

MUNI FACULTY OF SOCIAL STUDIES

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Newsletter for
International
Students



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Dear students,

The academic year 2022/2023 is over. You harvested the fruits of your hard work. Now, I, together with my dear colleagues from our foreign office, would like to thank you for studying with us and to wish you a wonderful summer full of fun and sun. Enjoy, relax, and gain new experiences, for example through participation in various summer schools, internships, etc. We look forward to seeing you back at the faculty in September.

As my term as vice-dean is drawing to an end, let me wish my successor Dr. Blanka Plasová a lot of energy, interesting ideas, and a responsive and cooperative student community.

All the best,
Petr Suchý

Vice-dean for internationalization

FACULTY INFORMATION

Faculty building closure

The FSS building will be closed throughout the summer, from June 30th to September 17th, due to the water and sewage reconstruction of the FSS building in Joštova Street.

The first week of online teaching was approved. That week, starting September 18, the lectures/seminars will take place in the same format as if the classes were taught by faculty. Standard teaching will begin on September 25.

FSS Library

It will not be possible to return the books at the circulation desk or Helmut drop box during this time. You can send them by mail to Joštova 10, 602 00 Brno. Please extend your loan period in your reader account or contact the library via e-mail at knihovna@fss.muni.cz to extend the loan period.

A list of online databases is available [here](#).

Would you happen to know E-resources? You can use it to view/read scanned book pages from the Masaryk University libraries. How and where to open E-resources? You're having a lucky day if you see the red text "E-prezenčka" in the library catalog next to a book. After logging into your reader account, you can e-borrow the book for 4 hours (don't forget to e-return it after reading). We scan books according to your requests. So, if the library is closed during the summer, you plan to work on your thesis, but in June, you don't know yet which books you will need, no stress. Just fill out the form at the muni.cz/go/e-resources anytime, and the library will gladly scan the book for you in E-resources.

EVALUATION OF THE FACULTY

Please help us improve for next year!

Please take the time to complete the [evaluation of the events](#) organized by the faculty last year and your experience and communication with the faculty. We look forward to your feedback so we can continue to improve!

GRADUATION

September 2023

Graduation will take place on 20 and 21 September for students who successfully pass their final state exams and thesis defenses. Students will be provided with information about graduation during the summer. The faculty arranges virtual attendance for students unable to travel back to Brno so they can participate in the graduation ceremony.

NEW BACHELOR'S PROGRAMME APPLICATION PROCESS

There is a new application process for our bachelor's programmes. If you happen to know anyone interested in applying at FSS, please make sure you share only a little of your own experience, since the process is different. You can find the new requirements on our [website](#).

FALL SEMESTER DATES

Teaching in the autumn semester will take place from 18 September to 11 December 2023. The examination period is from 2 January to 9 February 2024. Online classes will be held during the first week.

You can find all dates for the next academic year [on the webpage](#).

FSS MATES

Czech speakers for MOI appointments and more!

If you would like support at the Ministry of Interior, a doctor's appointment, or other such instances when Czech support may be helpful, you can sign up for an FSS mate to travel with you.

Please note the FSS Mate is not responsible for making an appointment for students, nor for helping students fill out applications (i.e. it is the students responsibility that they have all the required documentations required of the appointment).

Students can request the services now, more information can be found [here](#).

REMINDER: ENROLL AND REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER

During the Summer Holidays, don't forget to enroll for the upcoming semester and register for courses using the IS. Check the dates for the next academic year on the webpage.

Quick Reminder - Registration and Enrollment are separate actions

- Registration: The registration period determines the interest of students in courses. Students can obtain better time stamps for capacity-limited courses.
- Enrollment: During this period there is an automatic enrollment / confirmation of subjects for which enrollment conditions have been met (capacity, prerequisites, etc.). Only at the moment of enrollment do you acquire the right and obligation to study the course.

SUMMER 2023

A QUICK LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR

Faculty BBQs, hikes to castles, graduation, academic discussions, and the day of the faculty.
Thanks for spending your time with us!



BRNO SWIMMING POOLS

Where to go swimming?

Brno Reservoir (Brněnská přehrada) is located on the outskirts of the city and is a popular destination for swimming. It offers several designated swimming areas, sandy beaches, and clear water. There are also water sports facilities and boat rentals available.



Riviera Swimming Pool (Riviera bazén) is an outdoor pool complex situated along the River Svatka. It features multiple pools, including an Olympic-sized pool, water slides, and various water attractions. It's a great place to cool off and have fun with friends and family.

Kraví Hora Swimming Pool (Koupaliště Kraví Hora) is a large outdoor pool complex situated on Kraví Hora hill. It offers multiple pools, including a diving pool and a children's pool. The facility also has spacious green areas for sunbathing and picnicking.



Dobrovského Pool (Dobrovského koupaliště) is an outdoor swimming complex and it offers a large swimming pool with both shallow and deep areas, making it suitable for swimmers of all levels. The pool is surrounded by a spacious grassy area. There are also facilities for beach volleyball and other recreational activities.

BRNO SUMMER EVENTS



Music marathon August 10-13

From August 10th to 13th, the center of Brno will become a vibrant music scene. Omar Sosa, a renowned pianist, will captivate visitors along with Balkan bands Dubioza Kolektiv and Koza Mostra, and Estonian duo Puuluup. Jazz performances by Júlia Karosi and Gerard Clark, as well as alternative music from Vladimír Javorský and Krajínu Ró, will also be featured. Additionally, unique designer rooms by Kateřina Šedá will serve as small concert spaces for street artists. Don't miss the rock, musical, folk, and other exceptional performances. Check the [festival's website](#) for more details.

International guitar festival

July 30 - August 4

The 32nd Guitar Festival will take place in the Brno city centre. As part of the guitar playing courses, in addition to classical music, there is also the possibility of learning flamenco, jazz, and flamenco dance! For more information check [this link](#).



Festival UPROSTŘED - June 27-August 23

Whether it's scorching hot or pouring rain, Brno comes alive in the summer. Thanks to the multi-genre festival IN THE MIDDLE, starting on June 27th, the city will be filled with music. From Balkan rhythms to jazz, folk, classical, rock, and alternative, the festival offers a diverse program until August 23rd. You can enjoy the events at various locations including Denis Gardens, the courtyard of the Old Town Hall, and more. For the detailed program, visit [festivaluprostred.cz](#).

TIPS FOR SUMMER TRIPS

Moravian Karst

Explore the Moravian Karst, a picturesque karst landscape with an extensive cave system. Visit the famous Macocha Abyss and Punkva Caves, and take a boat ride, check [this link](#) in order to buy the tickets online.

- The Sloup-Šošůvka Caves are an impressive cave system known for its unique formations and underground waterfalls.
- The Kateřinská Cave is the longest cave in the Moravian Karst and offers a fascinating underground journey.
- The Sloupsko-Šošůvské Caves are a complex of interconnected caves. Visitors can admire the delicate dripstone formations, underground lakes, and the famous spectacular natural limestone barrier.



Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape

Discover the UNESCO-listed Lednice-Valtice area, known for its stunning chateaux, picturesque landscapes, and beautiful gardens. Take a boat ride on the serene artificial lake and explore the romantic architecture of the area. The town Valtice is home to the magnificent Valtice Chateau which showcases exquisite Baroque architecture and houses impressive art collections and a wine museum.

Pálava hills

Experience the natural beauty of the Pálava Hills, a protected landscape area. Hike through the rolling vineyard-covered hills, visit the medieval castle ruins of Děvičky, and enjoy panoramic views from the top of the Svatý Kopeček Hill.



TIPS FOR SUMMER TRIPS

Telč

Discover the charming town of Telč, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the well-preserved Renaissance architecture, particularly the colorful houses surrounding the main square, and visit the beautiful Telč Castle. You can also check the MUNI premises and even [accommodation here](#).



Olomouc

Visit the historical city of Olomouc, famous for its impressive Holy Trinity Column, charming squares, and vibrant baroque architecture. Take advantage of the astronomical clock and the stunning St. Wenceslas Cathedral. Olomouc is only 1 hour from Brno; taking a bus or train is easy. The center is not very big, and you can see the main points of interest in a day. Take advantage of the park near the university center!

Znojmo

Visit the historical town of Znojmo, known for its medieval architecture and wine production. Explore the underground tunnels of the Znojmo Catacombs, enjoy wine tasting, and admire the panoramic views from Znojmo Castle. You can also visit the Znojmo Underground to see medieval tunnels and cellars. Take the chance to try the famous Znojmo wines and pickles. Znojmo hosts lively festivals, like the [Znojenské Vinobraní wine festival](#), starting on 8th September 2023.



VISA TIPS FOR SUMMER

Visa tips for the summer:

Please make sure you'll apply for a resident permit/extension of the resident permit before your current visa/resident permit expire.

If you leave for the summer, please inform the MOI office about the situation. They must know that you won't be able to get the post here in Brno.

Don't forget to get your bridge visa if you'll travel out of the Czech Republic and won't be back before your current visa/resident permit expires.

Make sure the MOI office always has your current address; all changes must be announced.