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# Welcome at Faculty of Social Studies

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Orientation week February 2020



# Faculty of Social Studies in Brief:

- Masaryk University established in **1919** with social science teaching tradition dating back to **1921**
- an independent Faculty of Social Studies established in **1998**
- **7** departments and **4** research departments
- **3,000** total students; **400+** international students, **45+** countries represented
- **17** degree programs in English **1** BA program, **6** MA programs **3** MA joint/double degree programs, and **7** PhD programs.
- comprehensive library, several computer labs, specialized desktop publishing studios and multimedia rooms, student clubs, radio r ...



# Degree Programs in English

## Bachelors

- International Relations and European Politics

## Masters

- Sociology
- Cultural Sociology
- European Politics
- Energy Security Studies
- Conflict and Democracy Studies
- Public and Social Policy and Human Resources

## Joint/Double Masters

- European Governance
- Joint Master Degree in Cultural Sociology



# Exchange Students

- 56 incoming exchange and guest students this semester. Via which schemes did you come?  
Erasmus+ in Europe, ISEP, bilateral agreements, governmental scholarships, international university networks,
- 190 courses taught in English



# Who are we and what do we do?

## Contact details

- Assist students before arriving and while in Brno
- Helps with previous degree recognition
- Backup to others

Klára  
Němečková



- Assists students while in Brno
- Non-academic support (making Brno feel like home)

Erin Anna  
Smith



- Assists students before arriving and while in Brno
- Study support for PhD students
- Contact for Incoming and Outgoing Exchange students
- Backup to others

Dagmar  
Hábová



- Assists students while in Brno
- Study support for Bachelor and Masters degree students

Ludmila  
Polášková



# Academic Year

## Autumn 2020 semester

**Teaching:** 5 October 2020 – 17 January 2021

**Deadline to select courses:** 18 October 2020

**Exams:** 18 January 2021 – 28 February 2021

Earlier completion is possible sometimes. Some courses include final exams written or oral, some final essays.

**Holidays:** Mon 28 September 2020

Wed 28 October 2020

Tue 17 November 2020

Mon 21 – Thu 31 December 2020

Fri 1 January 2021

Day of the Czech Statehood

Independent Czechoslovak State Day

Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day

Christmas holidays

New Year's Day



# Course Choice

## Exchange and guest students

- follow your home university requirements (for credits, courses) as well as MU regulations,
- focus on courses that are crucial for your degree program
- 50% of your courses at least must be from the discipline you study at home
- **Course catalogue:** FSS website > Current Students > Visiting Students

## Degree students

- follow your degree programme requirements (for credits, courses) and MU regulations

**Sports:** <https://www.fsps.muni.cz/en/study/physical-education-for-all-students>

**Credit minimum - 20 ECTS** credits per semester

**Credit optimum - 30 ECTS credits** (please, do not enroll in too many courses, especially in your first semester at MU - you might fail or get bad grades)

**Final deadline to select courses:**

**18 October 2020** (As well as to submit Changes in LA at MU).

# Course codes meaning

- Bachelor courses: b1000 – b3999
- Higher than n4000 – Master students only
- Higher than d9000 and those beginning with d0 – Doctoral students only

Example: **CDSn4009** Conflict Management  
CDS: Conflict and Democracy Studies (Political Science dept)  
n4...: Masters course



# Course codes by departments

- Department of International Relations and European Studies  
EGO, ESS, EUP, EVS, IRE, MEB, MVZ
- Department of Political Science  
BSS, CDS, POL,
- Department of Psychology  
PSY, PST
- Department of Social Policy and Social Work  
PUP, VPL, SPP
- Department of Sociology  
SOC
- Department of Media Studies and Journalism  
ZUR
- Department of Environmental Studies  
HEN, ENV
- Language centre of FSS:  
CJV

# GRADING

## Grading

At Masaryk University, the ECTS grading system is used. The number of ECTS credits for each course reflects the total number of hours a student is expected to devote to the course per week (in the form of lectures, homework, reading, essays, consultations, etc).

A,B,C,D,E – in graded courses = passed

F,X – in graded courses = fail

P, Z - in non-graded courses = passed

N - in non-graded courses = fail

# Facebook: @FSS.MUNI.ENG

Getting involved in Brno

The screenshot shows the Facebook interface for the Faculty of Social Studies - Masaryk University. The top navigation bar includes the user's name 'ErinAnna', 'Home', and 'Create'. The page header features the university's name and a search icon. The profile picture is a green circle with a white 'M'. The cover photo shows the facade of the Faculty of Social Studies building with a sign that reads 'Fakulta Sociálních Studií'. Below the cover photo are buttons for 'Like', 'Follow', 'Share', and 'Send Message'. The main content area has a 'Write a post...' prompt and options for 'Photo/Video', 'Tag Friends', and 'Check in'. A post from the Faculty of Social Studies - Masaryk University, dated September 7 at 9:46 AM, is visible. The post text reads: "The new rules mainly intend to make life easier for foreign students and research workers. Under the amendment, after finishing their studies or research, foreign students and research workers who successfully completed their studies or research in the Czech Republic may apply for a new type of a residence permit for up to nine months to find employment or start a business in the CR (apply before the expiration of student/research residence card!)." Below this, it says: "As always, you should read information regarding immigration directly on the MOI website, but this is exciting news for graduates!". A second post from the Brno Expat Centre, dated September 7 at 9:14 AM, is also visible, mentioning changes to the law regarding residence permits (Act No. 326/1999 Coll., as amended). On the right side, a message window is open, showing a conversation with the Faculty of Social Studies. The message window header says 'Faculty of Social Studie...' and shows 79 people like this, including Amna Noor and 13 friends. The message content includes: 'Typically replies within a day', 'Choose an option or type your own message.', and two buttons: 'How much does this school cost?' and 'Can you tell me more about this school?'. The bottom of the message window has a text input field 'Type a message...' and icons for attachments and reactions.

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# **Departments and Departmental Coordinators**



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# Department of Psychology



# Department of psychology

**Website**

<https://psych.fss.muni.cz/en/students/exchange-students>

**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/kpfssmu>

## **Institute for Research on Youth, Family and Children**

Website

<https://ivdmr.fss.muni.cz/>

## **Interdisciplinary Research Team on Internet and Society**

Website

<https://irtis.muni.cz/>

## **The Centre for Psychotherapy Research**

Website

<http://psychotherapyresearch.fss.muni.cz/>

# Department of Psychology - Contact

## Departmental coordinator - Michal Čevelíček

- Find me in the room **2.56** (second floor, to the left)
- Regular consultation hours **Thursday 1-4 pm**

**Zoom appointments are offered in 2020/2021.  
Please, always write me an e-mail in advance.  
I will confirm the meeting and send you a link.  
E-mail contact [cevelicek@mail.muni.cz](mailto:cevelicek@mail.muni.cz)**

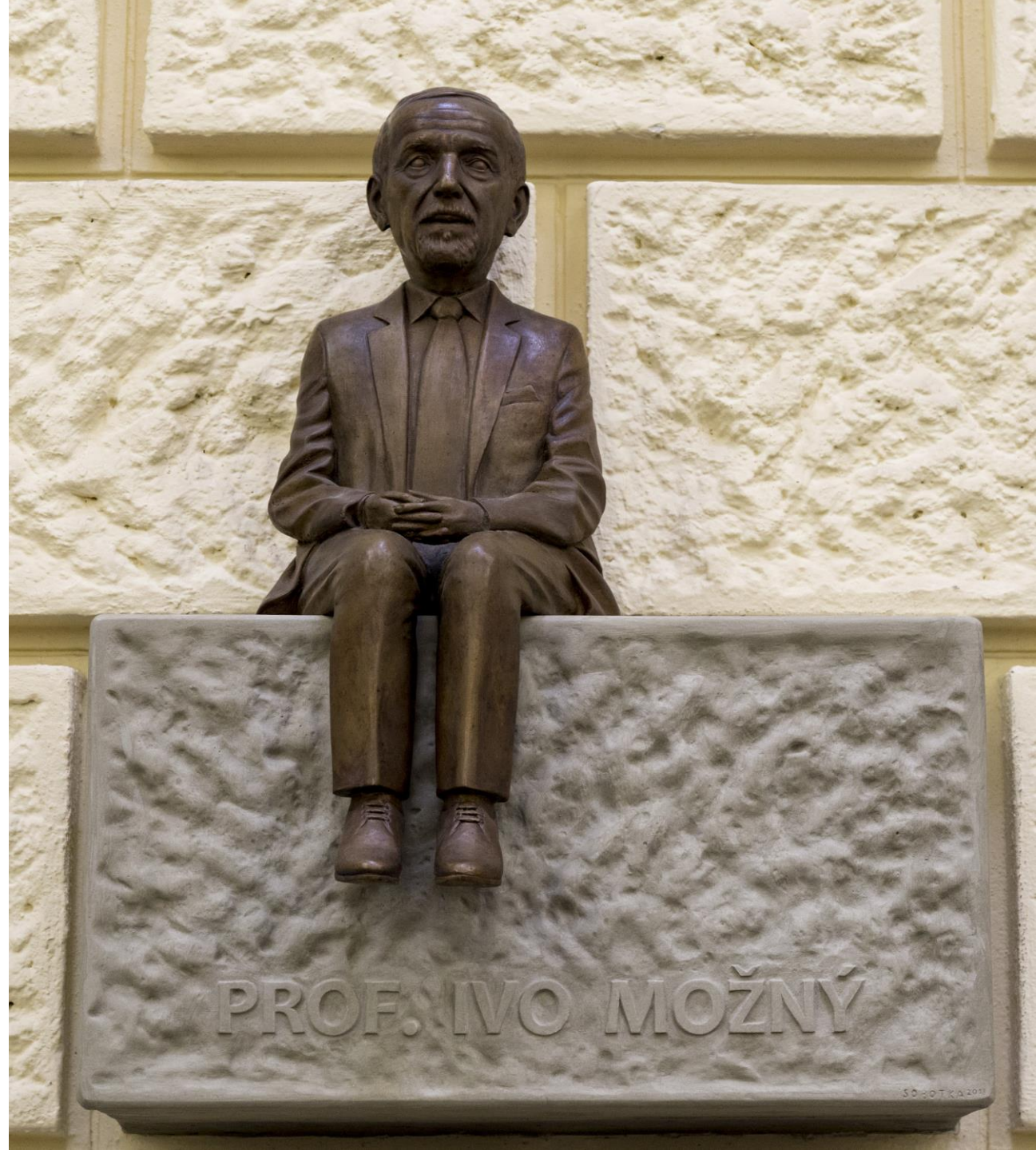
- **Contact me for**
  - Agenda regarding courses taught at the Department of Psychology
  - Learning Agreements, Changes to Learning Agreements, etc.
  - For the administrative agenda: **contact CZS / CIC**





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# Department of Sociology





# Department of Sociology - Courses

- CSOn4002 Introduction to Cultural Sociology
- CSOn4005 Contemporary Cultural Sociology
- CSOn4006 Migration, Transnationalism and the City
- CSOn4009 Social Life of Things: Material Culture and Consumption
- ESON4003 Research Methodology in Sociology
- ESON4006 Social Stratification and Labour Market
- ESON4008 Current Themes in Sociology
- ESON4013 Doing sociological Research
- SANb2013 Roma in Central Europe
- SOCb2503 Social Responsibility: business, research and innovation
- SOCb2554 Chapters in Cultural Sociology
- SOCb2591 Sociology of Nationalism

# Department of Sociology - Contact

**Csaba Szaló**

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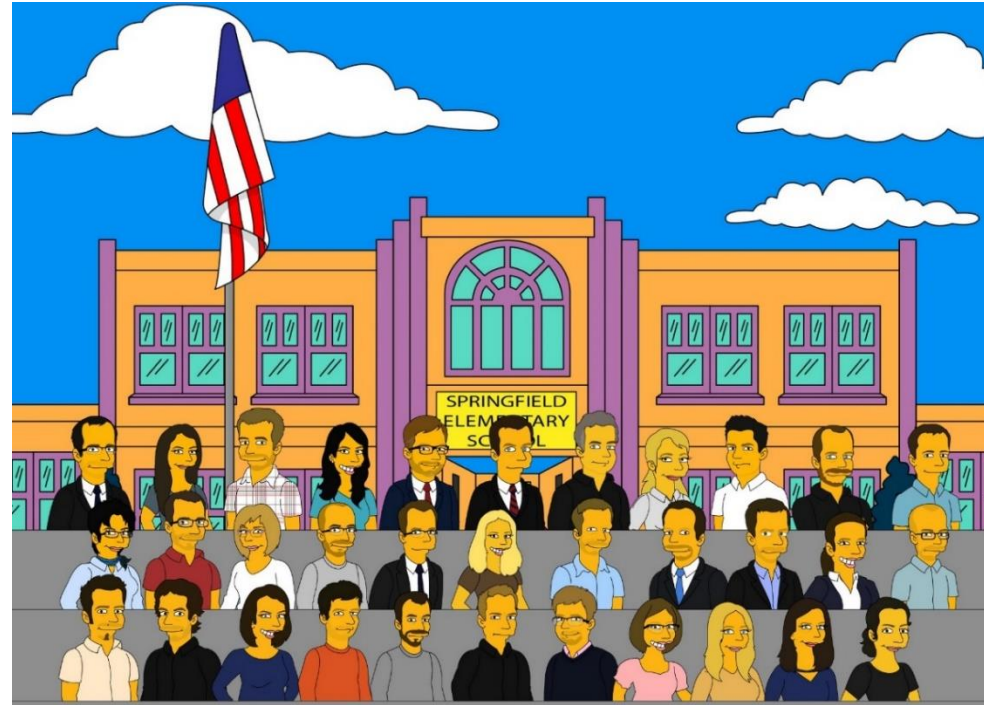
**office: Tuesday 14.00-15.00**

**online: Thursday 16.00-17.00**



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# Department of International Relations and European Studies



# Department of International Relations and European Studies - Courses

**Autumn 2020: 79 English-taught courses - e.g.:**

## Bachelor

- IREb2026 Current Caspian Region (4 ECTS)
- MVZb2044 U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Israel (5 ECTS)
- IREb2027 Foreign Policy Analysis (3 ECTS)

## Masters

- IREn5014 Transitional Justice and Democratization (5 ECTS)
- MVZn5012 Enemy Image and the Political Psychology of Conflicts in IR (4 ECTS)
- EGO430 Europeanisation: EU impact on national, regional and local governance (6 ECTS)
- [Check our Energy Security Summer School](http://www.summer-school.cz/) - <http://www.summer-school.cz/>



# IRES Department - Contact

**Veronika Zapletalová**

Office Hours:

Monday 1 pm – 2 pm (4.50)

Wednesday 10 am – 11 am (MS Teams)

Thursday 2 pm – 3 pm (MS Teams)

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# Department of Political Science



# Department of Political Science - Courses

## Autumn 2020 (Code: POL)

Course	Code	Credit	Lecturer
Liberal Democracy in Times of Crises	POLn4051	6 ETCS	Jiří Baroš & Pavel Dufek
<b>American Political Institutions</b>	<b>POLn4103</b> <b>POLb1113</b>	<b>5 ETCS</b>	<b>Charles Hadley</b>
Populism and Political Parties	POLb1111	5 ETCS	Vlastimil Havlík, Věra Stojarová

# Autumn 2020 (Code: BSS)

<b>Course</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>
<b>International Nationalism</b>	<b>BSSb118 2</b>	<b>5 ETCS</b>	<b>Petra Mlejnková</b>
<b>Regional Security Complexes</b>	<b>BSSn445 7</b>	<b>7 ETCS</b>	<b>Josef Kraus, Věra Stojarová</b>
<b>International Security Policy</b>	<b>BSSb110 5</b>	<b>7 ETCS</b>	<b>Monika Bartoszewicz</b>
<b>Conceptualisations of Terrorism</b>	<b>BSSn445 1</b>	<b>6 ETCS</b>	<b>Monika Bartoszewicz</b>
<b>Cultural Security</b>	<b>BSSb118 8</b>	<b>6 ETCS</b>	<b>Monika Bartoszewicz</b>
<b>Information Warfare and Propaganda</b>	<b>BSSn446 0</b>	<b>6 ETCS</b>	<b>Miloš Gregor, Otto Eibl, Petra Mlejnková</b>

# Autumn 2020 (Code: CDS)

Course	Code	Credit	Lecturer
Hybrid Warfare	CDSn4104	7 ETCS	Jakub Drmola, Miloš Gregor, Petra Mlejnková, Otto Eibl
Dilemmas of Counterterrorism	CDSn4106	7 ETCS	Miroslav Mareš & Petra Mlejnková
Conflict Management	CDSn4009	8 ETCS	Věra Stojarová
Modern Technologies and Conflicts	CDSn4003	8 ETCS	Jakub Drmola, Otto Eibl
Conflict Analysis	CDSn4001	8 ETCS	Miriam Matejova
Modern Technologies and Conflicts	CDSn4003	8 ETCS	Jakub Drmola
Comparative Perspectives on Democracy and Development	CDSn4007	8 ETCS	Marek Rybář



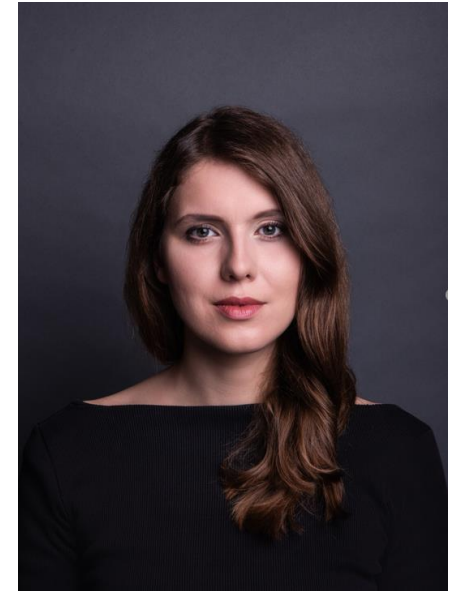
# Department of Political Science

## Contact

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Feel free to contact Lenka in case you have any questions or need help.

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# Department of Social Policy and Social Work



# Department of Social Policy and Social Work

## Courses for Autumn 2020

- PUPn4403 Economics
- PUPn4405 Evaluation research
- PUPn4419 Contemporary problems in European welfare states
- PUPn4513 Public Policy Process
- PUPn4568 Multivariable Statistics
- SPRb1130 Human Behavior and the Violence
- SPRn4482 Social Inclusion and Disability
- SWDn4477 Social Work Institutionalisation and Organisation
- VPLb1155 European Union Public Policy
- VPLn4461 Contemporary Social policy in EU

# Department of Social Policy and Social Work - Contact

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# Department of Media Studies and Journalism



**WEB:** <https://medzur.fss.muni.cz/en/exchange-students>



# Department of Media Studies and Journalism

## Courses in Autumn semester 2020

### Bachelor's degree program

- ZURb1606 Urban communication, 4 ECTS credits
- ZURb1609 Media Literacy, 4 ECTS credits
- ZURb1610 Community Media, 4 ECTS credits
- ZURb1614 Current issues in research of media and audiences, 2 ECTS credits

### Master's degree programme

- ZURn4101 Culture and Media, 6 ECTS credits
- ZURn6335 Visual Communication Research, 4 ECTS credits
- ZURn6605 New Media and Smart Services, 4 ECTS credits
- ZURn6607 East Asian Media Studies, 4 ECTS credits
- <sup>31</sup> – ZURn6608 Conference Skills, 4 ECTS credits

**Feel welcomed to join  
our student's media:**

- **Rádio R**
- **Student's TV**
- **Magazine Halas**
- **Online news portal  
Stisk**

# Department of Media Studies and Journalism

## Departmental coordinator

Mgr. et Mgr. Michal Tkaczyk, Ph.D.

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9-10 AM, by prior arrangement by email.



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# Department of Environmental Studies



# Department of Environmental Studies

## Courses

ENSn4618a Power, Politics and Environmental Change

ENSn4634 Environmental NGOs and Society

## Departmental coordinator

Zbyněk Ulčák

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