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IUS Rector and President of SEDEF Foundation awarded with plaques of recognition

On Monday, 29th June 2015, European Movement in Bosnia and Herzegovina organized a “European Day in B&H” in Brčko with the support of the Brčko Government District. During the event, representatives of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) received a prestigious award in the field of education, for the category “Regional recognition of the Western Balkans”. Many companies and individuals received awards for their contribution on bringing Bosnia and Herzegovina closer to the European integration path.

The event was attended by many political representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina, the region and the European countries as well as successful businessmen and entrepreneurs. The President of the European Movement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Predrag Praštalo, presented the award “Entrepreneur of the Year in the field of higher education for 2014/2015” to IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, and to the President of the Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo (SEDEF), Hasan Topaloğlu. On this occasion, Rector Oğurlu pointed out that this award is recognition for the hard work of this institution that within its campus in Ilidža successfully educates students from 52 countries. On a behalf of the president of the Foundation, the award was given to Deputy Director of the Foundation, Armin Kerić. This is the second time that European Movement in Bosnia and Herzegovina awarded the International University of Sarajevo with a prestigious prize. In 2014, IUS received award “European University and employer of the year”. The Ceremony was also attended by: High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Valentin Inzko, Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Mirko Šarović, Deputies Chairman of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Borjana Krišto and Mladen Bosić, along with other representatives of the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, from both entities as well as members of the diplomatic corps in B&H.
IUS gave farewell to 7th GENERATION of graduates

International University of Sarajevo (IUS) gave farewell to the 7th generation of I, II and III cycle of graduates on Saturday, 13th June 2015. On this occasion, 244 graduates of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) were promoted. Among the distinguished guests, prominent members of the diplomatic corps, people from cultural, economic, social and political life of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Turkey as well as parents, friends and their family members attended this important event. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, specially greeted all IUS graduates. “You are closing one chapter of your life now and opening another phase.” He wished them promising and fulfilling future, professional and academic success. At the end, he asked them to thank their families for their dedication and support and to keep good memory of IUS. The President of Foundation, Hasan Topaloğlu also addressed the audience and welcomed all the graduates. “To graduates who got their degrees today as a result of many years of studies and effort spent, I wish those degrees to be of use to them. I wish the knowledge they acquired to be beneficial to their families, society, and the whole world”. Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Cihad Erginay, also greeted the graduates. “This is a special day and you will be remembering it for sure with a smile on your face all your life, not because you are young, but because this is a turning point for you that will change your life forever”. At the end of the Ceremony, the best students of all three faculties were announced. Following the official part of the Ceremony, all guests attended the reception and cocktail.

“You are closing one chapter of your life now and opening another phase.” said Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu
IUS in facts:

**Šejma Šikalo** FBA
Best Student of the University and Class 2015.

**Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA)**
1. Place: Šejma Šikalo
2. Place: Hamza Preljević
3. Place: Amila Madžak

**Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS)**
1. Place: Tarik Hrnjić
2. Place: Nisa Özer
3. Place: Naida Fetić

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)**
1. Place: Nejra Jelovac
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**2000** students from **49 countries** study at IUS

Infographics by Emir Isovic
Government of Sarajevo Canton adopted a feasibility study on establishment of the IUS Faculty of Law and the Educational Faculty

On its ninth meeting session held on Wednesday, June 11th 2015, the Government of Sarajevo Canton accepted the Report of the expert committee, appointed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Sarajevo Canton, related to establishment of the Faculty of Law and the Educational Faculty at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). This Decision provides the approval of the feasibility study on establishment of the Faculty of Law and the Educational Faculty which is a positive and important step towards the establishment of the Faculty of Law and the Educational Faculty as additional educational units of IUS. IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğürlu welcomed the decision of the Government and pointed out that the establishment of the fourth and fifth faculty within IUS is a continuation of the quality work of this institution. This is a new beginning for all young people and future students that, in addition to the existing faculties and programs at IUS, will be able to choose to study at the new Faculty soon. “This is not only the success of the IUS, but of all of us. I look forward to see that we will be able to employ new staff and educate new generations of young people, future lawyers, judges, politicians, teachers and professors”; said Rector Öğürlu.

“In 2004, we started off with three faculties and today we are one step closer to having 2 more faculty units. By the end of 2015, we will have a total of five faculties. This is a historical moment for our University and I am truly pleased to say that through joint efforts spent in the past 11 years, we have achieved getting a consent of the government of the feasibility study for establishing new educational units at IUS” - said Vice Rector Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali.
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**Global Injustice and Local Initiatives**

Well known Turkish journalist and columnist, Murvet Sebnem Oruç, gave a lecture on the topic of "Global injustice and local initiatives" on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Bosnak, Coordinator of the English Language and Literature Program (ELIT) at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) organized the lecture that was held in the main amphitheatre at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). This event brought together many academics, professor and students.

Murvet Sebnem Oruç is a well known journalist from Turkey. She acquired experience by working in the media, such as “Yeni Şafak Daily” and TRT World. During her lectures, the distinguished speaker talked about her experience while working in the above mentioned media, reporting, the injustice in the world concerning different events, as well as the struggle of Turkey with this problem. At the end of her lecture, an interesting discussion on whether BH government has the same problem, and in which way the local authorities and journalists deal with it, was initiated.

This year again, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) has been a partner of the Sarajevo Business Forum (SBF). As one of the largest global investment conferences in Sarajevo, the SBF has gathered an increasing number of statesmen from the Western Balkans, the Gulf States, and business people worldwide. A total of 900 participants attended this year’s SBF, and more than 300 of them were domestic and foreign journalists. The motto of this year’s forum was “one region, one economy”, during which the vision of the region as a European educational center, as well as information technology and tourist center, was promoted. On Thursday, May 14, 2015, during the second day of the Sarajevo Business Forum (SBF), a panel session was held, entitled “The education sector in the region”. This forum brought together professors, experts in fields and rectors of different educational institutions. They all emphasized that education is key to progress of any state - including Bosnia and Herzegovina. In this regard, the reform of this sector has been spotlighted.

In the above mentioned panel, IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu participated as well. During the panel session, Rector Oğurlu enunciated that this region has made great progress in the field of education, but that there still are some challenges. Rector Oğurlu stated: "The presence of IUS is of great significance for Turkish investors. It creates a pool of young English, Bosnian and Turkish speaking graduates in a variety of fields, which serves as a key element of attraction for potential Turkish investors to B&H and the rest of the region. I would like to remind that the role of education and training is paramount to increasing competitiveness and, therefore, crucial for the continuation of sustainable development of the Balkan countries. I would like to share a few recommendations with all of you at the very end. Recruiting international students is supportive to economic development of any country.

There are good initiatives to increase foreign student population in B&H. In this regard, it is essential to get adequate legislation and capable institutions to facilitate the improvement of the process of getting visa and residence permits of foreign students, including working permits for foreign professors. In addition, it is also important to make quality improvements on diploma equivalency procedures, thus making our universities more attractive to foreign students. I finally hope that the accreditation process of particular study programs based on Law in B&H will proceed without longer delay.

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**2015 SEDEF Annual Congress**

The Sarajevo Education Development Foundation (SEDEF) 2015 Annual Congress was held in the Senate Chamber of International University of Sarajevo (IUS), on Thursday, May 21, 2015. The Board of Trustees attended the Congress. It is of utmost significance to highlight the fact that President Hasan Topaloğlu gave information about the work implemented so far. During the presentation, future plans for development of the IUS in forms of investment were presented as well. The Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, gave a comprehensive presentation on the International University of Sarajevo and informed all the Board members about the development of the University.

Nezira Popovac, the school principal of “Iza-beg Ishaković”, also attended the Congress and gave a report on the school. It is important to mention that the transfer of founding rights of the elementary school “Iza-beg Ishaković” took place last year and the School became one of the Foundation’s subsidiaries. The Deputy General Manager of Sedef Bosnia, Senad Hodžić, gave a presentation on the company’s restructuring, the services and tourism agents including IATA membership. The General Assembly reelected Hasan Topaloğlu for the next 4 years, along with Şaban Erden and Dr. Mehmet Kose who were also reelected as members of the Board. Mehmet Alaçaci was elected as a member of the Supervisory board, while Prof. Dr. Nevzat Kor and Abdüllahıdı Toçyıldızı were elected as members of this Board. The SEDEF Foundation - Sarajevo Education Development Foundation was founded in 2001 by the Turkish and Bosnian entrepreneur and the International University of Sarajevo was established in 2003.
**Ambassador Talk about Romania**

We believe that the EU accession process will lead Bosnia and Herzegovina to prosperity and integrity in the future" - said Ambassador Teodorescu.

IUS International Relations Office (IRO) organized the 11th "Ambassador Talk" session on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. The guest lecturer was Ambassador of Romania to Bosnia and Herzegovina, HE Filip Teoderescu. Ambassador Teodorescu gave a lecture entitled "Priorities of the foreign policy of Romania in Western Balkans" and spoke about the importance of the EU accession process for all Western Balkan countries. He also talked about the significance of Romania and its association with international organizations especially during the recent conflict in Ukraine, considering that Romania is part of the NATO.

The lecture attracted many professors, and students who study international relations or political science at IUS. "The process of integration is a long and complex process for any country. To do this, a lot of courage is required, but in the end it provides many advantages. We believe that the EU accession process will lead Bosnia and Herzegovina to prosperity and integrity in the future" - said Ambassador Teodorescu and emphasized its further importance for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Summer School of Innovation “GeekFEST2015”**

The International University of Sarajevo is giving an opportunity to all who are interested in participating in the Summer school of innovation “GeekFEST2015” at IUS in the period from August 24 to 28, 2015. To all those who are eager to learn and are excellent students, enthusiasts and admirers of advanced technology, "GeekFEST2015" offers free five-day courses in computer science (programming mobile applications) in English.

This School is an ideal opportunity for young people who wish to create the next hit mobile application and have fun while doing it! GeekFEST2015 school is focused on laboratory work and brings together senior high school students (third and fourth year) from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the period of programming of mobile applications, participants will be presented with the basics of modern software engineering. Considering the fact that the practical work is based on the classes which this Summer School’s courses offer, all participants will develop their own projects which they will present on the last day of the Summer School.

This year, the Summer School of innovation will be attended by 20 selected participants from all over B&H. Daily schedule includes morning classes as well as working in the lab in the afternoon.

**100 bicycles for the best students**

On Monday, 8th June 2015, a charity event was organized at the International University of Sarajevo with the support of the Bilim College, Istanbul Center for Culture and IUS. More than 250 children from Sarajevo’s and Konjic’s schools attended the ceremony where interesting gifts were prepared for them. Bilim College has decided to donate 100 bicycles to orphan children who were the most successful ones in their respective schools. The money for this donation was collected by Bilim College students who worked hard every day to achieve the goal that every child gets this wonderful gift.

**IUS student Maida Jusović received an Erasmus Mundus scholarship**

Maida Jusović, student of the fourth year of the FENS Genetics and Bioengineering program at IUS received an Erasmus Mundus scholarship for master’s degree in late May 2015. In coordination with the International Relations Office of IUS, student Jusović applied for the GreenTechWB project of Erasmus Mundus and was selected as one of the best candidates in the contest among students from all over Europe. She received a scholarship for a period of 18 months at the prestigious University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy in Sofia (Bulgaria), Department of Biotechnology. "I applied for master's degree program because I wish to continue improving in the area I graduated from. I am very happy because I will have the opportunity to establish new friendships and, after my graduation, I will be able to perform research in this field independently," said student Jusović.
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Due to a great interest in studying and scholarships, at the International University of Sarajevo, a second testing for scholarships was organized for senior high school students in BiH, on Thursday May 28, 2015, at 2 pm. The testing covered areas such as general knowledge and mathematics. For best placed candidates, IUS awards scholarships in percentages of: 100%, 85%, 75%, 50%, 35%, 25% and 15%. The Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo, the founder of International University of Sarajevo (IUS), awards this year more than 1,000 scholarships for students. The aim of this type of scholarship is to encourage and promote knowledge and skills as a special virtue in young people. All types of scholarships are meant for a four-year study at one of the faculties at IUS (including English Language School for candidates who need to attend intensive English language classes). At the first testing for scholarships held on March 20, 2015, so far, a record number of candidates has attended - more than 2,000 students from 137 high schools from more than 50 cities. IUS organized free transportation for all students and teachers attending the testing for scholarships. In the past 11 years, IUS has offered quality education to domestic and foreign students at all three study cycles. The University developed rapidly and was among the first in BiH whose classes have been adapted to European standards. During the undergraduate and postgraduate studies, students are offered a high-quality intellectual atmosphere in 15 study programs at three faculties ranging from industrial engineering and computer science to arts and social sciences and business administration and humanities.

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On Wednesday, April 1st, 2015, students from the Department of International Relations and Diplomacy of IUS Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), visited the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Sarajevo with Assist. Prof. Dr. Peter Plenta. During the visit, the Ambassador of OSCE to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Johannes Moore, gave a lecture to the students about the mission of Office of OSCE in BiH as well as future goals of this organization.

Aside from the Ambassador’s lecture, IUS students had the opportunity to be also addressed by Mr. Fermín Córdoba, Head of Economic, Social Rights and Equality Section of OSCE, and Željka Šulc, Chief of Press and Public Information Unit at OSCE. During the fruitful discussions the students were able to ask questions. After the visit, the Ambassador of OSCE to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Johannes Moore, was invited to visit the International University of Sarajevo.

Psychology Program
Academic Staff Mobility

Apart from being devoted to the excellent teaching, professors and assistants from the Psychology Program of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences are engaged in various national and international scientific projects, research and staff mobility and exchange programs. In the beginning of the year, Senior Assistant Alma Jeftić from Psychology Program spent 1 month working as a Visiting Senior Researcher at School of Psychology, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK.

During her visit, Alma Jeftić was collaborating with Dr. Rupert Brown, Professor of Psychology and the Director of Research and Knowledge Exchange, as well as other professors and doctoral students from Social and Applied Psychology research group. The major aim of her visit was to develop her current research project related to the collective memories of war, reconciliation and Yugo-Nostalgia.
Delegation from the International School “A’Takamul” from Kuwait visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. 40 students accompanied by their teachers, came to visit Bosnia and Herzegovina and expressed a wish to come to IUS and learn more about the opportunities to study at our University. Vice Rector for International Cooperation and Research, Assist. Prof. Dr. Mirsad Karić welcomed the guests in the main amphitheater of IUS.

Vice Rector Karić said that he is pleased to welcome students to our institution, and believes that these young people are the future of IUS. Following his address, Senior Assistant Tarik Namaz from Electrical and Electronics Engineering Program of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS), took students on a tour of the campus and showed them the labs, halls, classroom and other supporting facilities.

IUS Students followed by Ahmed Kulanić visited OHR

On Tuesday, April 21st, 2015, students from the Departments of International Relations and Diplomacy, and Social and Political Science, with Senior Assistant Ahmed Kulanić, visited the Office of High Representative (OHR) in Sarajevo. The aim of the visit was to familiarize IUS students with the post-conflict role of OHR in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to give an overall picture of OHR role in the current political life in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The visit was organized by Hamza Prelijević, senior year student at the department of International Relations and Diplomacy.

During the visit, Mr. Ales Balut, the senior political adviser to OHR in Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed a lecture to the students about the structure and function of OHR, the role of OHR in the post-conflict period, and the role of OHR in the current years. During the constructive discussions with Mr. Ales Balut, the students were able to ask different questions regarding the duties, and the plans of OHR in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

First session of the Board of the UNESCO Office for Bioethics in BiH

The first session of the Board of the UNESCO Office for Bioethics in Bosnia and Herzegovina was held in the Senate room of the International University of Sarajevo on Friday, April 10, 2015. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sabina Semiz recently appointed Head of the UNESCO Office for Bioethics in Bosnia and Herzegovina was an initiator of this session. At the beginning of the meeting, IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu addressed the participants and pointed out that “the gate of the University is always open for development projects and the projects on which we collaborate with national and international institutions”. Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS), Prof. Dr. Fuat Gürçan wished a warm welcome to everyone and stressed the importance of this project. He also wished members of the Board good luck in their future work.

The session focused on the planning of the work and activities for the upcoming year in accordance with the instructions of the International Network of UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, which has 50 member states. Members of the of the UNESCO Office Board for Bioethics in Bosnia and Herzegovina are eminent scientists and experts: Prof. Dr. Faruk Čaklović, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Adijja Čaušević, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sarajevo, Prim. Dr. Fahrudin Kulenović, president of the Medical Association of Sarajevo Canton, Prof. Dr. Stojko Vidović, Faculty of Medicine, University of Banja Luka, Prof. Dr. Boris Hrabač, Faculty of Medicine, University of Mostar and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ksenija Kondali, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo. The meeting identified directions of activities of UNESCO Office for Bioethics in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2015:

Modernization of curricula in biomedical faculties in Bosnia and Herzegovina through inclusion of the “Bioethics” subjects
Design of modern educational materials in the field of bioethics, The organization of seminars, lectures and conferences in the field of bioethics, and Design of the website of UNESCO Office for Bioethics in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

IUS sponsor of a two-day International Conference

In the Great Hall of the Gazi Husrev-bey’s Library in Sarajevo began a two-day international conference titled “Diasporic and Migrant Identities: Social, Cultural, Political, Religious and Spiritual Aspects” on Thursday, April 23, 2015. This conference was realized in organization of the Institute for Islamic tradition of Bosniaks, sponsored by Reis-ul-ulama of the Islamic Community, Husein ef. Kavazović, International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Directorate for Turks Abroad and Related Communities in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and the Foundation “Konrad Adenauer”.

Reis-ul-ulama Husein ef. Kavazović opened the conference emphasizing the historical aspect of the migration of the Bosniak population throughout different periods, and the importance of discussion of issues related to Diaspora and migrant identities. In his opening address, Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu stressed the importance of such conferences as they have an international character. “This conference can further expand the horizons for better communication and cooperation of displaced people who live abroad and can contribute to the betterment of this country and its people. We hope that this conference will contribute to creating the necessary framework for scientific tests and a better understanding of the changes that have befallen the identity of the Bosniaks as a result of migration” - said Rector Oğurlu.
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IUS supported Children’s Day in Zenica

Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkish Cultural Centre Yunus Emre, Turkish Military Mission in BiH and Office of Tourism and Culture of the Turkish Embassy in BiH as well as Association of Friendship Bridges BiH-Zenica organized the biggest celebration outside the country, of this great holiday of the Republic of Turkey – 23 April, International Children’s Day in the City Arena in Zenica. For organization of this event approximately half a million BAM was spent. Five kilometers of the city streets were covered with Bosnian and Turkish flags, where along with police officers on duty were also children from Zenica schools. On this occasion, about 6,000 children, who learn Turkish in their schools, arrived to Zenica from all parts of our country. Hosts of the event prepared for them the same number of gift boxes with variety of presents and surprises, including Bosnian and Turkish flags.

Rector of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu supported this important event this year as well and awarded certificates for scholarships to high school students in the amount of 50% and 100%. Also more than 100 children from the First Private Primary School ‘Isa-beg Ishaković’ from Sarajevo came with their teachers to this great event. “This year IUS provided more than 1,000 scholarships for the best students. This is our way of supporting all young people who want to educate themselves further” - said the Rector Oğurlu during his short address to the children and guests in Zenica.

“Last year, this event was held in Sarajevo, and this year in Zenica. The reason for it is the number of children who wish to participate in the event and we decided to do it in the newest sports center in Zenica,” said Mehmet Akił Yaman, Director of the Turkish Cultural Centre Yunus Emre in Sarajevo. He also reminded that Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, announced that 23 April 1920, a foundation day of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, is a “gift to all children”. Since then, the International Children Day has become one of the most important holidays in Turkey.

IUS Got Talent Show 2015

IUS Got Talent Show 2015 was held on 29 April 2015. The show was organized by English Language and Literature Program of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. IUS students were invited to demonstrate their talents and skills in different areas (ranging from singing, acting, reciting, to playing instruments). The purpose of the show was to encourage IUS students to be creative and to inspire them to pursue different forms of artistic expression. The jury members were the following: Prof. Dr. Metin Toprak, Prof. Dr. Mesut Idrizi, Assist. Prof. Dr. Joseph Jon Kaminski, Assist. Prof. Dr. Lejla Miller, Assist. Prof. Dr. Almasa Mulalic and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ayla Arslan. Ten contestants participated in the show. They all impressed packed audience of the main IUS amphitheatre with their talents and skills. The participants were the following IUS students: 1. Saira Tanković, 2. Emina Bašić, Mirza Rastoder and Emina Jusufbasić, 3. Ahmet Yıldırım, 4. Samir Leskovac, 5. Dženanu Brkić, 6. Selma Begić, 7. Nesiha Čevik, 8. Hilal Tecel, 9. Firdevs Kavas and 10. Mehmed Akkutuk.

Jury members had a very difficult task of deciding who will be the winners of this year’s show. Finally, they decided to award the following contestants: Mehmed Akkutuk won the third place with his emotional reciting (150 KM), Saira Tanković, who sang and played the guitar, was the second (250 KM); and the winners of IUS Got Talent Show 2015 are Emina Bašić, Mirza Rastoder and Emina Jusufbasić who won 400 KM for their interesting performance about universal and infinite nature of music. In addition, all the participants in the show will have free dinner at one of the local restaurants. English Language and Literature Program offer its congratulations to all participants in the show and especially to the top three contestants. We would also like to make a special mention of ELIT student Dženanu Brkić, who moved the audience with the beautiful and heart touching reciting of her own poem written in English.

Lecture - Morality of living together

Mr. Hasan Atli, Attache for Religious Affairs at the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey to BiH gave a lecture titled “Morality of Living Together” at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday April 28, 2015. ČATI Club with the support of the Turkish Embassy and IUS organized this event. During the lecture, Hasan Atli spoke about mutual, multireligious and multiethnic tolerance based on religious sources. At the end of the lecture, Dean of Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut expressed his gratitude to Hasan Atli for giving useful advice to IUS students.

IUS professor and students visited Sarajevo Museum

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, Assist. Prof. Dr. Aljije Mataraci organized a visit to Sarajevo Museum 1878-1918 with her students from Historical Thought course. The aim of this visit was to analyze the permanent exhibition that displays Sarajevo during the Austro-Hungarian period (1878-1918). The chronological and thematic exhibition begins with a presentation of the events preceding the Berlin Congress when Austria-Hungary was given a mandate to administer Bosnia and Herzegovina and concludes with the World War I.

IUS Student placed 6th in global competition of Qur’an Reciters

23 World contest in Reciting Quran was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Waqf of Egypt from 17 to 24 April 2015. 120 participants from more than 70 countries took part in the competition that lasted 5 days. This event was officially opened by the Minister of Waqf State of Egypt, Dr. Muhamed Muhtar Džumua, who emphasized the importance of cherishing and learning from inexhaustible messages of the Holy book of Qur’an.

Hz. Abdussamed Podjajek, second year student of the Genetics and Bioengineering Program of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) was chosen by the Islamic Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina to represent Bosnia and Herzegovina at this contest where he won the prestigious 6th place.
International Research Congress on Social Sciences opened at IUS

International Research Congress on Social Sciences began at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on May 4, 2015. Professors and students of International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on May 4, 2015. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kara, Organizational Chair of the Congress from Pamukkale University opened the congress with his welcoming speech and emphasized the importance of having cooperation established among experts of different scientific fields. After the welcoming speech of Prof. Kara, Vice Rector of Pamukkale University, Prof. Dr. Selahattin Özçelik delivered his opening remarks as well. He stressed the importance of linking this region with Turkey and doing research on our common history as well as continuing academic cooperation in different fields.

Rector of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu welcomed the audience as well. He wished good luck to all the participants of the congress and spoke about the significance of having good connections between academic community of IUS and academic communities in the Republic of Turkey. “I want to congratulate the organizing committee of the International Congress of Social Sciences, renowned professors and researchers from Pamukkale University, Uşak University and the Faculty of Business and Administration at IUS for their involvement in organization of this important scientific meeting” - said Rector Oğurlu.

Honorable keynote speakers at the Congress were Prof. Dr. Ismail Yakit from Akdeniz University and Prof. Dr. Şacir Filandra, Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Sarajevo. After the opening ceremony, first panel sessions began and over one hundred researchers from Turkey, Azerbaijan, Serbia, Macedonia, B&H and Montenegro took part and delivered their research papers.

IUS Professors and Students visited The Parliamentary Assembly of BiH

On Friday, 27 March, 2015, professors and students of International Relations and Diplomacy and Social and Political Science departments visited the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mirsad Karić, Assist. Prof. Dr. Peter Plenta, Assist. Prof. Dr. Marco Morini, Assist. Prof. Dr. Joseph Joe Kaminski and their students were members of this faculty group.

The aim of the visit was to learn about the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The students and professors were introduced with the structure of the Parliament, voting system, decision-making system, and the overall duties of the Parliament. At the end, students and were able to discuss and also to ask many questions. In time of this beneficial visit, professors and students also had opportunity to see the assemblies of the Upper and Lower Houses. This visit was organized by Hamza Preljević, senior year student at the Department of International Relations and Diplomacy.

IUS student completed his internship in the European Parliament

Senad Alibegović, student of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) got an opportunity to show his knowledge and skills in the Office of the new reporter for Bosnia and Herzegovina in the name of the European Parliament, Cristian Dan Preda in the period from 2 February to 1 May 2015. He spent his internship period along with 10 other students from different countries of the world. This opportunity was given by international educational organization Humanity in Action. Since 1997 this organization educates, inspires and connects a global network of students, young professionals and leaders dedicated to promotion of human rights, diversity and active citizenship in their own communities and around the world.

Senad was given an opportunity this year to represent all ten participants of the program, as a speaker at the closing ceremony along with the founder of the program and former EP President Pat Cox. Alibegovic completed his undergraduate studies at IUS as one of the top students in class and is currently attending master studies in Architecture program of IUS.

On Tuesday, 5th May, 2015, students from the International and Public Relations Program, with Senior Assistant Nerkez Opačin, visited the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (UN ICTY) in Sarajevo. The visit aimed at enabling students to gain practical knowledge of the work of UN ICTY in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Hamza Preljević, senior year student at the International and Public Relations Program was organizer and coordinator of this beneficial visit. During the presentation, ICTY Registry Officer, Almir Alić introduced the students with the work of the Tribunal, major achievements and challenges that this court was facing and also the results in the domains such as legal fight against impunity for the war crimes and individualization of guilt.


**Round table discussion “Sharing research experiences”**

Assist. Prof. Dr. Tuba Boz organized a round table discussion entitled “Sharing research experiences”. The Round Table was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. Bryan Mukandi from Queensland University in Australia, the distinguished candidate of doctoral studies, was a special guest at the round table discussion. Participants of the Round Table were assistants and lecturers of all 3 faculties of IUS who decided to take part and share their rich experiences in the course of their doctoral studies.

Dr. Boz emphasized that the round table meeting will allow the PhD candidates to get to know each other, talk and exchange their experiences. Also, she stressed out the challenges that students will face during the course of their research and their initiatives for the future work. After the presentation, Bryan Mukade informed the participants of his experiences while working on doctoral studies.

**Famous BBC producer gave a lecture at IUS**

“During my work period I became well acquainted with many religions of the world and I produced many documentaries about them...”

International University of Sarajevo (IUS) was a host to famous producer and director of documentary films, Dr. Iwan Russell-Jones on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. As part of his visit to IUS, Dr. Jones gave a lecture on: “Seeking Truth: Documentary Filmmaking and social impact”. Dr. Iwan Russell-Jones has over 25 years of experience as producer and director of documentaries for the BBC, in both television and radio. He also works as professor at the University of Vancouver. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lejla Panjeta from VACD Program of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) organized this lecture in cooperation with the Foundation “Izvor”.

During the lecture, Dr. Jones talked about many years of experience he had while working for the famous British BBC and recording of religious and documentary programs for the public TV stations. “During my work period I became well acquainted with many religions of the world and I produced many documentaries about them, because I wanted to share the knowledge I gained with the viewers. The BBC has assisted me selflessly for many years in that process”.

The introductory words prior to eminent guest lecture were given by Dr. Lejla Panjeta and Mrs. Petula Myers from “Izvor” foundation. At the end of the lecture, a debate followed where students had a chance to ask questions through a half an hour discussion and express opinions on the subject of the search for truth in a documentary film and the possibilities of authorial creativity in the BBC production.

**IUS held a round table discussion on publications**

IUS students at the 14th Congress of the ASF

In cooperation with the Faculty’s Student Parliament, students of the Faculty of Architecture of Belgrade University hosted the Architecture Student Congress (ASA). Each year, this congress brings together students of architecture from all countries of former Yugoslavia. This 14th Congress took place from 21st – 24th May 2015 in Belgrade and the main topic was “Young architects in practice – what to do after finishing college?” The main goal of the Congress was to introduce students to the possibilities that their professional field offers. IUS was represented by our excellent and successful students, Senad Alibegović and Yusuf Ozkurtulus, both from FENS. “I’d like to mention that IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, funded our participation in the Congress with a hope that this successful story of IUS spreads to other young people in the region. Senad Alibegović and Yusuf Ozkurtulus gave 11 books as a gift to IUS University Library on Thursday, 11th June 2015.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mojmir Sabolović held an interesting lecture on the types of scientific publications, the selection of appropriate journals and publishers in the Senate room of the International University of Sarajevo, on Thursday, July 9, 2015. The lecture was held as part of the Round Table on the topic “What to focus? Publications, and so on!”. Dr. Sabolović explained during the lecture the basics on how to use the databases. During the lecture biggest attention of participants was given to strategy on how to make publications. As part of the round table other professors and academicians of the University were present as well. Dr. Mojmir Sabolović is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA) and teaches at the department of Management of IUS. He earned his doctorate at the Mendel University in Brno (Czech Republic) and has published multitude research papers, articles and other publications. This lecture was organized by students’ demonstrators from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Betul Ismić and Serap Fisio.
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Delegation of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce visits IUS

A delegation from the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, with Vice President Mr. Dursun Topçu and representatives of the Istanbul Ticaret University headed by the President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Hasan Erkeskin, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. The delegation was led by the President of the Assembly of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and a member of the IUS Board of Trustees. The Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, together - with associates Vice Rector, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Ali, the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), Assist. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, Dean of Faulty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS), Prof. Dr. Fuat Gürcan and Secretary General of the IUS, Emir Hadžikadunčić – welcomed the distinguished guests in his office. Rector Oğurlu informed the guests about the current teaching facilities, goals and development plans of IUS, its structure of professors and students, as well as future activities in the field of affirmation and promotion of IUS in the world.

During the meeting, the distinguished guests have also received information about the teaching process at the University, the principles of continuous strengthening of the teaching quality and services provided to students and business partners. Šekib Avdagić, a Member of the IUS Board of Trustees, emphasized that the mission of IUS for the past eleven years was to create the best possible conditions for education. “We are proud to say that we have completed a huge part of the work and have proven the quality IUS has. We are also proud of the awards IUS has received so far, the number of students, quality academic stuff, best conditions for education and - very importantly - international recognition” - said Avdagić. At the end of the visit, the delegation was also shown other Campus facilities, such as the research center and the laboratories.

Ambassador of Italy gives lecture at IUS

The IRO Office with the International and Public Relations and Social and Political Sciences program at IUS organized the 12th “Ambassador Talk” session on May 12, 2015. The lecture was held in the main amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo and the honorable invited guest speaker was the Ambassador of Italy to Bosnia and Herzegovina, HE Ruggero Corrias. His Excellency gave a lecture titled “Bilateral relations between Italy and B&H in the framework of the EU integration process”. Ambassador Corrias caught the attention of many students and academic staff, at the beginning of his lecture, by mentioning that the Expo Universal Expositions opened on May 1, 2015 in Milan and that it would remain open for the next 6 months.

Using examples from life experience, Ambassador Corrias easily presented information about Europe and European market and the Member States. “65% of the world’s direct investment was sent to Europe - it is the market on which you need to focus,” said Ambassador Corrias while talking about the economic situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He also spoke about geopolitical similarities between Trieste and Sarajevo, as a European link and one of the cultural centers of the world.

The Ambassador also announced a concert of Milan’s La Scala to be held in Sarajevo in July this year. This event celebrates 20 years of peace, not only as an anniversary, but also as a reminder of the last war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His Excellency, at the end of his lecture, was keen on answering questions from the audience, while emphasizing the importance of nurturing good political relations between the two friendly countries.
The Delegation of USA Embassy visited IUS

On Wednesday, 27th May 2015, Delegation of USA Embassy visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The delegation consisted of Attaché for Culture and Education of the US Embassy in B&H, Eric Catalfamo, and Senior Advisors for Education and Culture, Elizabeta Delalić and Elmina Kulasić. The distinguished guests were welcomed by the IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yucel Oğurlu, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhidin Mulalić, Assistant Prof. Dr. Nudžejma Obralić and Senior Assistant Nerkez Opačin. Rector Oğurlu presented the work and development of the University to his guests and spoke about what has been done during the past years in the fields of higher education, building university campus and academic staff and student exchange. Attaché Catalfamo talked about the possibilities of cooperation between the United States Embassy and IUS regarding the academic staff exchange. US academic staff and researchers would get an opportunity to spend one year in B&H under the Fulbright exchange program, where they would teach at IUS. The guests have expressed a particular interest to be the partner for the International Conference on Education, Culture and Identity – (ICECI’15) and the Twentieth Anniversary of the Dayton Peace Agreement: Reflections of the Past and Expectations for the Future Conference that will be held from 20th - 22nd November 2015 at IUS.


International Summer School’15

Opening ceremony which marks the beginning of the second International Summer School at IUS “Learning from the past- 20 years after the Bosnian war: Education for Reconciliation and Lasting Peace in Post-conflict Societies” was held in the Bosniak Institute in Sarajevo, on Saturday, June 27, 2015. The ceremony was attended by representatives of the International University of Sarajevo, Vice-Rector Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Administration, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, co-organizer and professor at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, Prof. Dr. Hariz Halilović, and main coordinator of the project, Senior Assistant Nerkez Opačin. Among distinguished guests were also the members of the diplomatic corps in B&H, representatives of the international organizations and other guests who supported this important project of International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The International Summer School’15 aims to make a contribution to the process of dealing with the past, reconciliation and transitional justice approaches in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. “By examining the ways how and what we can learn from the past in order to confront the challenges in the present, the International Relations Department (IR) at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) promotes the idea of education as an essential tool for reconciliation and an agent of positive social change in post-conflict countries like Bosnia and Herzegovina”, said Nerkez Opačin, the main coordinator of the project and Senior Assistant at the International and Public Relations Program on the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA). International Summer School’15 lasts for 12 days (27th June – 7th July 2015). Participants had the opportunity to acquire knowledge from all aspects related to peace, reconciliation and transitional justice. They also adopted new knowledge and practical tools in the field of social change in post-conflict countries such as the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition, it is important to mention that International Summer School’15 participants come from different European and world countries (15) such as the Scandinavian countries, the United States of America (USA), Germany, Greece, Spain, Belgium, Pakistan etc. More information about the school can be found at: http://iftp.ius.edu.ba

Ahmet Kemal Baysak visited IUS with delegation from Turkey

Ahmet Kemal Baysak, Honorary Consul of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Turkey and member of the Board of Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo (SEDEF), a founder of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), led a delegation from Turkey that visited IUS on Monday, July 6, 2015. IUS Vice Rector, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali and Dean of the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut welcomed the distinguished guests in the main amphitheater of the University.

The Delegation consisted of representatives of Izmir Municipality, members of non-governmental organizations and social sectors and business entities in Izmir. This delegation is visiting places in Bosnia and Herzegovina for a week and the Memorial Center in Srebrenica. Baysak said that Turkish people in Izmir care about young people especially students from B&H. “We cannot be like the sand that the wind blows to different places. We have to be united and strong as a rock. I present IUS to you because this is an investment that promises to be a leader in the region and the University that has remarkable results and achievements in its previous work” - said Baysak.

Mevlana Exchange Program

As part of the signed agreements of Mevlana exchange program with the “Marmara” University in Istanbul, 3 professors from the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) are given the opportunity to teach and 8 students from IUS to study at this prestigious Turkish university. Students who received a one semester scholarship are: Dino Mehmedagić, Said Ćosić, Benjamin Dug, Emina Džafirović, Mihaela Miljana Božović, Amina Adilović, Renata Mostarac, Elma Masnopita. Academicians involved in the exchange are Assist. Prof. Dr. Joseph Kamiński, Assist. Prof. Dr. Almasa Mulalić and Assist. Prof. Dr. Nudžejma Obralić. This exchange will be implemented through International Relations Office (IRO).
IUS students participated at the 14th Congress of the ASF

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On Monday, 1st June 2015, Delegation of USA Embassy visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and presented prestige scholarships and Fulbright academic exchange program, offered by USA State Department. USA Embassy coordinator for academic exchange, Ahsan Khasimuddin, and counselor for education in USA, Aleksandra Popovic, held the presentation for University’s deans, professors and program coordinators. Rector of International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, welcomed the delegation of USA Embassy in his office and discussed the possibility of IUS professors joining to Fulbright academic exchange with them. Soon after meeting with the Rector, presentation about the Fulbright exchange program was held and it was pointed out that programs are for professors, researchers and graduates.

Exchange program is about living in USA for one academic year where it is not possible to gain any additional degree; it is exclusively for academic research and specialization that, after academic staff return to B&H, can be used for their future professional development and work. Fulbright Scholar Program for professors offers one-year-long research for recent graduate students who are working on their master or PhD thesis. Hubert H. Humphrey scholarships last one academic year. Ahsan Khasimuddin said that the Teacher Program which offers online professional development for English language professors is also available. He added that approximately four students per academic year will get opportunity to be Fulbright scholars.

United States Institutes for Scholars (SUSI) scholarships are intended for professors who would have the opportunity to participate in an intensive postgraduate program. It is a six-month-long program which offers three different segments of training/studying. The visit and presentation were organized with the support of IRO.

More than 200 participants attending ELS Summer School and Summer Courses

During June and August 2015, ELS School welcomed more than 200 students who attend Summer School of English at 2 different levels, Intermediate and Upper Intermediate. After successful completion of the school, students not only achieve a high level of knowledge of English, but they also get various skills necessary for successful participation in all academic activities at IUS and beyond. “English Language School (ELS) teachers are a team of experts, graduate philologists, who daily strive to transfer their knowledge and experience to the students. Each year the number of participants increases and we are glad to bring a new generation of young people whose knowledge of English meets the international criteria” - said ELS Director, Hilal Karić.
IUS Rector and Vice-Rector Visit Macedonia

Professor Aruca exchanged experiences with Rector Öğurlu, and discussed the educational process of the students from the Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the IUS.

The Rector of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu, and Vice Rector, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Ali, visited the Republic of Macedonia in the period from May 8 to 11 2015. This business trip was planned due to the Conference in Skopje and an agreed meeting with representatives of the educational institutions in Macedonia. The Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu, was a keynote speaker at the conference that was jointly organized by the IMF from Skopje and KIYADER office from Istanbul. Vice Rector, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Ali, was the moderator of the conference.

The official meeting with the member of the Macedonian Academy of Science and Arts (MANU), Prof. Dr. Numan Aruca was held in his office. Distinguished Professor Aruca exchanged experiences with Rector Öğurlu, and discussed the educational process of the students from the Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the IUS. Dr. Adnan Ismail, Director of the NGO hosted a delegation of IUS, and also exchanged his work experience. He presented the possibilities for new projects of cooperation with the IUS. During their stay in Macedonia, Rector Öğurlu and Vice Rector Ali also met the President of the ‘Köprü’ association Hüsrev Emin.

IUS Student’s Psychological Counseling Centre (SPCC)

IUS counseling service is organized in accordance with ethical principles and standards of professional psychological counseling. Confidentiality and discretion are guaranteed.

Since students of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) come from different countries, they face different challenges such as adjusting to the new environment, feeling family-separation anxiety, daily hassles and pressures imposed by study tasks and obligations. Some students find it difficult to organize their student life and to cope with stressful situations which may lead to psychological distress with various symptoms resulting in the inability to meet their academic demands.

“...in order to help our students to overcome psychological problems they might face, we decided to open Psychological Counseling Centre (IUS SPCC). This important project will provide professional services to all IUS students helping them deal with problems related to study, adjustment, self-esteem, loneliness or other issues.” - said Psychology Program Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senija Tahirovic. IUS SPCC will operate within the Psychology Program of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS).

If you have problems such as: concentration or lack of motivation to study, exam anxiety and stress, contact our counselors to get professional support in identifying and developing appropriate strategies to deal with you problems. IUS counseling service is organized in accordance with ethical principles and standards of professional psychological counseling. Confidentiality and discretion are guaranteed.

IUS representatives took part in HEA training

The Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance in Bosnia and Herzegovina (HEA) organized the training sessions for new experts from the HEA List of Experts in Banja Luka on 27 and 28 of May 2015 and in Sarajevo on 8 and 9 of July. Previously, the agency has selected additional candidates for the list of domestic and international experts to provide assessment and conduct quality review and give recommendations on accreditation of higher education institutions and study programs (HEA List of Experts). Among the selected candidates, four IUS employees and alumni have been chosen in the category of students, namely Amar Čenanović, Nedža Čenanović, Jasmin Šukrović, and Senad Alibegović. Also, among IUS academic staff members in the category of academicians, Assist. Prof. Dr. Daria Ler Assist. Prof. Dr. Lejla Miller, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Hadžiabdić, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhidin Mulalić has joined also. The training consisted of a theoretical and practical part. After undergoing the necessary training, experts can be named into committees for the accreditation of higher education institutions and study programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

IUS professor and students visited Anadolu Agency

On Tuesday, 21st April, 2015, Prof. Dr. Mesut İdriz organized a working visit to Anadolu Agency with his students from Politics and the Media course. Aim of this visit was to learn more about the works of internationally renowned media agencies, such as Anadolu Agency. Students had the opportunity to have the first hand information about how news is made, agenda setting and some political-media facts that play an important role in our society.

This visit was a new experience for IUS students; they talked to the journalists and learned about their daily activities at work.
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Food and accommodation for participants will be covered by the organizers. There is a limited number of scholarships available to cover travel expenses for the students who cannot find funding from other sources. Students should have their own health insurance coverage. The organizers do not provide health — or any other form — of insurance to students.

Attendance by Registration only. Places are limited. The program will be held in English. Those interested, and competent in English, should complete and submit the application form with an updated C.V. and a letter of reference from their department or supervisor no later than 1 May 2015 to: Mirnes Duranovic, Project Manager, Center for Advanced Studies; Tel. +387 33 716 041; Mobile: +387 61 330 035; Email: projectmanager@cns.ba.

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The award ceremony for the best IUS student business plan

Edvin Sinanović (21) from Zavidovići and Haris Kvrčić (19) from Sanski Most, first year and third year students of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), won the first prize on IUS LEC Business Plan Competition held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Sarajevo Business Forum is an annual international investment conference organized by BBI, in cooperation with its international partners. This year the conference will take place on May 13-14 under the motto “One region, one economy”.

Sinanović and Kvrčić came up with idea to develop a plan to produce cotton buds because they have noted that in stores no domestic manufacturer is producing cotton swabs and in our country. “We are happy for winning the award, especially since we will have an opportunity to present our business plan to the people from the region and the world. In this way, we wanted to promote domestic producers. When we thought about what and how to produce it, we realized that it shouldn’t be something difficult, rather something simple. For this product we need only cotton and sticks, and this product does not have domestic manufacturers,” says Edvin. He also said that he is not nervous to present his project in front of well-known business people.

Ivan Šafradin and Alen Mahmutović won second place and prize of 200 EUR for a business plan on plantation of raspberries, while third place went to Emma Knezović and Selma Hrnjić. They presented a business plan for starting a factory for recycling. The best business plans were selected by a jury comprised of the Rector, Deans and professors and representative of BBI.

Representative of the Japanese Embassy visited IUS Rector

Nobumitsu Kamio, the first secretary and the head of political department of the Japanese Embassy in Sarajevo, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, April 2, 2015. During the visit, Mr. Nobumitsu met with IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, and discussed about the future cooperation that is related to the organization of major conference, on the occasion of 20 years since the signing of Dayton Peace Agreement. Vice Rector, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali, Dean of the FBA Faculty, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, Assist. Prof. Dr. Edita Đapo and Senior Assistant, Nerkez Opačin attended the meeting along with representative of the Organizing Committee of the DPA conference, Elmina Kulasić.

The possibilities for participation of several representatives from Japan were discussed as well, and the exchange of students between IUS and Japanese universities. Mr. Kamio has announced the visit of Doshia university representative to IUS, on April 28, 2015. In order to develop cooperation between IUS and Japan, Kamio expressed readiness to symbolically plant sakura trees (Japanese cherry blossoms) at IUS campus.

Visit of the Malaysian delegation to IUS

H.E. Anuar Kasman, Ambassador of Malaysia to Bosnia and Herzegovina and representatives of Malaysian higher education institutions visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. The delegation met with IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu and discussed the importance of improving and strengthening the cooperation with Malaysian universities.

Possibilities of establishing cooperation through joint projects during the year of 2015-2016 were discussed as well. Rector Oğurlu stressed that the university wants to develop its vision and international spirit, and the best way to do that is to strengthen the international cooperation with partners such as higher education institutions from Malaysia.

Famous artist Mesut Kurtiš visits IUS

Famous artist Mesut Kurtiš visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Monday, May 4, 2015. The Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, and the Vice Rector for General Affairs, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali, welcomed the distinguished guest in the office. Rector Oğurlu stressed that IUS as an international educational institution keeps its doors always open for artists and people whose experience and knowledge is directed towards benefit and development of the community. Mesut Kurtiš expressed satisfaction with his visit to IUS and talked about his future work plans during the year of 2015. Besides its educational mission, Vice Rector Ali emphasized that IUS works on strengthening the development of society and connecting different cultures and countries around the world. Mesut Kurtiš is an author and interpreter of nasheed and Islamic music. His work is, so far, presented in many countries around the world.
Assist. Prof. Dr. Nina Bosankić published a book

Assist. Prof. Dr. Nina Bosankić, teaching on the Psychology Program at Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FASS), has published a book titled “Psychosocial Aspects of Niqab Wearing: Religion, Nationalism and Identity in Bosnia and Herzegovina”. The book is published by Palgrave McMillan (Palgrave Pivot). In this book, Dr. Bosankić talks about why women’s choice to wear niqab (full-face veil) is controversial both within and outside of Islam. In order to discover the social and psychological factors influencing their choice, she has interviewed young Muslim women from a variety of backgrounds in post-conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina. IUS would like to congratulate Dr. Bosankić for her outstanding work that led to this particular book.

Many fun activities and concerts marked this year’s Spring Festival at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The Festival was held on Friday, May 22, 2015. This year, students prepared new and interesting contents for the Festival. More than 50 students have taken part in the Festival, having individual booths and showing their creativity by selling their handmade items for charitable causes. More than 500 students enjoyed a varied program of entertainment, creativity, knowledge and also used the opportunity to show their talents. The event ended with a performance of the rock band “Gece Yolcuları” who held a one-hour concert. Other performers at the Festival were signers Eldin Huseinbegović, Armin Muzaferija and the band “The Last Location”. This year’s performance of artists was an excellent entertainment to our students. In organization of IUS, this year’s special guests of the Festival were children from the Children’s Home “Dom porodica” who came from Zenica. This event was carried out as charitable activities of our students with the support of the Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu.

A book donation by “Yunus Emre” center

Director of the Turkish Cultural Center “Yunus Emre”, Akif Yaman visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) with his associates on Friday, 12th June 2015. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, welcomed the distinguished guests in his office. The reason for this visit was the donation of 326 books, written mostly in Turkish, to IUS library. Donated books cover different areas ranging from university/course books, dictionaries, history books to fiction. “We want to enrich the library with Turkish titles and enable young people who are learning Turkish language to find the books they need at IUS library” - said Akif Yaman. Rector Oğurlu sincerely thanked Director Yaman for the generous donation saying that these books will certainly enrich the IUS library fund that currently has more than one million titles.
On Wednesday, 13th June 2015, the exhibition "Twenty Years Ago" prepared by artist Alma Suljević as a part of New Media VACD student’s project was opened at IUS Art Gallery. The exhibition is dedicated to the sufferings of people in Srebrenica. Artist Alma Suljević opened the exhibition by welcoming the guests, especially the students of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design at IUS (VACD) who helped for this exhibition to be realized. “The exhibition is created to show genocide and number of people killed during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina through the use of new media. Through the installation of mass grave, we wanted to show how this looks like on TV and in reality” - said Alma Suljević. She also pointed out that the exhibition is the way to pay tribute to victims, their families and friends. New Media VACD is a project where students can implement their active ideas and express the views of an emerging generation of artists. Each of these students is on the way to start their own professional careers. The exhibition’s curators were our eminent professors from the “New Media” course, Assist. Prof. Nermina Zildžo and Assist. Prof. Meliha Teparić.

Along with the artist Suljević, students Amanda Bešić, Cevdet Ucar, Emina Avdibegović, Ervin Čaušević, Emir Hambo, Elma Hudović, Hasan Kansu, Lejla Ustamujić, Lamia Šabić, Taha Ya-şin Alan and Anis Dub have also presented their work. Different kinds of Visual Art Media enabled the visitors to see this tragic event that led up to one of the biggest sufferings in modern European time, Genocide in Srebrenica, from the students’ perspective. The numbers of people killed in Srebrenica are written on the walls of IUS Art Gallery. The boxes from “Mink m 99” series of work that indicate mine contamination of Bosnia and Herzegovina will also be shown to the audience during this exhibition. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, Secretary General, Emir Hadžikadunić, academics, university staff and many other guests attended the exhibition opening.

Exhibition dedicated to Srebrenica

On Monday, March 20, 2015, the representatives of the Alumni Center of the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) met with the IUS employees who graduated and received BA, MA and PhD degrees at the IIUM. Cooperation between IUS and IIUM Alumni network was discussed at the meeting and they spoke about an academic cooperation between the IUS and higher education institutions in Malaysia. The head of the Malaysian delegation was Mrs. Siti Aisyah Ibrahim, Senior Assistant Director of the IIUM Alumni Center. Other members of the delegation were Dr. Halim Mad Lazim, Director of Alumni Center of University Utara Malaysia (UUM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mansor Abu Talib from the University Putra Malaysia (UPM), Minister-Counselor at the Embassy of Malaysia in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The guests visited the IUS Campus and attended a presentation on academic structure and institutional development of the IUS in the past 11 years.

Successful academic staff exchange

At the beginning of 2015, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) established cooperation with the Center for Economic Research and Postgraduate Studies (CERGE-EI) in Prague (Czech Republic). CERGE-EI is a higher education institution that offers master and doctoral studies in economics, in compliance with the American universities, and has also a permanent US accreditation. In the framework of that cooperation, the first exchange of professors / researchers in the field of economics was achieved. The exchange started in March 2015 and will last until mid-April 2015. Assist. Prof. Dr. Nermin Oruç, from the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), had the opportunity to carry out his planned research in this reputable center, which is considered one of the leading in the field of economics in Europe. Mr. Danijela Vuletić, researcher and lecturer in Econometrics, growth and development courses, came to teach also as representative of the CERGE-EI at IUS.
Delegation of Bursa Technical University visited IUS

Delegation of Bursa Technical University, led by its rector, Prof. Dr. Arif Karademir visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu welcomed the guests and associates in his office. Rector Karademir visited IUS in order to establish cooperation between University of Bursa and the IUS. During the meeting, Rector Öğurlu and Karademir discussed the possibilities of cooperation between the two universities in the fields of education and student/teacher exchange. They also expressed hope and a wish to initiate joint programs of exchange for students and professors, with an emphasis on organizing professional seminars. Rector Karademir has expressed his satisfaction and has shown willingness to establish long-term cooperation with IUS.

Meeting of the European Muslim Students Association

European Muslim Students Association (EMSA) held a meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in the main amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). During this meeting work and activities of EMSA were presented. In addition to projects of religious character, student Emir Hambo also spoke about organized lectures of socio-educational character that were held at IUS. Hambo stressed that activities planned by year end are mainly focused on lectures of eminent guest speakers and scholars. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu attended the meeting and praised the current work of students, their involvement in extracurricular activities, especially their spiritual and social upgrade.

Representatives of the American Embassy visited IUS

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On Wednesday, 4th of April 2015, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) hosted the representatives of the American Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mrs. Ubah Khasimuddin, Office Management Specialist for the Regional Security Office and Elizabeta Delalić, Expert Advisor for Culture and Education. After a friendly welcome and an meeting with the Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu, Deans and Directors of IUS Centers, as well as heads of other departments of the University, Mrs. Ubah Khasimuddin gave a lecture on the topic “Customer service.” Khasimuddin drew attention to a very important branch of marketing and business, which is customer service. She shared with attendees numerous tips and experiences acquired in many years of experience in this field. The experience she gained in the field of human resources throughout the world helps her in her current work in the embassy. The series of questions followed soon after the lecture with discussion about experiences in BiH when it comes to customer service.

Cooperation with Japanese institutions

Dr. Taro Tsukimura, Professor at the Doshisha University in Japan and Kyoto Kambio Nobumitsu, Representative of the Embassy of Japan in Bosnia and Herzegovina visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu welcomed distinguished guests with his associates in his office. The Professor at IUS, Assist. Prof. Dr. Edita Đapo initiated the discussion about experiences in B&H followed soon after the lecture with a discussion about the international environment of development of international universities, particularly in the field of development of international cooperation and exchange of students. Professor Tsukimura expressed satisfaction with his stay at IUS, and praised the infrastructure of the University as well as other services offered to students. Rector Öğurlu welcomed the idea of creating close cooperation with this Japanese higher education institution, in order to show the international dimension of IUS.

Delegation of the Republic of Macedonia visits IUS

A delegation from the Republic of Macedonia consisting of the Minister of Foreign Investments, Furkan Çako, Charge d’Affaires of the Republic of Macedonia to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dragan Bogdanović, and Head of the Government Cabinet of the Republic of Macedonia, Fuad Haci Eyüp visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. The Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu, and the Vice Rector for General Affairs, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali, welcomed the distinguished guests and emphasized that this visit is a confirmation of IUS development and cooperation with countries in the region.

Rector Öğurlu presented the work of the University and talked about the international environment as well as future plans and activities in promotion of IUS to potential students from the Republic of Macedonia. Minister Çako expressed satisfaction with the visit and pointed out that cooperation between IUS and other educational institutions of the Republic of Macedonia are already planned, and this meeting represents a step toward reaching the common goal of bringing quality education to all young people. At the end of the visit, the delegation was also shown other Campus facilities, such as the research center and laboratories.
Certificates to first generation of BIT Camp participants

The first generation of BIT Camp participants were awarded certificates at the ceremony held on Friday, August 8, 2015, in the main amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Damir Ibršimović, President of BIT Alliance, addressed the audience, emphasizing the reasons of what makes the BIT Camp different from the main educational system: “We were looking for highly motivated and hardworking people willing to sacrifice themselves for knowledge. Among them we recognized those who have the potential to solve logical problems. We have chosen the best among us to transfer the knowledge and create processes to support the development of this knowledge.” — said Ibršimović.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasmina Hasić-Telalović’s speech stressed the importance of educating young people in various fields but also in the IT industry. Among honorable speakers were also representatives of donors: Ian Brown, Director of the representative office of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in BiH, Alex Paine, Senior Manager of the Program support for small businesses at EBRD London, and Andrew Wilson, Project Manager of MarketMakers, supported by the Swiss government. They expressed satisfaction with the support provided to BIT Camp first-generation participants and wished them good luck in their new positions.

Selection of the second generation of BIT Camp applicants will be carried out soon. Results, on which 50 participants of about 1400 applicants will be selected to get education in the field of Java / Android and Microsoft NET technologies that will start at the end of May 2015, will be known next week.

More than 300 guests at the Iftar

Ramadan is considered a month when good people meet. It is a month for forgiveness, cleansing of heart of impurity and negligence. In the spirit of Ramadan, the Sarajevo Writers’ Workshop (SWW) organized a traditional iftar for employees, teachers and students of IUS, but also a number of different guests from Bosnia and Herzegovina and beyond. On Tuesday, July 7, 2015, Distinguished guests who attended came from political, cultural and economic life of Bosnia and Herzegovina, international guests, partners and associates who in the course of the past 11 years have provided generous support to the development of the University.

IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu welcomed the guests on behalf of the host of iftar. Reminding that Ramadan is a month of fasting when Muslims around the world use its time for spiritual purification, prayer, solidarity and compassion among people, Rector Oğurlu pointed out that this was the main motive of this solemn event, and added that this is the month of mercy and no one should forget the people in crisis areas around the world, as well as the poor and hungry. Among many guests at the iftar were also present representatives of institutions and companies such as the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, the Palestinian Embassy, the Centar Municipality, the Agency for Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance, Turkish Ziraat Bank, TIKA and the Federal Employment Service etc.
IUS in another humanitarian action

4th Regional Conference on Soft Computing

From April 23rd and 24th IUS Academicians represented by Prof. Dr. Abdulrezzak Memon and Assist. Camil Duraković, both from Genetics and Bioengineering Program at (FENS), visited the Match-making platform for project developers and financial institutions, which is held at Zagreb (Croatia). The 4th Danube Financing Dialogue is organized on behalf of the European Commission, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policies (DG REGIO) together with the Republic of Austria, The Danube Financing Dialogue is a unique opportunity for project promoters and financing institutions to discuss vital issues related to financing projects in the Danube Region. This event also serves as a match-making platform for project promoters with financial needs and financing institutions offering suitable solutions. Prof. Dr. Memon accompanied with Assist. Duraković present the idea, how on unique way can be solved problem in over pollution on Danube Region with accumulator plants. A brief talk on the accumulator plants and their role in phytoremediation of contaminated areas surrounding Danube was given by Prof. Dr. Memon (see pictures). The EU financing institutes showed their interest in this project.

Mr. Duraković emphasize: “Our project was titled: “Accumulator plants in Brassicaceae” and it is result of several past small scale research experiments carried by Dr. Memon’s group. Now our goal is to do detail genomic and transcriptomic work with accumulator plants and implement the practical work on larger scale using selected polluted areas surrounding Danube. On the end, we are very delighted on the opportunity which was given to us, because our project was chosen for presentation, among more than 200 applications, and only 15 best were chosen for presentation. We will see in times in front of us, what will happen with our project, because it has to pass through different phases of evaluation and then we will be informed about the results. Also we met a lot of people who showed interest for collaboration with us (such as partners from Montenegro, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania and Austria), as well as financing institutions, and their models of supporting science and research which can be beneficial for Danube Region.

Successful Completion of International Congress of Turkey and the Balkans

The International Congress of Turkey and the Balkans was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Friday, 26th June 2015. The Conference was organized by renowned lecturers and academics of IUS and it lasted from 26th to 27th June. It brought together many distinguished researchers in the field of Soft Computing who represent an unique way can be solved problem areas surrounding Danube. On the

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The 1st IUS Graduate Conference

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The 1st IUS Graduate Conference was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) in May 21st, 2015. This was a great opportunity for MA, MSc. and PhD candidates to share their experience, discuss the issues of their interest, present their studies and major findings. IUSGC 2015 is meant to be a platform for graduate students in arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and technical sciences, where participants exchange ideas in an international and interdisciplinary environment. IUSGC 2015 focused on the wide range of topics related to arts, politics, sociology, history, culture, psychology, English language, visual arts, economy, management, genetics, architecture, biology and engineering sciences. After the conference presentation, participants received feedbacks from distinguished researchers and academicians.

During the opening ceremony, the Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yucel Ogurlu, welcomed the participants to all participants. IUSGC chair-Beekun, from Nevada University, Prof. Dr. Metin Toprak, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mojmir Sabolović, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Nudžejma Obralić. Prof. Toprak defined and clarified the professional and academic tracks in research, development and post-graduate studies; Prof. Sabolović highlighted the innovations and new directions in research, while Prof. Obralić focused on the research findings related to the motivational triggers for academic achievement.

During the Conference, 77 abstracts and 45 full papers were received from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Albania, Bulgaria, the Netherlands, Sweden, Ghana, Nigeria, the Iran, and many other countries. The evaluation of papers was done by the Scientific Committee according to the criteria encompassing originality, quality of argument, positioning, and writing style. The selection of the best paper by quality was done by the Advisory Board. The first, second and third prize winners were announced:

1st place: Betul Ismic, Istanbul University, Turkey
2nd place: Helga Dizdari, Lund University, Sweden
3rd place: Kalin Kalkov, St. Kliment Ohridski University, Bulgaria

Dr. Rafik Beekun at IUS

The Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yucel Ogurlu hosted Dr. Rafik Beekun, Nevada University Professor, who came to the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. During his visit, Dr. Beekun gave intensive professional development courses on Strategy and International Management in May and June, 2015. These lectures were organized by the IUS Lifelong Learning Center and Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC). Dr. Beekun has broad and rich experience in working with different organizations. He held several seminars on strategic planning in more than fourteen different countries.

Dr. Rafik Beekun is a professor of management and strategy, executive director of the Center for corporate governance and business ethics, and a Fulbright scholar, as well as former chairman of the Department of Science at the University of Nevada. Dr. Beekun received his MBA and doctorate degree from the University of Texas. He has worked at two universities: Temple University and the University of Texas and specialized in areas such as strategic management, international management, business ethics and leadership.

Football Coach Shota Arveladze Gives Lecture at IUS

Well known football coach Shota Arveladze gave a lecture at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. This lecture was organized by the Department of Social, Cultural and Health Activities (SACHS) and Mustafa Yılmaz. Arveladze gave a lecture on "Sport and ethics". Apart from talking about his career and work as a football coach during his lecture, Arveladze also addressed the importance of discipline in sports, education and life temptations.

Shota Arveladze is a former professional Georgian football player and the current manager of Fenerbahçe SK of the Turkish Super League. He played for Dinamo Tbilisi, Trabzonspor, Ajax, Rangers, AZ, and Levante, and is considered the best football player of all time in Georgia. Students attending the lecture had the opportunity to ask various questions about his coaching career, as well as the concept of ethics in sport. During the numerous sessions of lectures related to "Sports and Ethics" so far, the following speakers gave lectures: Trabzonspor, Şenol Güneş and the President of the football club "Trabzonspor"- Ibrahım Hacişanmanoğlu.

Selvira Draganović defended her doctoral thesis

On July 6th 2015, IUS senior assistant Selvira Draganović defended her doctoral thesis at Faculty of Philosophy (University of Sarajevo) entitled “Psychosocial Determinants of Divorce” with mentorship of professor emeritus Ismet Dizdarević. Committee members were assistant professor Saša Drače and assistant professor Enerdina Hasanbegović-Anić. Selvira Draganović was praised for choosing contemporary and important yet insufficiently explored topic for her dissertation. International University of Sarajevo (IUS) would like to congratulate her for all her hard work and we hope that research findings will be of relevance for psychologists, family therapists and B&H society in general.
IUS certificates handed to graduates of the Second Gymnasium "Varaždin"

Graduation ceremony and delivering certificates to graduates of the Second Gymnasium “Varaždin” was held in Varaždin Music School on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. 159 graduates received certificates of graduation. Deputy Mayor, Alen Kišić handed the certificates to Filip Pandža, Nikola Ister and Benjamín Mrkusić for scholarships and direct admission to the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). This is the second consecutive year that the Gymnasium handed certificates in the total value of 23,000 Euros to its graduates for studying at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS).

Besides Deputy Mayor Kišić, the ceremony was attended by Director of the Second Gymnasium “Varaždin” Zdravka Grđan and President of the City Council of Varaždin, Josip Hehet. Second Gymnasium “Varaždin” is the first school in the Republic of Croatia that established cooperation with the IUS. This is the second year that School has been acting as a host on behalf of the representatives of IUS. IUS will continue the good cooperation with educational institutions from Croatia by giving scholarships to their most successful students.

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Round table discussion Balkanika held at IUS

Round table discussion about topics related to development of Balkanika was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on April 3, 2015. The participants initiated a dialogue on importance and understanding of the Balkans as the world’s geo-strategic position, and its identity. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Çaksu, Coordinator of the Balkan Studies Centre at IUS, opened the debate and emphasized the importance of such meetings in order to promote the idea of development of the Balkans, as well as new projects. Mirza Muhaslić moderated the round table dialogue.

IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Ŷücel Oğurlu emphasized the importance of this occasion. This was the first round table organized by the Balkan Studies Centre at IUS.

IUS Balkan Studies Centre started in December 2014, and aims at providing expertise to governments in the region, primarily the Bosnian government, as well as certain individuals and future associates in the business world. The work of the Centre will contribute to creating a peaceful, adequate and prosperous Balkans through education and training of young academics who are interested in specialization in the region.

The ELIT professors and students visited University in Mostar

On 30 April, 2015, students and professors from the English Language and Literature Department (IUS ELIT) paid visit to the University of Džemal Bijedić in Mostar. Assist. Prof. Dr. Džemal Špago, the head of English Language and Literature Department, introduced the previous and current activities within the Department and they all agreed to encourage further cooperation between these Departments.

The ELIT master students launched their book

Last semester, a Course in creative writing was offered at the Master level in the English Language and Literature (ELIT) Department of Faculty of Arts and Social Science (FASS). Over the course of the semester, the group of MA students produced a book entitled Coups, Haircuts and Cockroaches. The book that was launched in Galerija Mak on 12th June 2015 contains six original pieces of writing, including short stories, memoir and a film script, all illustrated by Emir Isović from IUS Life. On the evening of the launch, each student performed an excerpt from their piece accompanied by the wonderful playing of the pianist and IUS student Beyza Şahin. The students who produced the book are: Zuhail Guvener, Samiha Naffati, Serap Fião, Mehtap Ozer Isović, Aliper Fener, and Nedla Čemanović. The course was taught and book was edited by Assistant Professor Julie Bates, who referred to the book launch and creative writing course in following words: “Like the title, Coups, Haircuts and Cockroaches, the sequence of individual works in the book trace an arc from catastrophic events at times of great social upheaval to smaller, more circumspect – but no less dramatic – private moments. It is no coincidence that the pieces in this book were written in Sarajevo, for no city more resonantly displays its history and prompts the imaginative call and response of storytelling.” As well as hosting the launch, the gallery is exhibiting photographs and drawings produced by the group as well as an exhibition on the life and works of the Irish writer Samuel Beckett, contributed by the Irish Embassy in Ljubljana. This exhibition closed on 29th June 2015.
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