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# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly  
Newsletter for  
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Students



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Dear students,

Originally, I planned and looked forward to writing an optimistic message about the arriving spring. Unfortunately, Russian troops, led by a war criminal and a mass murderer Putin and his evil clique, brutally attacked Ukraine – its innocent, benign neighbor only aspiring to live in peace, democracy and dignity.

I want to express our compassion with and our support to our Ukrainian students, their families, loved ones and the whole country. Ukrainians are brave and courageous people who will resist and defeat the invading Russian hordes.

I would like to ask you to do whatever you can to help our Ukrainian fellow colleagues and their country. Charity and volunteering are tools that can make a difference and help defeat Putin's gang and its evil intentions and acts. We know that you have done a lot already and we thank you for that. Please remain strong and resilient. The Western democracies defeated the Soviet evil empire in the Cold War, and Ukraine with the free world will defeat it in this conflict, too.

Dear Ukrainian friends, we keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
SLAVA UKRAINY, HEROIAM SLAVA!

Petr Suchý, on behalf of the whole leadership of the faculty

# FSS MATES - SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

## Now open!

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](#).

# APPLY TO BE A STUDENT AMBASSADOR

## Deadline: 15 March

There are five FSS student ambassador positions open this semester for the following programmes:

- Energy Policy Studies
- International Relations and European politics - Bachelors (2 positions)
- International Relations and European politics - Masters
- Sociology/Cultural Sociology

If you are a current student of one of these programmes, and will not graduate sooner than June 2023, we invite you to apply. Ambassadors assist in the promotion of the faculty, answer questions from prospective students, function as a representative of the programme for current students and participate in events organized by the university. Ambassadors receive a stipend each semester.

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](mailto:smith@czs.muni.cz).
- Select students will be asked to an interview.



# COVID TRAFFIC LIGHT CHANGES WHITE

## Starting Monday, 7 March

The university will follow the current government measures:

- Respirators or surgical masks are obligatory in common areas of MU buildings or when switching between classes.
- Respirators are not required in classes where students only sit and do not interact

# RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

## Be aware of the expiration

Students are responsible with 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 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 expire.

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 programme 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.

- 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](mailto: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

## First up: International Student Breakfast 30 March

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

- 30 March 9:00 - International Student Breakfast
- April - hike - location and date TBD
- May - BBQ at Špilberk park



# FSS STUDENTS SUPPORTING UKRAINE

There has been an outpouring of support among the Masaryk University community for Ukraine. If you want to help by volunteering your time, money, or other resources, there are many different means to do this. More information can be found [here](#).

At the same time we want to urge our community to recognize that the war in Ukraine is outside the control of our Russian students and teachers, and not to conflict the decision of the government with our fellow Masaryk community.



# PREVIEW OF DAY OF FACULTY IN APRIL

## 7 April

Each year on the 7th of April the faculty celebrates its founding, this year we will be celebrating our 24 anniversary. Traditionally, it is a day to announce the FSS Dean's awards, and other such speakers. This year the itinerary is extended to offer lots of activities in both Czech and English – including a BBQ, sports activities, and screening of a student documentary. The Dean is announcing a 'dean's leave' meaning there will be no classes on this day. Even so, we hope you will join us! See the itinerary below.

### 10:00, auditorium

- the best of 2021 in pictures
- opening ceremony of the Faculty Day (speech by the Dean and the President of FSS Academic Senate)
- announcement of the FSS Dean's Awards
- questions and answers, discussion

### 12:00 - 17:00

- searching for clues around the faculty for evening Student Chamber of the Academic Senate

### 12:00 - 14:00, barbecue with the Dean, 3rd floor courtyard

- for staff and students, an informal meeting with the Dean, but also with colleagues and students

### 13:00 - 17:00 sports activities

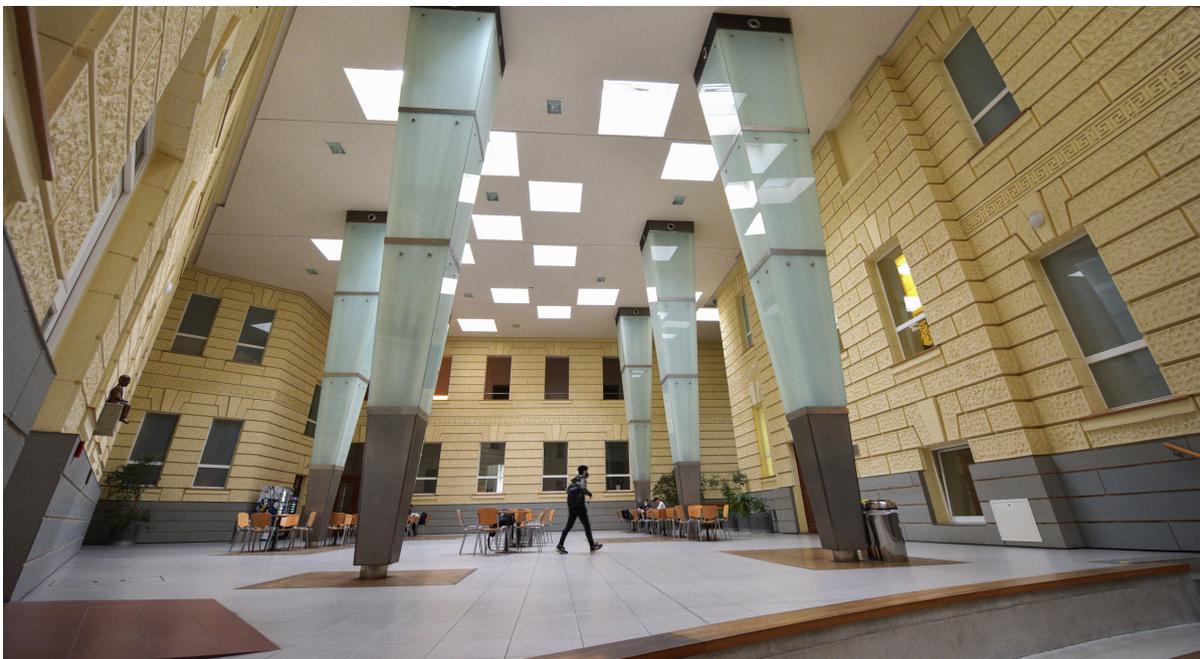
- atrium: table tennis tournament (please register here)
- staircase by the radio: shootout in the stair climbing race (runners sign up here)
- dance floor in the atrium, or the chill-out zone: foosball

### 14:00

- Lecture room P51: screening of the student documentary Informing or Dividing the People (check out the trailer)

### 15:00

- commented tours of the faculty (meeting in front of the building)



# BRNO EVENTS

## The Cunning Little Vixen at Janáček Theater



“The Cunning Little Vixen” by Leoš Janáček explores the cycle of life and connects the human world with the animal one, and is a favourite among both children and adults. The opera is performed not only in Czech theatres, but has also found its audience on opera stages around the world. The opera will be staged in Czech with Czech and English subtitles, and it will be 2h 10 minutes long.

Tickets [here](#).

## Vitalic, Metronomy and Hoovephonic at Fléda



There will be a lot of fun events in Fléda this March, with the upcoming event featuring Vitalic on March 4th. You can buy tickets [here](#). For the list of all the upcoming events take a look at the banner. For more details, follow Fléda's Facebook [page](#).

## Ester Krumbachová Exhibition

Ester Krumbachová (1923–1996) worked as a theater artist from 1953 - first in České Budějovice, later in Prague. She has participated in many significant Czech New Wave films. The exhibition is an extensive network of original material, texts, paintings and artifacts connected to Krumbachova. It primarily represents Ester Krumbachova's archive, revealing her thinking about costume design, the role of detail and the use of color, working with text speech and folklore rather than high literary style, its relationship to magic, realism, subjectivity, male and female polarity or hierarchy of species as well as social and work positions. For more info click [here](#).



# VACCINATION

## How to pay, recognize, and receive the vaccination

For more information on how to get vaccinated against Covid-19, what vaccinations are recognized, and reimbursement please visit our [website](#).

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

## Regulations by the University and Government

- The University will move to the 'white' risk rating. For more about what this means, please visit the university [website](#).
- Facemasks (N95) are required inside all public buildings and in public transportation - including the FSS building
- PCR tests are now valid for 3 days, and antigen tests for 24 hours.

# REPORTING POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

## Informing MUNI of positive coronavirus results

If students test positive for Coronavirus they must do the following.

1. Report your positive test in [IS System](#).
2. Contact your study department and the IRO office at FSS that you have tested positive.

Testing locations can be found [here](#).

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please use this [QR](#).

# ENTRY TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC

## all students should check the current restrictions before traveling

Entry requirements are based on your residency status with the Czech Republic (visa, resident permit, etc.), the country you are travelling from and if you are vaccinated with a recognized vaccine and if the country you were vaccinated is on the [list](#). It is up to each student to determine what procedure they must follow, as it is different in every case. To review the requirements you can visit the MU [website](#).

Students who are required to receive a negative covid test will need to continue to wear a respirator in dormitories and all public places until their negative covid test. To stay up to date with what color your departure country falls under, please use the MU [website](#) and always check the Ministry [website](#) and [this step by step guide](#).

**Always it's necessary to fill in the entry form before you'll travel to the Czech Republic: <https://plf.uzis.cz/>**