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Welcome Day, 27th September 2019

WELCOME DAYS FOR THE NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS - WINTER SEMESTER 2019/2020

The 2019/2020 academic year at Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow launched the new edition of the Erasmus+ programme.

In the winter semester, we had the pleasure of welcoming **36 new Erasmus students** from **Italy** (University of Cagliari, University of Milano-Bicocca, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Roma Tre University), **Spain** (University of Deusto, University of Oviedo, Complutense University of Madrid, Universitat Ramon Llull Blanquerna, University of Cordoba, University of Jaen), **Hungary** (Kaposvar University, Gal Ferenc College, Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Budapest University of Technology and Economics), **Slovakia** (Catholic University in Ruzomberok), **Lebanon** (Saint Joseph's University), and **Germany** (Munich School of Philosophy).

Along with Erasmus students, we welcomed **3 exchange students** from **Ukraine** (Ternopil National Economic University), who came to the Ignatianum within the Bilateral Agreements.

During the **Welcome Days**, new students had the opportunity to complete the necessary formalities as well as take part in a presentation about the university, meet their mentors, explore the city, and integrate.



Welcome Day- City Game,
28th September 2019

WINTER SEMESTER EVENTS FOR THE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Their mobility was enriched by many events organized at the university campus. In November, students' mentors prepared a **presentation about Poland** to familiarize Erasmus students with Polish culture and traditions. It turned out to be informative and joyful. Therefore, later that month, the IRO organized a **language tandem**. Students could overcome language barriers and discover their talents. November was also the month reserved for travelling! Students together with their mentors went to **Wrocław**.

In line with our annual tradition, we celebrated the **International day** in December. Indeed, it was one of the most special days since Erasmus students prepared delicious dishes, cakes and snacks just to share them with our academic community! Our regular students had a wonderful opportunity to talk to their foreign friends and ask about their culture, language, and Erasmus experiences. Unfortunately, the semester came to an end too soon and, in February, most Erasmus students left Poland.



Trip to Wrocław, 23-24th November 2019



International Day, 4th December 2019

OUTGOING STUDENTS 2019/2020

During the winter semester, **11 of our students** of English Philology, Psychology, Philosophy, Journalism, and Tourism took advantage of the Erasmus exchange. They chose excellent universities located in stunning and inspiring cities. Among them were: Spanish universities (University of Cordoba, Abat Oliba CEU University of Barcelona), Irish university (Pontifical University of St Patrick's College at Maynooth), Hungarian university (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary) and Portuguese university (Catholic University of Portugal).

My winter semester in Barcelona was the most intensive and crazy time in my life. [...] I was travelling a lot, I was making great projects at my University and I met amazing people. My language skills have improved so much.

MARTYNA, JOURNALISM STUDENT

It is pleasing to report that 5 students who went to Cordoba in September appreciated the Erasmus exchange so much that they decided to extend their mobility and stay in Spain for another semester. Moreover, **8 new students** of English Philology, Psychology, Philosophy and Cultural Studies went for their Erasmus during the spring semester to Spain (University of Cordoba, Complutense University of Madrid, University of Deusto), Croatia (University of Zagreb, University of Rijeka), Czech Republic (Palacky University Olomouc), and Italy (LUMSA University).

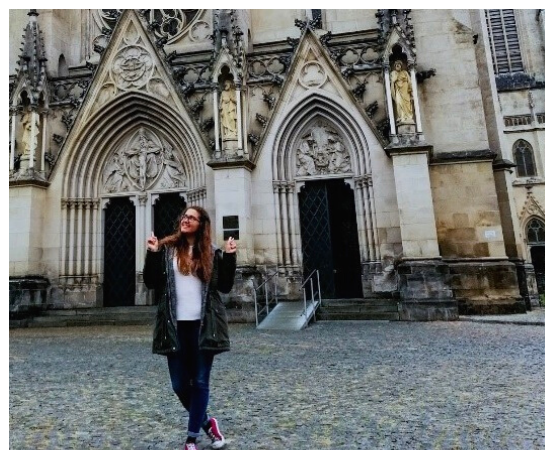


Martyna, journalism student of AIK, Erasmus - winter sem. 2019/2020, Barcelona, Spain



Anna, psychology student of AIK, Erasmus - winter sem. 2019/2020, Budapest, Hungary

What is more, in October, **2 of our students** of Pedagogy went to Palacky University Olomouc in Czech Republic in the frame of **CEEPUS** programme for the short term mobility.



Aleksandra, pedagogy student of AIK, CEEPUS mobility at Palacky University Olomouc, October 2019, Czech Republic

SUMMER SEMESTER EVENTS

At the end of February, we were able to welcome **13 new Erasmus students** and start a new academic semester. This time, they came from **France** (Lyon Catholic University/ESTRI), **Romania** (Titu Maiorescu University, Babeş-Bolyai University), **Hungary** (Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary), **Uruguay** (Catholic University of Uruguay) and **Spain** (Escola Universitaria Formatic Barcelona, University of Deusto, Complutense University of Madrid, Universitat Ramon Llull Blanquerna).

Furthermore, **8 Spanish students** who came to Poland in September **decided to extend their mobility** and stay with us for a further four months! Traditionally, new students had the opportunity to take part in the Welcome Days and have a guided tour around the city.



Welcome Day, 21th February 2020



Welcome Day, 21th February 2020 (photo, Aleksandra Krzywonos)

PARTICIPATION OF AIK STUDENTS IN THE ERASMUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

This year, the recruitment process within the mobility for studies in 2020/2021 started on 20th January and ended on 23rd March 2020. Bachelor, master, and postgraduate students, both full-time and part-time, may participate in the Erasmus programme for studies. The only condition is that they must complete the first year of studies.

The recruitment process within the mobility for internships has continued since January 2020. This means that it is possible to recruit at any time during the academic year. All AIK students are welcome to enrol themselves into the Erasmus exchange for an internship, regardless of the degree currently studying.

Future graduate students are also accepted to take part in the mobility for an internship provided they still have active student status while enrolling in the programme.

A NEW ROUND OF THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES – ACTION KA107

This year Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow has applied for participation in the Erasmus + KA 107 programme. This is mobility between partner countries. The results should be announced in August 2020. Mobility will be possible from August 2020 to July 2022. Hopefully, next academic year, we will be able to cooperate with these excellent universities:

1. Catholic University of Uruguay, Uruguay
2. Saint Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon
3. Zhytomyr Ivan Franko State University, Ukraine
4. Vasyl' Stus Donetsk National University, Ukraine
5. Loyola University in Chicago, USA
6. Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, Russian Federation
7. Sulkhani-Kavashvili Teaching University, Georgia

VISITING PROFESSORS IN THE FRAME OF THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

We are always glad to host professors from our partner universities. Such visits give the excellent opportunities for our students to broaden their perspectives on the specific topics by participating in the lectures provided by the host specialists. Furthermore, academic staff members of AIK have the chance to exchange good practices and plan further academic collaboration.

Since the beginning of academic year 2019/2020 we have had the pleasure of hosting the following foreign professors within the Erasmus+ programme.

- **OCTOBER**

14-18, 2019: **prof. Jad Hatem**, Lebanese poet and philosopher; philosophy, literature and religious sciences professor at **the Saint-Joseph University in Beirut**, Lebanon. Host department: The Institute of Philosophy.

21-25, 2019: **prof. Nasri Messarra**, assistant professor in social media strategies at **the Saint-Joseph University in Beirut**, Lebanon; a communication expert on several projects for the UNDP and the EU Development Programme; works as a digital marketing and influence strategies consultant for brands, NGOs and political organizations. Host department: The Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences.

- **NOVEMBER**

7-8, 2019: **prof. David Brouzet**, art historian and professor at Institut d'études supérieures des arts (**IESA arts&culture**), Paris, France. Host department: The Institute of Cultural Studies.

- **DECEMBER**

11-13, 2019: **prof. Silvia Kascakova**, teacher of the Literature for children and youth at Pedagogical Faculty of **Catholic university in Ruzomberok**, Slovakia; translates Polish literature for children and youth into Slovak language. Host department: The Institute of Cultural Studies.

- **JANUARY**

13-17, 2020: **prof. Zsolt Becsey**, lecturer at the Department of Social Sciences and International Studies in **Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary**; Deputy State Secretary for Transport Ministry of National Development. Host department: The Institute of Political and Administrative Sciences.

- **MARCH**

2-6, 2020: **prof. Elizabeth Hopwood**, the director of the Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities at **Loyola University Chicago**, USA, the Graduate Programme Director of the Masters in Digital Humanities Programme and lecturer in English. Host department: The Institute of Cultural Studies.

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