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2-5 September 2020, Struga

In response to the numerous requests received, the Organizing Committee of the Jubilee Conference "Science and Society: Contribution of Humanities and Social Sciences" has decided to extend the deadline for abstract submission. The new deadline is 15th of March 2020. Abstracts should be sent to: fzf100@fzf.ukim.edu.mk

The Jubilee conference marking one century of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje, will have an interdisciplinary focus and will provide a platform for scholars from humanities and social sciences to discuss their newest research. We invite submissions from scholars from the following disciplines: Philosophy, History, Sociology, Pedagogy, Classical Studies, Art History and Archeology, Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy, Special Education and Rehabilitation, Security Defense and Peace Studies, Gender Studies, and Family Studies.

More info

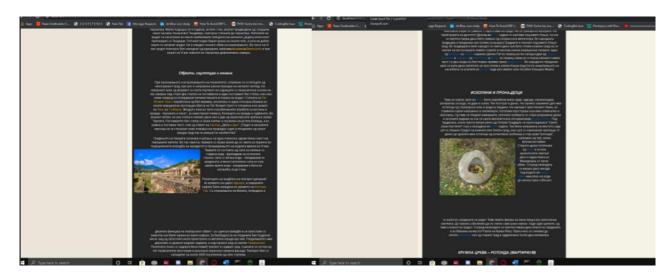




# Promotion and the first transnational meeting of the Erasmus+ project "Accessible and Digitalized Cultural Heritage"



During the International Week 2020, held at the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje, project partners from North Macedonia (Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje), Slovenia (University of Primorska); Greece (Artifactory); and Italy (University Tor Vergata, Rome) gathered to have their first transnational meeting, as well as to officially promote the project. This strategic initiative aims to create and share innovative practices in the digitalisation of cultural heritage and to promote its accessibility among the persons with disability. A special platform OER will be created and filled with archaeological cultural content from all around Europe. Special plug-ins will be developed for deaf (video tutorials), blind (text to speech) and dyslexic students (with a specific dyslexia type-font). The Greenstone Digital Library Software, an open source system for building and presenting information collections, will be used.



This two-year project aims to raise the awareness of the value and importance of the archeological heritage and to popularize archeologiy and conservation science. Through digitalisation of data and on-line courses the project will strive to bring archeological cultural heritage closer to the public and to the persons with disabilities.









#### Memorandum

of understanding for establishment of academic cooperation between Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia and George Mason University, United States of America

In order to realise a higher level of understanding between the United States and the Republic of North Macedonia, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and George Mason University have agreed to initiate academic cooperation between the two Parties. Taking into consideration previous and existing academic cooperation between the two Universities and particularly the relations with the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje, the memorandum of understanding aims to explore collaborative endeavours in the following areas:

- a) Mutual visitation of students, faculty and other members of the leadership, academic and administrative staffs
- b) Collaborative academic programs
- c) Research projects of mutual interests
- d Collaborative continuing education programs
- e Exchange of specialized literature
- f) Organization of shared academic events and collaborations and
- g) Participation in other academic, research and scholarly activities.

In the course of his stay in Skopje in February 2020, Prof. Mark Ginsberg, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, USA also held a lecture for the participants and students at the International Week of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje.





#### Erasmus guest lecturer





# Luka Bonetti, PhD Assistant Professor Department of Hearing Impairments





Doc. dr. sc. Luka Bonetti is the Head of the Unit for Hearing Impairments at the Rehabilitation Centre of the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia. He has continuously conducted clinical work with deaf and hearing impaired children, as well as counselling for their families. His most recent publication is 'Validation of self-reported hearing loss among adult Croatians: the performance of the Hearing Self-Assessment Questionnaire against audiometric evaluation'

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During his Erasmus guest visit to the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje from 9.-13.03.2020, he will hold a series of lectures, focusing on:

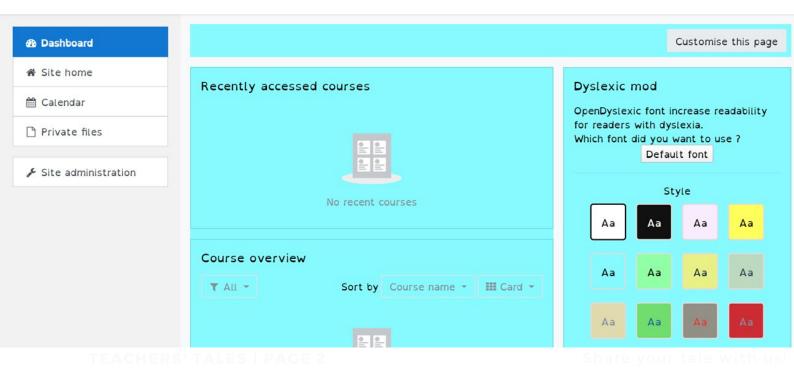
- Modern approach to the rehabilitation of adults and the elderly with acquired hearing loss
- Subjective methods of assessing the communication difficulties of adults and the elderly with acquired hearing impairment
- Holistic rehabilitation of persons with hearing impairment gained in adulthood - experiences from Croatia





FAST project teams working on LMS for dyslexic, visually impaired and hearing impaired students

The four country project teams of the Erasmus+ project "Fostering Accessible Study Technologies in Humanities and Social Sciences - FAST", coordinated by the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje are currently finishing up with the second Intellectual Output - Creation of an Accessible Learning Management System (LMS) in Humanities and Social Sciences. This output will result with the creation of three modes: 1. Mode for dyslexic readers; 2. Mode for visually impaired students; and 3. Mode for hearing impaired students. The first mode has been developed. The DyslexicFZF font has been embedded in the Moodle (LMS) platform. Dyslexic readers can read content with this type-font and change the colour of the background according to their preferences. The dyslexia mode has been supplemented with three inclusive pallets of colours with hex-values for colour blindness. The partner universities in Vilnius and Aveiro are updating their LMSs (Moodle platforms) as well. In March, the second and third mode will be completely created. Currently a text-to-speech engine for blind users is being developed in the Macedonian Language. After its creation, the text-to-speech engine will be embedded in the Moodle platform. Video tutorials in sign languages are being created in all project countries, so that deaf users can navigate the Moodle (LMS) platform appropriately.





This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research & Innovation programme under Grant Agreement no. 770309.



#### **RETOPEA** project activities

Macedonian team members of the RETOPEA (Religious Tolerance and Peace) research project are preparing for the midterm meeting in Granada, Spain that will be held from 31 March to 02 April 2020. The midterm meeting will be an opportunity for all project partners, including KU Leuven as lead institution, Open University (Milton Keynes), the Leibniz Institute for European History (Mainz), the universities of Helsinki, Tartu, Warsaw, SS. Cyril & Methodius (Skopje), and Granada to present clippings and research outcomes from all working packages. Previously, Naum Trajanovski, a Macedonian team member of RETOPEA will present part of his research findings during the European Social Science History conference that will be held from 18th till 21st of March 2020 in Leiden, the Netherlands. The aim of the ESSHC is to bring together scholars who explain historical phenomena using the methods of the social sciences. Naum Trajanovski together with other RETOPEA contributors from Belgium, Germany and Spain will participate in the panel entitled "Memory, Heritage and the Political in the Context of Religious Pluralism and Tolerance" with the paper "The official memory and the informal commemorations the Ohrid Framework Agreement".

More news related to the RETOPEA project activities of can be found at: <a href="http://retopea.eu">http://retopea.eu</a>

#### Events during March 2020 at the Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje

- Promotion of the latest issue of the scientific journal "Ziva Antika", Institute of Classical Studies
- Promotion of the 15th issue of the international journal "Social Policy", Institute of Social Work and Social Policy
- Promotion of the latest issue of the international journal "Special Education and Rehabilitation". Institute of Special Education and Rehabilitation
- Promotion of the "Strategy 2030" of the Faculty of Philosophy, Skopje