THE BIGGEST SCHOLARSHIPS TESTING IN BIH
Testing for scholarships was held yesterday at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), along with “Open Day” event. Many young people got the chance to win a scholarship to study at an IUS program as well as an opportunity to get to know professors and assistants at three IUS faculties and gather necessary information relevant for future decision making process for studying. We are proud to announce that we had 1612 students from 30 towns of Bosnia and Herzegovina and region who applied for the exam throughout our two-month long online registration system which was open until March 19th. At 12 PM, scholarship exam started in IUS classroom halls. It is important to emphasize that IUS organized free transport for all students who are not from Sarajevo region.

After testing, “Open Day” started. As part of the event’s agenda, IUS promotional video was presented, along with presentation of study programs such as the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) by Senior Assistant Ervin Kovačević, Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) by Assistant Professor Dr. Senad Bušatić and the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) by Assistant Professor Dr. Daria Ler.

“Today is a very exciting day for IUS because we had a record number of applications for testing for scholarships on our tenth IUS anniversary. That is truly impressive achievement when we compare it to last year’s number of registered students for testing exam. In the past two years, we have proven that year after year, students are more and more willing to study at IUS - the best place for education” said Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu in his speech.
EVEN BIGGER THIS YEAR:

International Spring Festival at IUS

For several years in a row, International University of Sarajevo (IUS) organizes the International Spring Festival (Spring Festival). Spring Festival is a unique opportunity for IUS to show its international dimension. At the Festival, students from different countries can meet, socialize, become friends, and more.

This spring event shows diversity during Festival with a number of activities such as competitions in sports disciplines, showing different national traditions, short performances, presentations and kinds of other festival musical performances (performing traditional dances, games, dance groups, playing instruments, concerts etc.).

OUR TALENTS

Hana Alivodić was born in Croatia but she grew up in Montenegro. She was educated in Switzerland and now lives in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Hana is a student of the International University of Sarajevo and she is the one of a few musicians from the Balkans who plays a lute. She performed in UK, France, Germany, Italy and in the countries of the region. After graduating from the famous Music Academy "Schola Cantorum Basiliensis" in Basel, she decided to enroll in Psychology program of the International University of Sarajevo, so she should work with Music-therapy in the future. Hana proudly says that she found perfect harmony in music and psychology.

Hana Alivodić was born in Croatia and started her elementary music education in Montenegro where she learned to play a guitar and the piano. Soon after that, she decided to do research and dedicate herself to early music, because as she says, she felt for the lute instrument "the love at the first sound". When I was fifteen years old, quite by accident at the seminar that I attended, I learned about the lute instrument. In those moments, the desire arose in me to learn to play this truly beautiful instrument.

Because of her love for the lute instrument and the early music she began to study at the 'Schola Cantorum Basiliensis' in Basel, where she graduated in 2012. Studying in Switzerland made it possible for her to meet and connect with other young musicians who harbor the same love for the music of the Middle Age, the Renaissance and the Baroque period. Until now, this young lute musician has performed in many European countries such as the UK, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia.

"For me it was a logical step to enroll and study psychology after music. I believe that psychology and music are closely related, since both of them, treat and calm people. Psychology does that with words and music with beautiful tones. In the future I want to do Music-therapy".

Although she was fortunate to perform in many European cities, Hana however, decided to study in Sarajevo. Sarajevo has a special charm, she says. “My parents met and fell in love here. My mother is from Croatia and my father is from Montenegro. They always talked enthusiastically about Sarajevo - about its neighborhoods and the bazaar, so I always had the desire to live here. I am glad that I got the chance to study at the International University of Sarajevo. By enrolling at IUS, I got the opportunity of studying in an international environment and I am also able to enjoy the charms of this city. Hopefully, soon I will be able to organize a baroque concert here, so that Sarajevo audience will get the chance of becoming more familiar with these tunes”.

OUR TALENTS: HANA ALIVODIĆ

THE HARMONY OF MUSIC AND PSYCHOLOGY

Emina Hadžiahmetović

The best again

At the national championship of Bosnia and Herzegovina in table tennis for seniors, which took place on March 1st and 2nd, 2014 in Sarajevo, IUS student, Emina Hadžiahmetović, took 1st place making her the champion for the sixth time. Emina won the competition without a single lost set, with a result of 4-0. Admir Duranspahić was the best in the men’s category.

According to the general secretary of the Bosnian and Herzegovinian Table Tennis Association Sead Pašić, a record of 109 participants had registered to participate in the competition (80 in men and 29 in women’s competition) out of 20 teams.

Almost 1,000 BiH students, and among them 35 students from the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), stayed in Paris. The journey, called “student visits”, organized by the Student Parliament of the University of Sarajevo (SPUS), from February 26th to March 4th, 2014.

The visit was very complex to organize, but was successfully achieved thanks to the professionalism and great coordination with the travel agency Centrotours. In a column of 36 buses from Bosnia and Herzegovina, students traveled to Slovenia, Austria and Germany, and the final destination was Paris.

Arriving in Paris, through various programs, students had the opportunity to visit the Eiffel Tower, the museum Louvre and Versailles, Disneyland and other tourist destinations.

STUDENT VISIT TO PARIS
Themed performance of students of the International University of Sarajevo was held on Thursday, January 16th, 2014. This student performance was organized in cooperation with Asst. Prof. Nermina Zildžo and was held in the IUS lobby and restaurant.

The performance garnered great interest among the students and academic staff of IUS. The aim of the performance was to send a clear message to the society about the importance of preserving the nature and the environment. Students from the VACD Program of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at IUS realized the performance as part of their exercise.

Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design is one of the most attractive study programs at IUS, which promises many opportunities for a job in the field of marketing, TV commercials and advertising in today’s modern era.

Every generation of students of VACD program shows more talent and great interest for this study program. One of the most successful students in this program is Mario Đonlić, who is currently a 3rd year student.

Mario’s specialty is photography and graphic design. Since he is specializing in fashion photography, in that domain he wants to improve himself to build his career in the field. Recently three of these photos, in competition with other best photographers of the world, have been published in the Italian edition of Vogue magazine (in an online section PhotoVogue).

Success of this student from VACD program also witnesses appearance in the latest edition of BH magazine ‘Urban Magazine’ , where he was cooperating with Anida Kapo, who is the Director of fashion brand WearWolf.

He edited the cover of the magazine and eight photos for the interview. In those photos appears Marko Lovrić, a Croatian world famous model.

When it comes to graphic design, Mario has been publishing his creative and inspiring work and has been working online for many companies in BiH and abroad.

Getting famous
PHOTOS OF VACD STUDENT MARIO ĐONLIĆ PUBLISHED IN VOGUE

IUS students performed ‘The Life of a Painter’ at the Bosnian Cultural Center

Student theater play titled ‘The Life of a Painter’ was performed on Saturday, January 11th, 2014 in the Bosnian Cultural Center in Sarajevo. The play was written, directed, organized and performed by the students from the IUS Student CASES Club (Culture, Arts, Sports, Education and Social Club).

The play is a tragicomic theater story where an individual tries to find himself and his way, and ultimately tries to get to know God. The main character plays a painter who wants to paint a picture but he fails to succeed. Once he realizes that he is not able to paint the picture, he comes up with a new idea—an idea in which he imagines a poet who will try to tell his story through his life. In conflict with himself, between good and evil and assuming that he is a bad person, the painter puts the poet in jail. The play ends with the question: “What was the painter’s last and greatest painting about?”

Theme performance of VACD students gained great interest

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ENNA ZONE ĐONLIĆ PARTICIPATED IN THE CONFERENCE “SIMULATIONS OF THE WORK OF THE UN”

A first-year student of the program “Social and Political Sciences” at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Ms. Enna Zone Đonlić took part in the student conference titled “Montenegro International Model United Nations (MIMUN).” The Conference was designed to work on simulation of ordinary activities and decision-making committee of the United Nations. The conference was held in Podgorica, in the period from April 17th to April 21st, 2014, at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Montenegro.

“...the participation in the Conference was a very positive experience and an opportunity to hang out with young people from all over the world. I had the honor to be the Vice President of the MIMUN Conference and I hope to be able to share my knowledge and experience on simulations of the work of United Nations with all IUS students by taking the initiative of organizing a similar conference at IUS.”

Ms. Enna Zone Đonlić was active in all school and extracurricular activities during her secondary education in Gymnasium "Edhem Mulabdić" in Maglaj. Taking into consideration her interest in politics, international relations and diplomacy, she participated in many seminars and training courses on human rights, gender equality, transitional justice, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and Simulations of the United Nations. The knowledge and active engagement in high school earned her a 100% scholarship for studies at IUS, which opened a wide range of new opportunities for her further advancement.
NEW CENTERS

IUS LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER (LEC) OPENED

On February 24th, 2014, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC) was officially opened. This center was established by the Board of Trustees of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and the Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo (SEDEF). The International University of Sarajevo (IUS) is the largest educational institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The center is established by the SEDEF and IUS to support and promote the development of the BiH society and economy.

Recent Economic and Political Development of BiH

Many distinguished guests from the diplomatic corps in BiH came to the opening ceremony of the Center. The audience was addressed by Asst. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatlić, Coordinator of the IUS Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC), Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Mr. Amer Bukvić, Director of the Bosna Bank International (BBI), and Mr. Hasan Topaloğlu, President of the Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo.

The present audience has also been honored by the presence of the distinguished guest from Milan, a successful economist and Founder and Managing Director of ASSAIF Dr. Alberto Brugnoni.

In his welcoming speech, the Coordinator of the IUS Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC), Asst. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatlić emphasized that this Center is dedicated to innovative research, education and dialogue within and outside the IUS community. Dr. Bušatlić stressed that today, a time of rapid change and globalization, the way we think about leadership is more important than ever and that the present leadership must come from every level of the organization or any part of the corporate network.

Rector Oğurlu referred in his speech to the current economic and political situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, stressing that the high rate of unemployment among young people is particularly alarming, as this is a reason why youth want to leave BiH and seek for jobs in western countries.

Rector Oğurlu noted that the IUS Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC) is to be put in the service of talented young people who will have the opportunity to present their innovative ideas, meet new business partners, learn and share knowledge and experiences and to hear the different experiences of many successful people from the region and the world. "I am convinced that our Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC) at IUS through its creative programs will generate future leaders, and certainly contribute to the development of the BiH society and the region."

The director of the BBI Bank, Mr. Amer Bukvić, spoke about the benefits which the Centre and IUS bring to BiH society, and took the opportunity to thank the management of IUS and the Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo for the establishment of the International University of Sarajevo. Mr. Bukvić also reminded that a large number of intellectuals left the country during and after the war, and that BiH needs now a new young and skilled workforce to run the economy.

The Environment Day

On March 21st, 2014, "The Environment Day" tree planting event was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) Campus Garden. The event was held in cooperation with the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and the Board of Trustees of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and the Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo (SEDEF).

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IUS delegation visited Halal Quality Certification Agency in Tuzla

International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and TSE-SEDEF BOSNIA D.O.O. Solution Partnership Delegation visited Halal Quality Certification Agency in Tuzla (BiH) on Tuesday 18th of March. Members of International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and TSE-SEDEF BOSNIA D.O.O. Solution Partnership Delegation were Secretary General Emir Hadžiabdurić and coordinator of TSE-SEDEF BOSNIA D.O.O. Solution Partnership Faruk Berat Akçeşme and Mustafa Dillow. The guests were welcomed by Director, Mr. Amir Sakić.

During visit to Croatia, Vice-Rector of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Asst. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabdić and Secretary General of IUS, Mr. Emir Hadžiabdurić visited the Varaždin County and the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia on Thursday, February 27th, 2014. This was the first visit of the IUS representatives to the Varaždin County and Croatia as well as the aforementioned ministry. The hosts of the IUS representatives in Varaždin were the Deputy Governor of the Varaždin County, Mr. Alen Kišić and the Head of the Department for Education, Culture and Sport, Mr. Sc. Miroslav Hudek. At a meeting in the Varaždin County the directors of the high schools were present including the director of the Second Gymnasium in Varaždin, Mrs. Zdravka Grđan. The hosts of the meeting presented general information about the Varaždin County, its economic situation as well as investments in primary, secondary and higher education in this region of Croatia. At the beginning of the meeting, Deputy Governor of the Varaždin County Mr. Alen Kišić pointed out that the County of Varaždin is a strong industrial region in Croatia. This is confirmed and seen in the fact that the city of Varaždin is the third city in the nation with highest GDP (before Varaždin comes Rovinj and Zagreb).

Speaking of education in the County, Deputy Kišić pointed out that the Varaždin County as politically independent - they have decided to become the County of knowledge. Therefore, a lot of effort and attention is invested in primary and secondary schools. It is important, as seen in the fact that they have the highest number of state champions which is a product of Centers of Excellence, a unique project in Croatia. Mr. Kišić also added that the schools find international cooperation extremely important, as seen in the fact that they have the highest number of approved projects co-financed by the European funds.

“I’m glad you are a part of an international project as well, and that we will cooperate with the common goal of better and quality education of our students,” said Mr. Kišić. In conversation with the hosts, the representatives of IUS presented the work of the University and expressed satisfaction with the fact that in the next academic year, three new students from Croatia will be able to join IUS as students. “Cooperation with the Second Gymnasium in Varaždin is yet another evidence of the development of IUS and its promotion on the international and/or regional level,” said Vice-

Architecture - a way of life

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Omer Spahić (International Islamic University Malaysia) held a lecture on Wednesday March 26th, 2014 in the IUS Amphitheater, on "Towards Understanding and Revisiting Islamic Architecture". During his lecture, he spoke about the connection between man’s nature and his living and working space.

"The relationship between God and architecture is obvious - wherever we see the remains of Islamic architecture, we will always know that there are remnants of a rich civilization." The theme of the lecture was interesting to a large number of students and many of them had interesting comments and questions.

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Rector Muhamed Hadžiabdić. In Zagreb, the Vice-Rector and the Secretary General of IUS met with the representatives of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia as well as with Professor Senad Nanić, a lecturer who teaches at the Gymnasium for Islamic Studies Dr. Ahmed Smajlović in Zagreb. Mr. Nanić was a guest lecturer on many occasions at IUS. Vice-Rector Hadžiabdić and Secretary General Hadžiabdurić have said that their visit to Croatia was very successful.
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IUS Cooperation with the Second Gymnasium in Varaždin, Croatia

Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs at IUS, Asst. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabić and General Secretary of IUS, Mr. Emir Hadžikadunic visited the Second Gymnasium in Varaždin (Croatia) on Wednesday, February 26th, 2014. The main purpose of the visit was to introduce IUS to students and their parents as well as to give three scholarship certificates for studies at the International University of Sarajevo to the best students of the Second Gymnasium in Varaždin.

During the visit to Gymnasium, Vice Rector and Secretary General of IUS met with the director of the school, Mrs. Zdravka Grđan. The meeting was also attended by school Councilor Mrs. Iva Rajh and homeroom teachers of the final graduation classes: Vlatka Drvarić, Marijan Andrović, Dario Kos, Ivana Sekol and Mario Slatki.

After the introductory speeches of the guests and the host of the meeting about their respective institutions, director Grđan emphasized that students from her school have lately had a series of successes on state and regional competitions. At the same time, she also pointed out that international cooperation is important for the general affirmation of her school.

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The Federal Minister of Education and Science Damir Mašić hosted a meeting held at the Ministry with the delegation from the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, January 9th, 2014.

IUS delegation was led by the Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Research at IUS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Recai Aydin and Advisor to IUS Rector, Asst. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut. The meeting was organized to mark the beginning of the new calendar year and the continuation of talks for future cooperation between the International University of Sarajevo and the Federal Ministry of Education and Science.

The competition is intended for all interested high school students from Bosnia and Herzegovina who will have the opportunity to present their scientific work or innovative projects in the following categories: Engineering (Bioengineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Robotics), Agriculture, Medicine and Biotechnology (Agriculture, Medicine and Pharmacy), Environment (Ecosystem, Recycling), Bioremediation, Air Pollution, Soil Pollution, Water pollution and Pollution of the Woods) and Computer Science (GSM network, Programming etc.).

The Competition will be open from February 1st, 2014 to April 30th, 2014. For the best and most original projects of the high school students special awards will be given in percentages as follows: 100 %, 75 % and 50 % scholarship for studies at one of the IUS faculties; and cash prizes in the amount of 1,000 KM, 750 KM and 500 KM. The university will also award with special cash prizes for mentors of the projects, namely the teachers from high schools who supervised the most successful projects, as well as high quality technical equipment presented to schools from which most successful students came.

The best projects awards will be presented at the ceremony to be held on May 23rd, 2014 at the International University of Sarajevo. For more details please visit application website of the competition: genius.ius.edu.ba

LECTURE

Symposium on the importance of NGOs held at IUS

International Symposium “The Role and importance of civil society organizations in International Relations” was organized on Monday 24th of March at the International University of Sarajevo by the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA) and Association of Borderless and Brotherhood and Humanitarian Aid (KIYADER). Esra Gültekin, President of the Association of Borderless and Brotherhood and Humanitarian Aid (KIYADER), talked about “KIYADER” in her opening speech. “KIYADER” gives scholarships to 81 undergraduate and graduate students from 25 countries, with the various educational seminars, social activities, self-confidence and gain new skills through study aims to improve the quality of students’ achievements. Dean of the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut welcomed all guests from international non-governmental organizations who attended the Symposium as a host.

LECTURE: MY LIFE EXPERIENCE

“My Life – 75 and Counting,”

On Thursday, 6th March 2014 at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) emeritus Prof. Dr. Harry Miller, professor at Faculty of Engineering and Natural Science at IUS, held a lecture called “My life- 75 and counting.” Prof. Dr. Harry Miller used this lecture as an opportunity to motivate and encourage students’ development through the story about his life.

Prof. Dr. Miller is born in 1939 in Chicago, close by Chicago University. He finished major in mathematics at Michigan. He has published 90 mathematical papers and he had goal to give the best possible education to students at “Prirodno-matematiski fakultet” in Sarajevo in order that those students have the ability to get their PhD degree in United States. They had goal to give the best possible education to Students at “Prirodno-matematiski fakultet” in Sarajevo in order that those students have the ability to get their PhD degree in United States. And they succeeded in that intent.

Prof. Dr. Miller and his wife Naza published a collection of mathematical papers and he worked as chief editor of Sarajevo mathematical journal. Dr. Miller through his career taught at 12 universities, and some of them are Bilkent University, Bogaziçi University and University of Michigan. He has published 90 papers in 11 different countries and 21 mathematical journals.

By telling about his life experience, family and career, Professor Miller encourages present students of IUS to educate themselves and take initiative. “You cannot just sit and wait for an opportunity to work as a civil servant. Take things into your own hands. Forget the myths and stupid things. Think about your future, how you build your country. And do it in the way as Mak Dizdar did it in his poetry.” Quoting the famous statement of President Kennedy’s brother Prof. Miller I finished his vivid and impressive presentation, “Many small drops can make a big wave.”
International Relations Office (IRO) in cooperation with the SPS department organized the third consecutive session titled “Ambassador Talk” in the IUS Amphitheater on Wednesday, March 19th. Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, HE Syed Khalid Amir Jaffery was the guest lecturer and talked about Pakistan’s foreign policy and socio-cultural perspectives.

HE Ambassador Syed Khalid Amir Jaffery used this opportunity to create a new image of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as a dynamic and multicultural country to professors and students of IUS through the presentation – information that is not available in media. He spoke about the strategic position of Pakistan through history, political and territorial arrangement, the legislative and executive authorities, as well as the economic development of this country.

On Thursday, March 27, 2014 Mr. Hamdija Šarkinović, a member of the Constitutional Court of Montenegro, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). He was welcomed by IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu and Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Armin Kerić. They discussed teaching capacities, objectives and plans of IUS, the academic structure of the professors and students, as well as future activities in the field of affirmation and promotion of the University. The active regional cooperation with educational institutions with neighboring countries was emphasized as well.

On Friday, 21st March 2014 Emeritus Prof. Dr. Mehmed Can, from the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Science at IUS, held a lecture called “My life in science” at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Prof. Dr. Mehmed Can used this lecture as an opportunity to motivate students and encourage them in their further progress and development.

Prof. Dr. Can is born in 1943 in Tire, close to Izmir in Turkey. He graduated Mathematics-Astronomy at Ege University in Istanbul. He finished his Postgraduate and doctoral studies at the Boğaziçi University in Istanbul. For 10 years, he worked as professor at Istanbul Technical University and during his long academic career; he also worked in different universities from North Cyprus to the United States of America. He published 5 professional books and lectured 34 different courses during his career.

In addition to his regular classes, as a mentor, he was also involved in a large number of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral theses. During his lecture, professor Can talked about his life experiences, family and career, encouraging present IUS students and stressing that the time that is given to us is the largest resource that we have. “You have to believe in destiny and do the best you know and also you have to believe in yourself” - said professor Can. During the lectures, professor Can stated that his hobby is hiking is his lifestyle. In addition to this, IUS Tracking Club “Pohiti polako” is established at the University as new club that brings together professors, students and administrative staff together and the president of the this club is professor Emeritus Dr. Mehmet Can.

PHOTO EXHIBITION “STORIES FROM IRANIAN CITIES” AT IUS ART GALLERY

In the newly opened IUS Art Gallery the exhibition of photographs of former Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr. Emir Hadžkadunvić on “Stories from Iranian cities”, was opened on Monday, January 20th, 2014. Emir Hadžkadunvić currently works as Advisor to Rector and lecturer at the Program of International and Public Relations of the International University of Sarajevo.

The exhibited photographs, which were taken during the three-year stay and work of Mr. Hadžkadunvić in Iran, reveal a specific view on this country with a diverse selection of topics ranging from architecture to pictures of everyday life. The exhibition was opened by renowned BH photographer and a member of the Association of Applied Artists of BH, and photography critic Mr. Slobodan Samardžić SEM. The event was also attended by Advisor to IUS Rector, Asst. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, and many distinguished guests, academicians and students.

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On January 19th 2014, the Bosnian film portal www.filmofil.ba published the news on IUS course Vampire Cinema making the comparison with the interdisciplinary and cross media courses offered at universities in UK and USA related to film studies or referring to the popular culture and motion pictures.

Within the subsection of film studies at the International University of Sarajevo except for the theory of film, film grammar and history of film there are courses taught such as: Disney culture basics, the art of acting, film and advertising, ex Yu film, Turkish cinema, Asian cinema, American culture and film, mythology in popular culture, European cinema and the Vampire cinema course.

Promotion of the Journal on Cultural History titled “Gračanički glasnik” dedicating its 36th edition to the tenth anniversary of the passing of the former President of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Alija Izetbegović which was held on January 24th, 2014 in the new building of the Gazi Husrev-bey’s Library in Sarajevo.

The event was opened with the words of the Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu who not only emphasized the undeniable historical role of the late Alija Izetbegović, but also the great legacy he left behind.

The promotion was also attended by eminent historians who dedicated their lives to scientific work and the study of history: Asst. Prof. Dr. Omer Hamzić, editor in chief of the magazine “Gračanički glasnik”, Mr. Sc. Emir Hadžikadunčić, Advisor at IUS Rector and lecturer at the International and Public Relations Program of IUS as well as Dr. Zlatko Hasanbegović, Senior Expert-Associate at the “Ivo Pilar” Institute in Zagreb.

At the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) the fourth Festival of visual arts and communication design “VACD RE-DO Festival” has successfully completed. At the festival, who lasted from 12th to 14th March, photographs, graphic designs, paintings, drawings and other works of IUS students was published during the Festival.

For the best participants, valuable prizes were provided. Professor in the VACD department, Assist. Prof. Dr. Kenan Zekić expressed his gratitude to students for their efforts and participation, emphasizing that they are pillars of the Festival. The winners are: Illustration - Zlata Delić, Video - Ada Sokolović, Photography - Rukiye Gani, Graphic Design - Mario Đonlić and for Architecture - Senad Alibegović, Dana Ajanović and Sma Tulić.

Director General of the ‘Anadolu’ agency Mr. Kemal Özturk has visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday 11th March 2014. He was welcomed by IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu who also presented the IUS activities to Mr. Özturk.

During this meeting, Mr. Kemal Özturk stated that 10 students from IUS will have the opportunity to work in “Anadolu” agency.
INTERVIEW: ASSIST. PROF. DR. MUHIDIN MULALIĆ, ACTING DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

EPHANY: JOURNAL OF TRANSDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Although the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) is young University, both teaching and research have been emphasized. Could you please comment the history of such developments?

First of all, I would like to thank you for giving me an opportunity for that. Indeed, as newly founded University, IUS started to enroll students in English Language School (ELS). Then, one year later, most of study programs were activated and international students began taking courses across three faculties. Therefore, at this early stage, being young University, IUS began only to emphasize teaching. However, at the beginning of 2010, the number of students and academic staff had grown significantly and thanks to the founders of the University, educational infrastructure was significantly improved. Actually, in this year, IUS moved to the newly built Campus that could accommodate more students and staff. The founders have financed opening laboratories and the Research Center. After that, the Management of the University began financing academic publications.

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) founded Epiphany: Journal of Transdisciplinary Studies. What is the sign cance of this journal for University?

Obviously, FASS should be credited for showing the way and for pioneering the tradition of founding academic journals at our University. Perhaps, the founder of the journal Ass spy. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Bal had enough courage to start the tradition with a small group of young and enthusiastic academicians and I was lucky to be one of them. From 2008, Epiphany began with serious academic promotion of the University. The journal succeeded in networking the University with distinguished local and international scholars, editors and referees. I am also pleased to say that this journal gave a chance to many young academicians to take an active role in writing academic papers. Another significant can ce of this journal is English language as a medium of publication. Certainly, our journal is among a few journals in the Balkans that publish academic papers in English language. In the age of globalisation, English language is the language of science, knowledge and communication. Therefore, Epiphany doesn’t only promote the University, but it promotes the entire region. In addition to this, Cheryl LaGuardia, Research Librarian rightly pointed that the journal does afford an inside look at scholarship in Bosnia and Herzegovina and researchers are working in regional and cultural studies and they wanted to be aware of this title, especially since it looks like the content is getting stronger and more varied. It is unfortunate that due to this linguistic barrier, although the Balkans has a lot to offer to the world, we are not reaching out the global audience. Western scholars and researchers are very interested in the Balkans but apart from their own publications the Balkan authors couldn’t produce significant number of publications in English language. Therefore, our journal is partially filling this gap and I would like to use this opportunity to invite especially scholars from the Balkans to submit their papers at epiphany@ius.edu.ba.

Could you say more about the scope and mission of Epiphany? What makes it different from the other journals?

Epiphany is a peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the promotion of scholarly publications in humanities and social sciences. The unique feature of this journal is interdisciplinary approach. Since the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) has different study programs including Social and Political Sciences, Psychology, English Language and literature, Cultural Studies and Visual Arts and Communication Design, the founders aimed at the promotion of transdisciplinary studies that cross many disciplinary boundaries. I must admit that this was emphasized, especially by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Bosnak. The journal seeks to explore concepts originally developed in one discipline, but now widely used by other disciplines in the area of humanities and social sciences, including anthropology, philosophy, economics, media studies, history, psychology, sociology, visual and performing arts, literature, technology and cultural studies. Due to this approach, many scholars became interested in transcending classical scholarship and they reviewed journal, each paper was refereed by two scholars. Very rich Editorial Board and Referees indicate that our journal is international and interdisciplinary.

Do you want to add something more related to the Journal that we haven’t addressed in our previous questions?

I would like to use this opportunity to thank our University for providing the financial support for the Epiphany all the way along since its foundation. As Managing Editor of the journal, I am especially thankful to IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu. I would also like to advertise a new call for papers and invite scholars who are interested in transcending classical scholarship to submit their manuscripts for forthcoming issue of “Education, Culture and Identity” until April 1st, 2014. Finally, I would like to thank you for giving me an opportunity to promote Epiphany to your audience.
IUS LIFE ACTIVITIES

CNC MACHINES OPERATOR COURSE

IUS Life, Center for Lifelong Learning at IUS began with the organization of various courses for vocational education and training such as courses for professional and personal training, vocational courses, foreign language courses, computer courses as well as various other professional seminars. All these have been organized with the goal of providing citizens the opportunity to gain certification in their area of interest or skills, training or obtaining additional qualifications and increasing competitiveness in the current labor market. Some of the courses of ered will serve as start up for those students who wish to be retrained or change their profession.

One of the courses that IUS Life will soon organize is a course for the operation of CNC machines (Computer Numerical Control). The course will last 10 weeks and is open to students and professors of architecture, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering as well as for all other interested citizens who want to learn and master the handling of CNC machines. The course will be run in special laboratories equipped with modern CNC machines, led by the Lab Manager, Mr. Adnan Škulj who completed his professional training in Germany and gained his knowledge and education in handling CNC machines.

THE FIRST WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

The first Winter Photography Course in English intended for students of the third and fourth year of high school was held during the winter holidays at the Lifelong Learning Centre of IUS (IUS Life). The course was free of charge and upon completion of the project participants were awarded with certificates by the IUS Lifelong Learning Centre on Tuesday, January 28th, 2014. An exhibition of the photographs was presented in the IUS lobby as well.

VISITS

The Representatives of the International Burch University visited IUS

The newly appointed Rector of the International Burch University (IBU), Prof. Dr. Mehmet Uzunoglu and the President of the Board as well as General Manager of Bosna Sema Educational Institutions, Mr. Ismail Yapici visited the International University of Sarajevo on Monday, September 23rd, 2013.

The distinguished guests were welcomed by IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu and Advisor to IUS Rector, Asst. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut.

Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu informed the guests about the work of the International University of Sarajevo, its history of development, the structure of students and professors, its teaching capacities as well as future plans of IUS. During their brief meeting, the Rectors Oğurlu and Uzunoglu expressed hope and desire to strengthen their work relationship and continue the successful cooperation between the two institutions in the field of education, as well as agree to join forces and influence the improvement of the working conditions of study, as well as the quality of education provided by these institutions.
International University of Sarajevo offers **MATLAB Course for Beginners**.

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The International University of Sarajevo IUS Lifelong Learning Center and Leadership and Enterpreneurship Center are organizing the second level six-week course covering four modules. The course is open to IUS students and others with a good knowledge of English language.

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- Registration till : May 09, 2014
- Fee : 100 KM