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FAST project publishes its first output

The EU funded project within the Erasmus+ programme: **Fostering Accessible Study Technologies (FAST)**, coordinated by the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje has published a methodological framework for creation of an accessible Learning Management System (LMS). The output is a result of an extensive transnational cooperation between the FAST project teams from Skopje, Vilnius, Copenhagen and Aveiro. They conducted semi-structured interviews with students with disabilities, inquiries with high-school students with disabilities, focus groups with IT experts and an extensive desk-top research which gave insights into the problems and barriers that students with disabilities face in everyday access to different learning content (particularly online content).

The methodological framework aims to be beneficial for everyone that is interested in working in the field of accessibility for students with disabilities in higher education. The publication can be accessed through the FAST website: <https://projectfasteu.blog>

FOSTERING ACCESSIBLE
STUDY TECHNOLOGIES:
Accessible Learning Management System
in Humanities and Social Sciences

FAST | the
methodological
framework



RETOPEA project activities

The team from the Faculty of Philosophy who are partners in the Horizon 2020 project RETOPEA - Religious Tolerance and Peace (coordinated by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) undertook number of activities during the summer of 2019.

Naum Trajanovski delivered a lecture within the Public History Summer School, organized by the Historical Institute of the University of Wroclaw, which took place from 1st till 5th July 2019. The paper was focused on the formal and informal memory practices in the Macedonian capital of Skopje. Marija Manasievska, also a Retopea team member, during June and July 2019, visited several museums around the Balkans, such as: The Ethnographic museum of Slovenia, the Tortureum - museum of torture in Zagreb, the Military museum in Belgrade, the Museum of Gold and Silver (religious exhibition) in Zadar, History museum in Sofia, Museum of the Albanian Alphabet in Bitola. Her research focuses how museums narrate religion, conflicts, peace, minorities and tradition. The clippings that are the final product of the research are made for the main target group - teenagers.

On the 15th of September 2019 there will be a final evaluation of all the project clippings prepared for the working packages 2 and 3.



The research team from the Faculty of Philosophy that is working on the European Values Study – wave 2017, has completed the field and analytical work and has sent the survey data to the Methodological Group at the University of Tilburg for further harmonisation according to the main principles of the EVS (July, 2019).

European Values Study is an international project which includes over 50 countries. Macedonian citizens were included in the project, first in the wave in 2008 and again in 2018/2019 (both realised by a team from the Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje). The questionnaire contains 111 questions by which the respondents are able to express their attitudes towards a series of social phenomena and processes: trust towards other people, and towards various domestic and international institutions; family values; religious values; ideological-political orientations; attitude towards different types of governance and management; degree of satisfaction with the Macedonian state governance; work ethics; etc. The questionnaire also includes the socio -demographic characteristics of the respondents, including gender, age, ethnicity, place of residence and income. The research was realised through several activities: translation of the questionnaire in the Macedonian and the Albanian language; design of the sample of 1116 respondents (State Statistical Office); training of interviewers; and the filed survey.

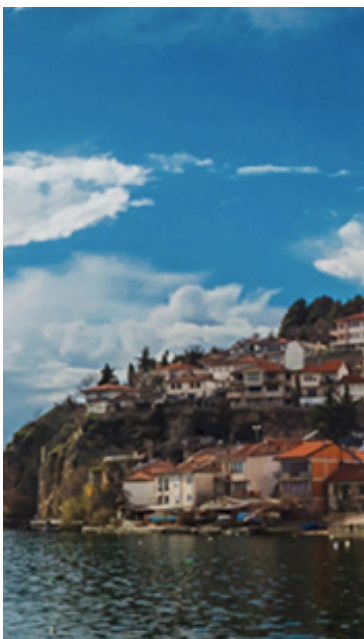
Three presentations of some of the results of the data analyses (trust, politics, religion) are prepared by the members of the team for two scientific conferences taking place in Ohrid (at the end of September 2019) and in Struga (in the middle of October 2019). Basic data analyses are planned to be promoted at the middle of October 2019. A publication of the full results obtained by the survey is expected to be published by late December 2019.

International events organized by the Faculty of Philosophy

04-06.09.2019, Ohrid: International academic conference "Urban Security - Enhancing Security in an Urbanized World". More info: <http://bom.fzf.ukim.edu.mk>

24-26.09.2019, Ohrid: International conference "On the Cross-path of Cultural Ideas: Macedonia, the Balkans, Southeast Europe – heritage, management, resources".

26-28.09.2019, Ohrid: International scientific conference "Psychology for All" - <http://psyconf.fzf.ukim.edu.mk>



Guest lecture announcement



Nancy Eisenberg,
Regents Professor
Department of Psychology,
Arizona State University, USA

Professor Eisenberg will be one of the speakers at the International Conference: "Psychology for all", organized by the Faculty of Philosophy, in Ohrid, from 26-28.09.2019.

From the 23rd of September to 04th of October 2019, prof. Nancy Eisenberg from the Arizona State University will be visiting the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje through the Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP). Prof. Eisenberg's research and expertise areas are: developmental psychology, emotion-related regulation and relations with adjustment and socio-emotional competence; moral and emotional development: altruism, empathy, and prosocial behavior: socialization and cultural factors in emotion regulation/dysregulation, adjustment, social competence; and developmental psychopathology.

Prof. Eisenberg is also known for her editorial role in high ranked academic journals. She was editor of the: Child Development Perspectives (2006-2012) and Psychological Bulletin (1997-2002). She also acts as an associate editor of Developmental Psychology (1/2016 -), and American Psychologist (1/2018 -). Related to her editorial responsibilities, she will hold a guest lecture/discussion for the Faculty staff in regard to increasing the academic visibility of their research in highly ranked research journals. The goal of the lecture would be to improve individual and collective strategies for publishing in premier journals and preparedness for the scrutiny of peer review.

The guest lecture entitled "Publishing in English Academic Journals" will be held on the 24th of September 2019, starting at 11.00 am at the Meeting

Professor Eisenberg will also give lectures to the students at the Department of Psychology, within the course: Developmental Psychology.

New Erasmus+ project in Digital and Accessible Cultural Heritage



The 2019 project application submitted by the Faculty of Philosophy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje entitled "Accessible and Digitalized Cultural Heritage" has been selected for funding by the National Agency for European Educational Programmes and Mobility in North Macedonia. The project is part of the Key Action KA203 – Strategic partnership in higher education and involves four partners: Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, North Macedonia (coordinator); University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia (partner); University of Rome "Tor Vergata" - Italy (partner) and NGO Artifactory - Athens, Greece (partner).

The project will aim to create and share innovative practices in the digitisation of the cultural heritage and to promote its accessibility among the persons with disabilities. The general goal of this project is to bring archaeological cultural heritage closer to the public, through digitalization of data and on-line courses. Through the project activities, the awareness of the value and importance of archaeological heritage among the general public will be raised and the field of archaeology and conservation science will be popularised. Some of the project outputs will include: adaptation of the digitalized archaeological and cultural heritage content for students with disabilities, i.e. those with vision and hearing impairments, as well as creation of on-line courses for archaeological cultural heritage for the wider public, including persons with disabilities.

This three year research project will be led by prof. Viktor Lilcik Adams from the Institute of History of Art and Archaeology at the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje.



The Faculty of Philosophy is happy to welcome the new Erasmus incoming students in the fall semester of 2019/20. A group of six students (PhD, MA and undergraduate) will be attending the study programmes in: history, pedagogy and classical studies. An orientation session for the incoming Erasmus students will be held on the 16th of September 2019. FZF students interested in peer support are invited to attend the orientation session.

We are also pleased to welcome a number of incoming Erasmus teaching scholars in the fall 2019/20. Exact dates of the guest lectures are announced on the faculty web site and its social media.