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MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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Newsletter for
International
Students



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Dear students,

We have entered the second half of the spring semester. I believe you are enjoying your studies and everything studying abroad encompasses - I'm sure you have already made many new friends and are enjoying Brno to the fullest. Have fun!

We look forward to seeing you at some events we plan for you in April. Join us for our hike to the Holedná lookout tower. You'll see Brno like never before.

On behalf of the whole International Office, I wish you sunny spring days and the joy of learning.

Petr Suchý

IMPORTANT DATES AT FSS



- 7-10 April: Faculty closed for Easter holidays (7 and 10 April are public holidays)
- 17 April: Live stream on Master programs
- 20 April, all day: Day of the Faculty
- 20 April: Lecture with Reuben Steff
- 22 April: Faculty hike
- 30 April: MA and PhD application deadlines

NEW DEAN AND RECTOR

- Stanislav Balík and Martin Bareš have been duly reelected as the Dean and Rector of Masaryk University, respectively, for the period spanning from September 2023 to August 2027



LECTURE WITH REUBEN STEFF



**The New Great Power Competition:
The Chinese-Russian Challenge to the European and Indo-Pacific Security Order**

- Dr. Reuben Steff is a Senior Lecturer of International Relations and Global Security at the University of Waikato, New Zealand.
- His research includes Great Power competition between the US and China, the implications of Artificial Intelligence for the global balance of power, the evolution of nuclear deterrence theory, and small state foreign policy.
- He has publications in multiple journals and is the author of four books.

Lecture: Thursday, April 20, 2-4 pm, P24a

DAY OF FACULTY SCHEDULE

20 April from 10 am

Each year in April the faculty celebrates its founding, this year we will be celebrating our 25 anniversary.

The program will start at 10 am in the auditorium including:

- the best of 2022 in pictures
- opening ceremony of the Faculty Day (speech by the Dean and Chairman of AS FSS)
- announcement of the Dean's Awards for the Faculty of Social Studies and announcement of the I. A. Bláha Awards



Refreshments

Something to eat in front of the faculty will be brought by the food trucks Faency Fries and Páreček! They will be 600 portions of food available for free, and a special token, will be required for their distribution. Refreshments will also be available for purchase.



How to get a free portion

Every employee or student is entitled to one token. They can pick it up in exchange for their ISIC, ITIC or employee card in the space in front of the study department (ground floor). Please have your card ready for faster distribution of the tokens.



When the tokens will be distributed

The tokens will be distributed on Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 8:30 am to 9:45 am and then from 12:00 pm until all tokens are distributed. Attention, the number is limited and the system will be "first come, first served". We believe that no one will abuse this system and we will all celebrate Faculty Day together in a relaxed and good atmosphere. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available for free throughout the day, look for them in the atrium and in front of the building.

From 12 pm to 5 pm there will be sports and social activities in the atrium including ping pong, staircase run and funny games as indoor bowling, cornhole game and many more. Check the [website link](#).

Guided tour in English at 2:30 pm



We would like to kick off the celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the FSS with the Day of the Faculty including a (not only) visual excursion into the past. Take a walk around the whole building on the Day of the Faculty, scan the QR codes, and for fans of architecture, we recommend bringing headphones.

FACULTY HIKE

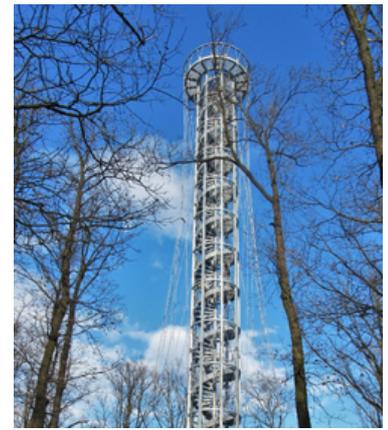
22 April - meeting 1 pm

Our second faculty hike of the year will take place on 22 April, there will be no rain date.

This time we will walk along the Svatka River, to Brno Lake. Along the way, we will visit the Rozhledna Holedná - observation tour.

The whole walk will be between 2-3 hours, and we will be able to end at one of the pubs on the lake for lunch/beers.

Meeting location: Pisárky tram
[see the location](#)



MASTERS AND PHD APPLICATION DEADLINE

30 April

If you are interested in continuing your studies at the Faculty of Social Studies, please be aware that the deadline for Masters and Ph.D. programs is 30 April.

Discover more on the [MA](#) and [Ph.D.](#) websites.

We will be hosting a live stream on Monday, 17 April where you can learn more about the different programs. Details are to follow on the FSS website and Facebook account.

RENEWING VISAS AND WORK VISAS

Be aware of the expiration date

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.



STUDENT AMBASSADOR OPEN CALL

Open call for autumn 2023

Master in International Relations and European Politics, Energy Policy Studies, Social Policy, and Conflict and Democracy Studies

If you are a current student of one of these programs 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.

To apply:

- Send a cover letter (the reason why you think you would be a good ambassador), and CV to Michaela Nespěchalová at 63272@muni.cz.

Selected students will be asked for an interview and will be confirmed by the program guarantors.





EASTER TRADITIONS

7-10 April

The Czech Republic has some pretty unique traditions typically, Easter weekend starts with Zelený čtvrtek (Green Thursday) with the monuments lit up green...and green beer is on tap. For those of you who are familiar with Christian holidays, Good Friday, White Saturday and Easter Sunday are for Christians the most important holidays.

However, Easter Monday is one of the more unique aspects of Czech (and Slovak) culture. This time of year you would see pomlázka (whips) sold throughout the city. Feelings on this tradition are very mixed, as it originated during pagan times when boys would whip girls lightly on the legs to chase away illness, bad spirits and to bring about health and youth for the next year. This tradition is still kept in villages around the country, though fewer people believe the tradition should remain. Although some boys and men strive to keep the skills of creating the pomlázka - maybe the whipping part can be left behind. :)



Czech Easter recipes

Try to cook or bake some traditional Czech recipes

- Easter sweet bread (mazanec)
- Easter sweet lamb (beránek)
- Czech Easter stuffing (nádivka).

For the recipes check this [link](#) or that [link](#).

BRNO EVENTS

Easter market

Experience the Czech Easter in Brno visiting the market on Liberty square

Over 40 stalls will offer a diverse range of goods, mostly with an Easter theme, as well as handicrafts, homemade products, delicacies, and refreshments. The market will be open every day from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and the program takes place rain or shine and is prepared for you every day until 7:00 pm. See the event on the [link](#)



Spring in Open Garden - April 23



Join for our traditional spring celebration at Open Garden!

This year's theme is customs of our ancestors. Enjoy spinning, workshops, folk traditions, and more. Tickets cost 120 CZK.

Tickets can only be purchased on-site. Check out the event [link](#).

JOB OFFER

Press release editor- part-time

Part-time role (20-25 hrs/wk) processing press releases, managing tasks, resolving customer issues, and attending 1-2 online meetings/wk. Work remotely with a starting salary of 200 CZK/hr, opportunities for career growth, and paid leave. Requirements: Own computer, strong English command, and interest/experience in online media. Preferably educational background in journalism, humanities, social sciences or related fields.

Students can find more info [here](#).