# MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

Monthly
Newsletter for
International
Students



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#### **Dear students**

On behalf of the International Relations Office of the Faculty of Social Studies, I wish you a successful end to the spring semester. Thank you for joining the International Barbecue, it was a nice opportunity to meet other international students and celebrate the end of the classes.

Good luck with your final exams and state exams! Don't forget to take breaks from studying and enjoy life in Brno, especially in the beautiful springtime.

Please note that the building will be closed from July 1 until August 30 due to reconstruction. Therefore, please begin the process of renewing your visa and pick up all the required documents from the faculty by June 28.

Michaela Nespěchalová and all of us from the International Relations Office

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

### exams, state exams, registration for courses

Exam period: 20 May - 28 June 2024State exams: 27 May - 28 June 2024

- Apply for being enrolled in the term (autumn 2024): 20 May 23 September 2024
- Term enrollment: 1 August 23 September 2024
- Courses registration: 17 June (5 pm) 25 August 2024
- Graduation ceremony: 17-19 September (registration from 1 June until 14 July 2024)

## BUILDING CLOSURE

### 1 July - 31 August

FSS building including library will be closed due to the reconstruction. More details will be specified in July - August newsletter. If you need any documents, please pick them up by June 28.





## LIBRARY CLOSURE

#### 27 June - 15 September

Due to the preparation of the rooms for the construction work the library will be closed from 27 June and it reopens on 16 September.

You can contact the librarians via email at knihovna@fss.muni.cz (library@fss.muni.cz) during the library closure.

### **TUITION FEE PAYMENT**

Following the MU study and examination regulations, the conditions regarding tuition fees will change.

The amount will remain the same. The study regulations require payment before classes start for the given semester.

A student who is in arrears with the payment of the fee for studying in a foreign language cannot be enrolled in the semester. Please follow the detailed information you will soon receive in an email from the Office of International Relations.





### **SUGGESTIONS BOX**

This is a chance for students to share suggestions, comments, or concerns with the International Relations Office, International Student Newsletter and suggestions of the events for the next academic year 2024/25 . We aim to ensure a positive experience for international students at FSS and welcome all feedback. If there's something you're especially pleased with, please let us know, so we can maintain it!

You can share any suggestions with us using this form here.

## **VISAS AND WORK RESIDENCE PERMIT**

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 presentation to discuss this visa with the Brno Expat Centre, you can see it here.

If you decide to interrupt your studies, please consider that your study visa may be terminated. Your study visa is valid only for the period in which you are an active student.

The duration of the residence permit is determined by the shortest validity period among the submitted documents. For instance, if your accommodation contract is for 6 months while the other documents cover a period of 12 months, your residence permit will be issued for 6 months only.

### PAST EVENTS AT THE FACULTY

#### **FSS International Barbecue**

On Thursday, May 9th, we organized a barbecue at Špilberk. The event was a great opportunity for students to enjoy the end of classes.

In addition to the International Office, also international students and student ambassadors contributed to the preparation of the entire event. We were very grateful for their help and support, which helped create a pleasant atmosphere for the international students.

We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped create such a fantastic atmosphere. If you have any recommendations, please fill in this form.



#### Live stream on Bachelor's and Master's Studies



In April we prepared live stream regarding Bachelor's and Master's programs that was streamed on YouTube. Our ambassadors spoke about their study programs, admission process, favourite courses, living in the Czech Republic, and their possible future career paths. You can watch the stream and share it with people who might be interested in studying at the Faculty of Social Studies. Check our YouTube streams here.

# Workshop on relations between Central Europe and the United Kingdom

On 25-26 April 2024, our faculty hosted a very unique international workshop focused on the evolving relationship between Central Europe and the United Kingdom. Organized by Monika Brusenbauch Meislová from the Department of International Relations and European Studies and Ed Turner from the Aston Centre for Europe at Aston University. The two-day event brought together leading experts from academic, policy, and think-tank spheres. Read more here.



## **UNIVERSITY NEWS**

# Holiday accommodation - summer 2024

Due to the emergency repair of the roof damaged by last year's hailstorm at Vinařská dormitory, the Mánesova and Sladkého dormitories in Brno-Komárov will be open for students during the holidays, with a total capacity of 730 beds.

The <u>booking period for holiday accommodation</u> for students starts on 1 June 2024, as previously announced.



#### **Doctor for students**

Dr. Kateřina Kolářová provides health care to MU students and her office is now open to students from all faculties, including international students. It provides emergency medical services for acute cases. Czech-insured students can receive free treatment, while foreign students may need to pay in cash or claim reimbursement from their insurance.

The office is on the 3rd floor of Building B22 at the Campus in Bohunice.

Contact phone number: +420 549 49 5005



Monday 13-15

Tuesday 13-15

Thursday 11-14

The emergency pharmacy with 24-hour service is located at Bašty 413/2, 602 00 Brno-střed, opposite the Main Train Station. It is operated by the Dr. Max pharmacy network.





### **BRNO EVENTS**



### IGNIS BRUNENSIS Brno -June 1- 23

This year, from June 1st to 23rd, Brno will host the Ignis Brunensis fireworks festival, with the Days of Transport Nostalgia on June 15th and 16th. The Brno Reservoir will feature four spectacular pyromusicals synchronized with music on June 8th, 12th, 15th, and 19th, with additional drone light shows on June 8th and 15th. The festival's varied program will extend until September, including historical vehicle rides and steam train journeys between Brno, Kuřim, and Tišnov. Detailed information and ticket purchases are available at ignisbrunensis.cz and idsimk.cz.

#### The Night of churches - June 7

The Night of the churches will take place on Friday 7nd of June 2024. During this special occasion, numerous churches throughout the area open their doors to welcome visitors from all walks of life. It provides a unique opportunity for individuals to explore the architectural beauty, historical significance, and spiritual tranquility of these sacred spaces. Explore any hidden places in Brno churches, check the link.





#### Mint market- June 9

MINT Market Brno will be held in the gardens of Villa Stiassni on June 9th, coinciding with the Open Gardens event! Discover new collections from renowned Czech designers, emerging brands, local delicacies, and a unique atmosphere. Don't miss this event!

## **BRNO EVENTS**



#### Open gardens - June 8-9

The Open Gardens and Squares Weekend is scheduled for June 8th and 9th, 2024. The event aims to promote appreciation for garden art and landscape architecture, welcoming a variety of green spaces such as gardens, parks, and more. Some venues may require an admission fee, which helps support guided tours, concerts, and additional attractions., check the link

#### Summer cinema - June 28

In the courtyard of the Brno-Center Municipal Office on Dominikánská Street, the popular summer cinema will return after a year.

Open-air screenings will start on 28 June 2024 and will continue until the end of the holidays. The Brno-Center summer cinema will take place at the town hall for the tenth time. Stay tuned for the program!



## **OTHERS**

# Erasmus plus- non academic experience

Explore non-academic Erasmus experience, Youth exchanges (YE), training courses (TC), and study visits (SV). Listen to the <u>podcast for more information</u> and search for Erasmus + projects in Facebook groups, see more <u>here</u> or <u>here</u>. Read also this blog post from our student ambassador Kateryna <u>here</u>.





#### 4-week trainee program



Are you in your last year at university or a fresh graduate and looking for a career opportunity in finance? Do not miss the this opportunity and try this 4 week trainee program.

### Paid internship for master students

Are you interested in paid internship focused on politics? It is a fully remote internship and suitable for English speaking students. This position is open every 3 months.



