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Faculty of Philosophy is a subscriber to the JSTOR Essential Collection, including number of humanities and social sciences collections. Due to the Covid-19 the Faculty has benefited from the expanded access to all JSTOR collections, including ARTSTOR, which ITHAKA provided to all educational institutions worldwide. Recently, ITHAKA decided to extend the expanded access to JSTOR and ARSTOR through June 2021. This involves unlimited access to unlicensed JSTOR Archive and Primary Source collections and the ARTSTOR Digital Library. Journals and primary source collections include 15 collections from Arts & Sciences, four collections from Business, as well as collections Security Studies, Sustainability, Lives from of Literature, Life Sciences and many other. ARTSTOR provides approximately 300 collections composed of over 2.5 million images and wide-ranging material such as Native American art from the Smithsonian. treasures from the Louvre, and panoramic, 360-degree views of the Hagia Sophia in a single, easy-to-use resource. Students and Faculty members can access JSTOR and ARTSTOR collections off-campus through the institutional login credentials.







Symposium "Contemplating Pandemics"

On the 19th of November 2020, on the occasion of the celebration of the World Philosophy Day, the Faculty of Philosophy together with the Philosophical Society of Macedonia, have organized a one day online symposium entitled "Contemplating Pandemics". The event, which was organized in three sessions, was attended by renowned philosophers, professors and researchers. Professors from the Institute of Philosophy have contributed to this event with presentations and discussions related to the philosophical aspects of the pandemics. Prof. Ana Dimiskovska moderated the first session of the event. Prof. Ivan Djeparovski, the Head of the Institute of Philosophy, presented a paper on the 'Aesthethics approach to infection, distance and isolation'. The presentation and discussion of Prof. Jasmina Popovska was related to the topic of the 'Stoic in the times of pandemic'.

This event marked the 17th occasion of annual celebration and observation of the World Philosophy Day in the country.







Second Regional Week "Social Work and Social Policy in Times of Crises" 23-27.11.2020

The CEEPUS "Central European Social Policy Network" that is coordinated by the Faculty of Philosophy at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, held its second Regional Week, from 23-27 of November 2020. The theme of the 2nd Regional Week was: "Social Work and Social Policy in Times of Multiple Crises" and the online host was the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Belgrade.

The second regional week presented an opportunity for the eight participating universities to discuss the multiple crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. This among others included the impact of the crisis on the: homeless, children and young people with disabilities, as well as the discussion on the provision and support provided through the Centers of Social Work, and through the governmental anti-crisis measures. During the fourth day of the Regional Week, three PhD students (from the Charles University in Prague, from the University of Belgrade and from the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje) presented their ongoing research related to: intercultural social work, migrants and perceptions of social work.

The agenda of the event as well as all presentations are uploaded on the CESPASWON website and can be accessed at www.cespaswon.net

During the last day of the Regional Week all members of the participating universities held a meeting, during which the future network activities were discussed. This among other included the agreement on a joint publication, prolongation of the CEEPUS network, as well as ideas regarding the topic and the host of the Third Regional Week to be held in 2021.









Professor Lidija Georgieva, academic coordinator of the University Ss. Cyril Methodius branch of the Retopea (Horizon 2020) project, contributed to the International E-Conference "The Role of Intercultural Dialogue in Managing Diversity in Europe", held on November 18th and 19th 2020 and organised by the The Jean Monnet Project «Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity» of the Department of International and European Studies at the University of Macedonia in Greece. Prof. Georgieva contributed with a paper and presentation on the topic of "Inter cultural and inter religious dialogues".



From 23 to 27.11.2020, a second training within the FAST (Erasmus + KA203) project was held. The Staff e-training programme: development of e-courses was provided by professors from the Vilnius University - Lithuania. The training was aimed at providing information about e-learning tools and techniques needed to create high-quality, engaging e-learning content for virtual synchronous training, flipped classrooms and blended learning. During the training practical tips were rpovided for easier navigation of the moodle platform and ways to make this platform more accessible to students with disabilities.



The first Multiplier Event within the AD HOC project was organized in Skopje on the 23rd of November, 2020. It was an online event (considering the Covid-19 restrictions). Project leader, prof. Viktori Lilcikj Adams together with professors Dragi Mitrevski, Marjan Jovanov and Antonio Jakimovski gave presentations related the project activities. Professor Nikola Minov had a presentation of the Book, produced within this project with a title – Accessibility of Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Sites. The event was visited by more than 50 participants.



Erasmus Agreement between the Faculty of Philosophy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and Mykolas Romeris University (MRU), Vilnius, Lithuania

On the 17th of November 2020 an Erasmus agreement was signed between the Faculty of Philosophy, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and Mykolas Romeris University (MRU) in Vilnius, Lithuania. The Erasmus agreement was signed for mobilities related to the disciplines of psychology, social work, communication/civics and security studies. Students studying these disciplines within the two universities can benefit from the Erasmus mobility during the period 2020-2022.

Mykolas Romeris University (MRU) is an international university located in Vilnius and Kaunas, Lithuania. The university offers doctoral, Master's and Bachelor's Degree study programmes. Over 80% of them have international accreditation. The most popular study programmes are law, management, public administration, psychology, social work, public security. MRU research and innovation is carried out in the framework of the interdisciplinary priority research area Social Innovations for Global Growth and 5 research programmes: Justice, Security and Human Rights; Social Technologies; Sustainable Growth in the Context of Globalization; Improving the Quality of Life and Advancing Employment Opportunities; Continuity and Change of Values in Global Society.



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