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MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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THANKS FOR JOINING OUR SEPTEMBER EVENT!



WELCOMING AND SAYING GOODBYE

Faculty introduction, BBQ and Graduation

Last month we welcomed our new students to the faculty during orientation week and BBQ, and said goodbye to our graduating students. As always, it's wonderful to celebrate these moments with our students. Links to the photos from each event were sent to the students involved. If you haven't received the links, please write to Erin at smith@czs.muni.cz



28 OCTOBER

Independent Czechoslovak State Day

Also known as Foundation of the Independent Czechoslovak State Day, this holiday commemorates the date in 1918 when Czechoslovakia was created.

Czechoslovak independence was declared on Wenceslas Square on October 28, 1918, beginning a new era for two nations which had previously been part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Stores larger than 200 square metres are required to be closed.

Social Media

Faculty Social Media:

 [fss.muni.eng](https://www.facebook.com/fss.muni.eng)

 [fss_masaryk](https://www.instagram.com/fss_masaryk)

 [MUFSS](https://www.youtube.com/MUFSS)

 [MUNI_FSS](https://twitter.com/MUNI_FSS)

OCTOBER EVENT: HIKE TO VEVEŘÍ CASTLE

9 October

Meeting time: 11:30

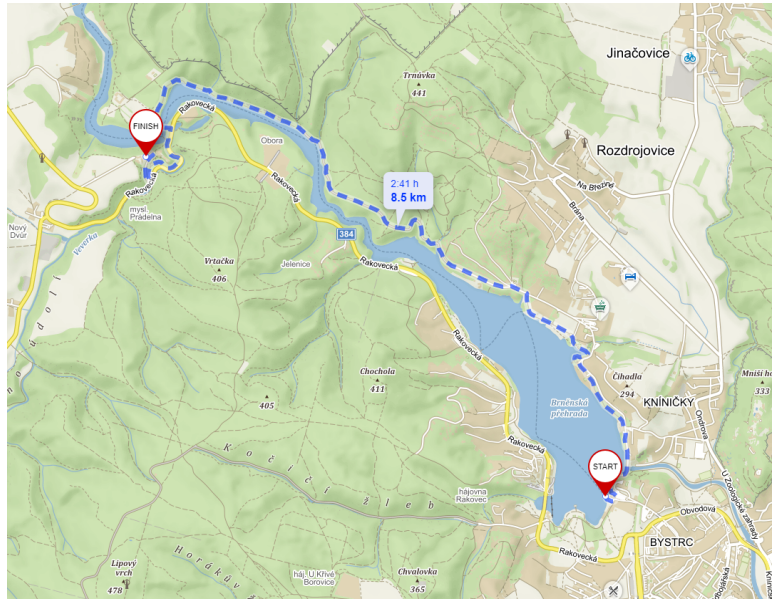
The Faculty of Social Studies would like to invite all FSS international students to join us on a hike around the Brno Lake to Veverčí Castle. We plan to take the ferry boat back.

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 Veverčí Castle. Entrance into the castle is 50czk.

The rain date is 16 October

Let us know if you plan to join us!.



ERASMUS WORKSHOP

Thursday, 14 October 16:00

The English Erasmus workshop will take place on Thursday, 14 October at 16:00 in room P51. Students interesting in going abroad during their full degree studies should attend this to learn about the different programme options, funding possibilities, and deadlines!

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

Deadlines for some programmes are as early as 15 December for Fall 2022.

OPEN CALL: NEW AMBASSADOR POSITIONS

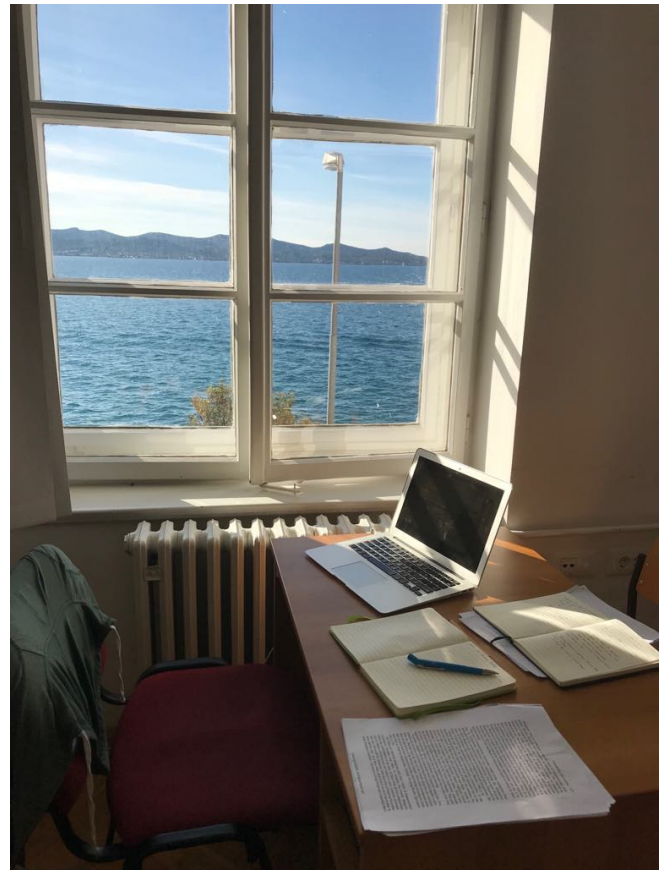
Apply by 10 October

There are three FSS student ambassador positions open this semester for the programmes of **Conflict and Democracy Studies**, **Public and Social Policy and Human Resources**, and **Sociology/Cultural Sociology**. If you are a current student of one of these programmes we invite you to apply. Ambassadors assist in the promotion of the faculty, answer questions from prospective students, and participate in events organized by the university. Ambassadors receive a stipend each semester and get to hang out (as seen in the photo). --->

To apply:

- Send a cover letter (reason why you think you would be good), CV, and a letter of recommendation from a professor in your department to ErinAnna Smith smith@czs.muni.cz.
- Select students will be asked to an interview.

Next semester there will be open calls in the other programmes.



ZOOM CHECK IN

Wednesday, 27 October

students are invited to join the Zoom Check In on Wednesday, 27 October at 11:00. If you are unable to make it, but have some questions for us, you can always write to us and we will be happy to help. The link for the zoom call will be sent the day before, and the minutes will be sent after the call ends.



RENEW YOUR VISA - PLANNING AHEAD

For full degree students

If you are studying here for your full degree and are required to have a Czech visa or residence card, you should start planning when you need to apply for your appointment at the Ministry of the Interior (Tuřanka 1554, 627 00 Slatina). Appointments are often booked up to 3 months in advance, it's possible to book it online [here](#) and **the process MUST be started before your current visa expires**. If there was no available appointment before your current visa/resident permit expires it's possible to go there also without the appointment, but in this case it's necessary to go there really early in the morning and you'll have to wait long time.

If you have already the resident permit and you need to extend it, there is the possibility to send the documents via post, but it's always better to go there personally, this should be just emergency solution. Please use the registered mail (in Czech „doporučeně“) to have the evidence when it was sent. If you have still only the first visa in the passport and you need to apply for the first resident permit it's not possible to send the documents but you need to submit the application personally at MOI office.

It's also possible to submit the application for resident permit/extension of resident permit if you don't have all required documents. In this case you will then be asked by the MOI office to deliver the missing document but it will give you time to collect all necessary documents. The other possibility is to ask directly for interruption of the process until you'll have all documents. Please ask Klára to help you with this process.

For students planning on going home in between semesters, please make sure you will have a valid visa to return, i.e. if your visa expires February 4, you will not be able to return after this date if you haven't started the new process. Also don't forget to ask for a „bridge visa“ especially if you plan to leave the Czech Republic before your visa application will be approved.

It is not possible to apply for visa extension more than 120 days before your current visa is set to expire, however you can book an appointment in advance.

Students should also be aware of the financial proof needed, to make sure they have enough money in their account prior to applying for the visa. It's also necessary to have valid medical insurance, the proof of accommodation (if you stay in dormitory ask them directly to send it) and the proof of study (ask Klára or Ludmila).

It is the students' responsibility to make sure they have a valid visa in order to study in the Czech Republic. It's necessary to submit the application for resident permit/extension of resident permit **before the current one will expire**.

If you won't apply for the extension on time there is nothing what could be done to solve the situation. You'll get the exit order to your passport and you'll have to leave the Czech Republic and start the visa process again from the beginning at the Czech embassy in your country. The MOI office has zero tolerance to this so even if you'll be only one day later they will not accept any apology.



ARCHITECTURE DAY IN BRNO

October 1-7

If you love architecture, don't miss your chance to attend the 11th annual Day of Architecture festival, the main theme of which this year is the roads and connections through which our cities are intertwined.

For more information click [here](#).



INTERNATIONAL TV SERIES FESTIVAL "SERIAL KILLER"

The Serial Killer Festival is coming back to Brno on October 21st-26th, offering first previews of the most interesting TV and web series from all over Europe, with special appearances from their creators. Click [here](#) to find out more.



MASARYKOVA VS MENDELOVA

14 October

Masaryk University and Mendel University will compete against each other again after two years. Will MUNI win this time, or will MENDELU rejoice, just like in 2019? Come and find out!

Click [here](#) to purchase tickets



CROSSNATIONAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

14 October - Register by 5 October!

The Crossnational Badminton Tournament will take place on Thursday 14 October 2021 from 3 to 6 pm at the Faculty of Sports Studies.

More information [here](#).

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CZECH POLITICS AND PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION 2021

Thursday 7 October 14:00

The Czech Parliamentary elections take place this 8-9 October. Join Professor Lubomír Kopeček and Dr. Otto Eibl of the Department of Political Science and Professor Vít Hloušek of the Department of International Relations and European Politics in their debate about Czech Politics and the upcoming parliamentary election.

During the debate, they will give an overview about the Czech political structure, what is up for discussion in the parliamentary election, and what people should look for in the results. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Join us in the Aula on the 3rd floor

JOBSPIN JOB FAIR

Saturday 9 October 09:00

Join the biggest LIVE career networking event in Brno for expat and bilingual job seekers!

Jobspin Job Fair will take place in person, on October 9th.

from 9:00 AM till 4:30 PM at Trznice Zelny trh, Brno.

Make sure to fill out the registration form if you're interested in attending the job fair.

Click the [link](#) for more information

SUGGESTION BOX

For FSS students

This is an opportunity for students to share any suggestions, comments, or concerns with the International Relations Office. We are committed to making the international student experience at FSS a positive one, and welcome any thoughts from students. If there is something you are particularly happy with, please also share this, so we can make sure it stays!

P.S You can now contact Inga Kakulia, our new assistant, or any suggestions or questions

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You can share any suggestions with us using this form [here](#).

Vaccination - how to get it

If you haven't already been vaccinated against Covid-19 you now have numerous options as a self payer (if you have European Health Insurance or Czech Public health insurance, you should also follow the information on how to [register](#) for the vaccine without paying).

In Brno it is only possible to be vaccinated at [FN Bohunice](#) or Sv. Anna hospitals.

For more information about the possibilities for Self Payers, please visit the governmental [website](#).

As always, test results and vaccination certificates should be uploaded into the IS.

Vaccination - how to pay for it

FSS students should first try to be reimbursed by their health insurance company. Foreigners.cz has written an [article](#) about the process to do so for the different insurance companies.

If your insurance company doesn't reimburse you, you can request reimbursement from FSS. In order to do so, you must have completed both doses of the vaccine (or in the case of Johnson and Johnson just the 1 dose) and have the proof of payment. Please email Klára Němečková at 217236@mail.muni.cz to set up a time to meet with her to fill out the paperwork for reimbursement.

This policy will continue through the fall 2021 semester to give our students more time to get vaccinated.

Vaccination recognition

Please use this [link](#) to find out if the vaccination certificate from your country is recognized in the Czech Republic. Only certificates from countries on the list are recognized here and only vaccination by vaccines authorized by the European Medicines Agency (Vaxzevria/AstraZeneca; Spikevax/Moderna; Comirnaty/Pfizer; Janssen) or a vaccine manufactured in accordance with a patent for the above vaccines that is approved by the World Health Organization for emergency use (the Covishield vaccine) are recognized.

If you are vaccinated by other vaccine or if your certificate is from a country which is not on the list, you are considered as unvaccinated by the Czech government. This means that all current rules apply to you, so you have to stay in 5 days self-isolation after travelling from red/dark-red country and get the PCR test after these 5 days.

TEACHING AT FSS

Fall 2021 - in person, online an option for some

Teaching continues in person. All students are expected to follow the guidelines set out and attend classes in person. **Exceptions will be made only for international students who are unable to travel to Brno due to visa restrictions.** Accommodations will be set up for these students, and teachers will communicate with students directly how the teaching will take place. **Please keep in mind that these exceptions will only be in effect until 31 October** as long as the pandemic situation stays as it is. If it worsens, the Faculty will take this into account.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Regulations by Government and University

Governmental Regulations

- Facemasks (N95) are required inside all public buildings and in public transportation
- Recognized vaccination OR a negative test (within 72 hours for anti-gen or 7 days for PCR) is required to eat at restaurants, swim in pools, etc. Cultural and social events may require proof of vaccination or a negative test.

University and FSS Regulations

- Students staying in the accommodation are required to provide proof of vaccination or a negative covid test before entering. Students are sent this information from the accommodation services with information on how to upload it into the IS.
- Currently, the university is at a 'white' risk rating. The university will monitor this closely and change it as needed. To better understand the different rankings, please visit the university [website](#).

ENTRY TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

all students should check the current restrictions before traveling

Entry requirements are based on the current ranking of countries you have spent time in, and if you are vaccinated with a recognized vaccine. It is up to each student to determine what procedure they must follow, as it is different in every case. Masaryk University has created a helpful 'app' to help walk through the current restrictions and what steps must be taken. To understand if you need to be tested, self isolate, etc., you can use this [flow chart](#).

Limited Movement: Students who are required to receive a negative covid test will need to observe a ban of free movement until their negative covid test. This means that you can only go to get groceries and other necessities, go to the bank, post office, the doctor's and pharmacies, deal with inevitable administrative tasks (like the foreign police/OAMP registration) and travel to your place of stay.