park and features a Ferris wheel and a new ice skating rink. Additionally, the "Give a Cup" project encourages visitors to donate their beverage cups to charity, raising almost 3 million Czech crowns last year and continuing this year



FSS Christmas Celebration -7 December 2023, 2-4 p.m.

Join us for the Czech Christmas celebration and come to share your Christmas traditions.

Save the date, stay tuned for the program and [register here](#).