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Why this summer school?
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Description
Marking 20 years since the end of the devastating war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, this summer school commemorates the events by remembering and discussing the past atrocities but also by learning from and moving beyond the tragic events in the past in order to achieve lasting peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. A range of teaching and learning approaches and strategies will be utilized - delivered in a form of lectures, class discussions, workshops, field visits and conferences - and focused on comparative studies enabling the participants to learn in an experiential and cross-cultural context.

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So far the most successful testing for scholarships for senior high school students from Bosnia and Herzegovina and region was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Friday, 20 March 2015. More than 2000 students took the general knowledge and mathematics test, and had the opportunity to show their knowledge and get one of the offered scholarships. The students came from 137 schools and more than 50 cities. IUS provided free transportation for all students and their professors. This year, the Foundation for Education Development Sarajevo, the founder of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), gives more than 1,000 scholarships to successful students. “This is a very important day for the IUS because we had a record number of students who took the scholarship testing today. We opened our doors to all interested students and welcomed them in our campus. In comparison to 2014, the number of registered students is almost four times higher, which indeed is a great success. The years of hard work pays off. Once again we have proven that our University is the most interesting destination for studying in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. Students decide year after year to come and study at our University” - said IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu.

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In addition to testing for scholarships on the same day, IUS organized “The Open Day” on which all guests, including potential students and their parents, can learn more about the University, three faculties, as well as about study programs. The event was attended by more than 2000 visitors, which is a record for IUS and one of the largest event of this type in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well. The most successful candidates will be selected by the scholarship committee based on the results of the entrance exam. The Scholarships achieved on the testing are valid for all four years of students’ education based on necessary academic performance and SGPA at the end of each academic year.
Mercy to the Worlds-Qur’an, Poems, Ilahi Recitations at IUS

Mercy to the Worlds-Qur'an, Poems, Ilahi Recitations event was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, January 15, 2015. European Muslims Students Association (EMSA) in cooperation with the University organized this event. Visitors had the opportunity to enjoy the melodious recitations of the honorable divine revelation, Ilahi's and poems through memory of the last God's beloved messenger, Muhammad s.a.v.s.

Ahmed Köylü and Omer Faruk Boztaş began the program with ezan, a symbolic calling the believers to prayer, while Yaser Al-Ziyadi and h.fz. Abdussamed Podojak enriched this event with melodious reciting of Qur'an that gave a special charm to this event. Kanita Krdžalić reminded the audience throughout the program of the words of God's beloved messenger, Muhammad s.a.v.s. Assist. Prof. Dr. Mirsad Karić, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Research, gave a lecture.

Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus Gave a Lecture at IUS

On Monday, March 23rd 2015, Nobel laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and met the Rector of IUS, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu. They discussed the development of education in BiH in general and IUS progress in last 11 years in particular. After the meeting, Prof. Muhammad Yunus gave an inspirational lecture for VIP guests, professors and students, on the topic “The role of entrepreneurs in society”. There was great interest in the lecture, with the main amphitheater filling past capacity.

“Don’t be job a seeker, be a job giver. We must enter the field and we shouldn’t be regular bystanders. We need to score the goal and say we made it! The thing that inspires me is the way of showing the young people good ideas; they will do the rest by themselves. Young people like challenges and they also like to be in the field. And, in the end, if you want to change yourself, you should change the leadership.”

Prof. Muhammad Yunus

IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu pointed out that this lecture is precisely the best announcement for the beginning of one of the most advanced educational programs for entrepreneurship in BiH. “The presence of distinguished experts at our University is a clear indication of the commitment of IUS to retain the title of the most modern educational institution in the region. We constantly strive towards perfecting the methods of education for our students, but also the entire citizens of BiH for the useful and cost-effective education” - said Rector Oğurlu.

Muhammad Yunus received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 as the founder of micro-credit concept of credit lines for the poor who do not qualify for classic loans. Yunus began his fight against poverty during the year of 1974 and the great famine in Bangladesh. He found that very small loans can significantly improve the survival of the poorest. At that time, he launched a research project about the economy in rural areas. He is the founder of Grameen Bank and he shares the prize for the work on economic and social development of the poorest. Grameen Bank has given more than 5.1 billion dollars in loans to about 5.3 million people of Bangladesh.

Representatives of IUS LEC visited the IME from Medina

Representatives of the Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC) of International University of Sarajevo (IUS) visited the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the period from 1st to 12th February, 2015. LEC delegation consisted of Amar Cemanović, Dino Mujić, Mirmes Baltić, as well as students Eldar Spahić and Alen Mahmutović. The first visit was one to the University of Taibah in Medina. On that occasion, IUS representatives gave a presentation of (LEC) and IUS, Research and to Rector, Vice-Rectors and management the University of Taibah. After the sightseeing tour of the Campus, LEC Delegation had a meeting with the representatives of the Center for Entrepreneurship of the Medina College of Technology.
Siemens Company Donated IUS Equipment worth 270,000 KM

The International University of Sarajevo (IUS) is constantly working on improving its work capacity and conditions for students. Recently, the Siemens company has donated special hardware equipment for the development of laboratories worth 270,000 KM, as part of the contract signed between these two institutions. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Izudin Đađić, Professor at the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Program of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) at IUS, was the initiator in the process of obtaining this donation. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Đađić was a longtime employee of Siemens. Over the years he has developed a positive business relationship with this respectable company and he is responsible for the implementation of the cooperation between the Siemens company and the University.

The donated equipment is related to Smart Grids (intelligent network) which should simulate the network power system in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the form of small scale models of the system. This system will be used in the process of tracing malfunctions in the network, intelligent power distribution and so on. Many Siemens products and solutions have already found their application in the network and its equipment. The Siemens is investing a lot in innovation and technology to improve its services and efficiency of networks.

Dr. Semir Osmanagić Visited IUS

Dr. Semir Osmanagić gave a lecture as part of his visit to International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on ‘Tourism Potential of BiH: Archaeological Tourism’, on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu with his associates welcomed the distinguished guest in his office.

In 2005, Dr. Osmanagić discovered an ancient pyramid complex in Visoko (BIH) which consists of five colossal stone structures in the form of a pyramid that are supported by a network of prehistoric underground tunnels. During the lecture he focused more on tourism potential of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the importance of promotion of archeological tourism in BiH. The lecture was attended by many students and professors.

“The development of archaeological tourism is not based on verbal proclamations but on concrete moves such as these visitations and an invitation to all, to visit the exciting archaeological site and find proof by themselves. My wish is that Bosnia and Herzegovina is shown to the world as a country of tourism, cultural heritage and archeology” - said Dr. Osmanagić.

At the end of the lecture, all guests had the opportunity to ask questions to the distinguished archaeologist and learn more about how the world and Europe look at this socio-historical phenomenon, and what can be expected in the near future.

New (FASS) courses at IUS

CULT 325 Art Theory and Practice will offer students the opportunity to explore the nature and purpose of art, creativity, aesthetics, and visual communication. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of the visual language, visual elements and principles of design which will provide them with a foundation for development of critical thinking and considering art evaluation and art criticism. Understanding of the visual vocabulary and aesthetic principles will allow students to explore the broad range of artistic disciplines, media and processes, considering the media of drawing, painting, sculpture, architecture, photography, film, video, digital techniques.

CULT 406 Nation, History and Culture in Museums will offer students the opportunity to embark on a fascinating investigation of the cultural significance of museums and exhibitions.
IUS Promoted in Varaždin (Croatia) for Second Successive Year

On Wednesday and Thursday, March 4-5, 2015, as part of the promotional campaign of IUS, Secretary General Emir Hadžikadunić visited the Second Gymnasium in Varaždin (Croatia) and Varaždin County Government. This was the second visit and the main purpose was to reintroduce IUS to students and their parents as well as give a number of scholarship certificates for studies at the International University of Sarajevo. During his visit to Gymnasium, Secretary General of IUS met with Mrs. Zdravka Grđan, the director of the school and Mr. Alen Kišić, Varaždin County deputy president who is in charge of education.

As working part of the program, Hadžikadunić conducted 5 presentations for groups of parents and five graduate classes and he talked about all benefits of studying at IUS. As a result of the last year visit, three first students from Varaždin enrolled at IUS in the academic year 2014/15, two of whom also attended presentations in the school and gave their personal accounts on studying at IUS. It is hoped that the second visit will increase this number in the next academic year.

Rhetoric and British Parliamentary Debate

IUS Debate Club organized a workshop in cooperation with IDEA South East Europe organization titled “Rhetoric and British Parliamentary Debate” on Friday and Saturday, 6 and 7 March 2015 at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Milan Vignjević, professional debate coach (IDEA) from Belgrade and Assist. Prof. Dr. Joseph Joe Kaminski, from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) with student-demonstrator Serap Fısho were lecturers during the workshop.

During both days of the workshop, within student groups, in addition to the rules and strategies associated with the British parliamentary debates, the students had the opportunity to study different cases in detail. The students also had the opportunity to engage in practical discussions using debate principles of the British Parliament. At the end of the workshop, Milan Vignjević expressed satisfaction with the organization of this event at IUS, and praised the pleasant and modern environment the Campus offers. He stated that he plans to continue with training the existing team of IUS Debate Club.

International University of Sarajevo Became Full Member of the International Association of Universities (IAU)

We are pleased to inform you that effective of March 18th 2015, the International University of Sarajevo became a full member of the International Association of Universities (IAU). Especially noteworthy is the fact that IUS is the only university in Bosnia and Herzegovina with membership status in this respectable association. Membership in the International Association of Universities involves certain obligations but also brings a number of benefits, including enhanced access to the World Higher Education Database WHED Portal, free subscription to Higher Education Policy, IAU’s quarterly journal, monthly E-Bulletin and IAU Highlights from the Press, IAU Annual Report and IAU Policy Statements.

As a Member of IAU, International University of Sarajevo will also have possibility to participate in the LEADHER Program that takes a collaborative learning approach in the professional development of Institutional leadership in the area of research management. We are looking forward to our collaborations with International Association of Universities.

New Interesting Ambassador Talk

International Relations Office of IUS organized the 11th session of “Ambassador Talk” at the International University of Sarajevo on Monday, March 30, 2015. Distinguished guest lecturer was H.E. Muhammad Yousaf, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Bosnia and Herzegovina. His Excellency delivered a lecture titled “Security and Peace Solution in South Asia”.

This lecture attracted a large number of professors and students, who wanted to know more about Pakistan and the socio-historical view on the country. During his lecture, Ambassador Yousaf talked in brief about the political, historical and cultural facts that are related to this area, the safety issues, inter-regional conflicts, wars and border disputes between neighboring countries.

The Ambassador stressed that the region of South Asia has enormous energy potential and that regardless of the number of religious and ethnic diversity and disputes, solutions can be found with strong political will of the regional and world powers. Haris Hojkurić, Senior Assistant at the Faculty of Business and Administration thanked Ambassador Yousaf for the support and assistance that the country of Pakistan has provided to the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina during the war, both in material forms and in accepting some refugees from our country.
IUS Center for Balkan Studies

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The International University of Sarajevo (IUS) has established a Center for Balkan Studies. The Centre aims primarily to provide expertise to governments in the region, primarily the Bosnian government, as well as people and future associates in the business world. The work of the Centre will contribute to creating a peaceful, just and prosperous Balkans through training of young academicians who are interested in specialization in certain fields in the region. Among the aims of the Centre is to eliminate the negative perception of the Balkan region and provide support in organization of activities as well as interaction of young people from all Balkan countries. At the same time, the actions that will be carried out will boost student exchanges between regional universities and organization of summer camps in different countries of the Balkans. Associate Prof. Dr. Ali Çaksu is appointed as coordinator of the Centre for Balkan Studies.

Goethe-Institute representatives visited IUS

Klaus-Thomas Frick, Director and Head of the Language Department of Goethe-Institute in Sarajevo, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu along with his associates welcomed the distinguished guests Klaus-Thomas Frick and his assistant Mirza Kovačević in the Rectorate.

Cooperation with the Necmettin Erbakan University

The International University of Sarajevo (IUS) signed the Mevlana and Erasmus + contract with Turkish Necmettin Erbakan University from Konya on Tuesday, December 23, 2014. Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu signed the contract on behalf of the IUS and Prof. Dr. Selman Türker on behalf of the Necmettin Erbakan University.

During this meeting possibilities for future cooperation were discussed in particular joint organization of German courses at the IUS Lifelong Learning Center (IUS Life). There is great interest, especially of young people to learn this language. After the meeting, the guests had the opportunity to see all facilities within the campus as well as many possibilities that IUS offers. Goethe-Institute is the cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany which operates worldwide and offers cultural events in collaboration with local partners, German courses and exams for German as a foreign language, continuing education for teachers of German language, computers for research on the Internet, reference library.

Roman Sulejmanpašić opened his solo exhibition of titled “One among others” on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Senior assistant Ervin Kovačević opened the exhibition and welcomed all guests at the IUS Art Gallery. Roman Sulejmanpašić used recycled paper in the form of pulp and strings through most of his artistic expression that emphasizes a purely aesthetic goal. He stressed the importance of all individuals who have made generous support to the exhibition and he expressed his gratitude to Assist. Prof. Dr. Nermina Zildžio, Assist. Prof. Dr. Melha Teparić, as well as senior assistant, Maja Zećo who played a key role in the organization of this exhibition.

Erhan Konuk’s Lecture on Music

Erhan Konuk gave an interesting lecture as part of his visit to IUS titled “The current state of popular music in the world and the similarity with other musical genres” in the main amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, March 19, 2015. IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu welcomed the distinguished guest in his office. Dr. Metin Boşnak welcomed all the audience as well as special guests from Ankara. During the lecture, Erhan Konuk spoke about the development of the TRT and about the ways of running and development of the musical programs on TV stations in Turkey in general. “How did it all begin? I suggested that managers and editors at the TV station allow me to broadcast music videos and I was authorized to do that but only once a month. Today, when I look at what kind of success we achieved, I see that every clip we have broadcasted had opened a completely new era of TV and musical program.”
Development of Genetics and Bioengineering Laboratory at IUS

It is interesting to mention that there are many universities in the United States (US) which lack certain equipments that IUS already has in its laboratories for research” - said Senior Assistant at the Genetics and Bioengineering program at FENS, Jasmin Šutković.

Development Center Assist. Prof. Dr. Ali Osman Kuşakçı, and consultation with other academic staff of the University, we have diligently worked on collecting bids, creating reports and establishing communication with large companies that eventually resulted in the purchase of special equipment for quality development projects of our laboratories. Our goal was to provide students with access to laboratories and let them work with latest (modern) equipment. It is interesting to mention that visiting professor, Dr. Azizul Haque said that there are many universities in the United States (US) which lack certain equipments that IUS already has in its laboratories for research.

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When it comes to equipment that has been provided, it is important to point out the following; IUS bought 8 new machines: QRT PCR machine, CO2 incubator, inverted fluorescent microscope, Chemiluminescence gel imager system, centrifuge with cooling, Microplate reader, etc.). All that is mentioned above, with already existing equipment makes a complete and round cycle for successfully meeting the needs of high-quality laboratories for research in the scientific field of genetics and bioengineering as molecular biology of plants, human genetics, molecular biomedicine, molecular cell biology, computer biology and bioinformatics.

Genetics and Bioengineering Laboratory is part of the Research Development Center. Is this way, IUS is becoming a Balkan center exchange of researchers and scientists in the fields of development and research, and exchange of academic staff through successful future cooperation with many renowned researchers worldwide.

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International University of Sarajevo (IUS) is continuously working for 11 years to strengthen and expand the capacity of services offered to all students at all three study cycles. The IUS library is built in accordance with the principles of open access to knowledge and information. Since 2014, the Library is located on the 3rd floor of the B building of the University, and has more than 13,000 book units, 100 seats in the premises for reading, as well as seven computers with fast internet connection. New and well-equipped rooms of the library provide users with better conditions for use of the library fund.

As a result of the very successful cooperation with numerous institutions and organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and beyond, university has managed to collect a significant number of books in various fields, in order to facilitate the work of students and academic staff. IUS has signed an agreement with the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina (NUL). We have access to use of materials that are part of their Library. All employees and students who wish to use the services of the Library need to bring an IUS ID card. It is also important to mention that the IUS recently became a full member of the International Association of Universities (IAU). Membership in the Organization provides certain benefits such as subscription to the magazine “Higher Education Policy”. IUS is also subscribed to several other databases, and on the website of the university, following database can be found: Ebsco, Jstor, World Bank – Global Development Finance, World Bank World Development Indicators (WDI), ASOS-Academia Social Sciences Index, Dart Europe E-theses, National Databases (ULAKBIM).

These databases offer over a million of e-books, titles and articles! Users do not need to create a username and password because access is allowed through the IP address, so that the search can be carried out solely within the University. These databases can be found on the website of the University under the section: study, Library and then users can select the database they wish to search. Future plan for IUS library is to create in addition to learning rooms for students a special room for graduate students, a bookstore and a café.

More than a million books and journals in the IUS library

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Cooperation Agreement Signed between IUS and Chamber of Economy the FBiH

IUS signed an agreement on cooperation with the Federal Chamber of Commerce of BiH on January 23, 2015, in Sarajevo. Signatories of this beneficial agreement on behalf of the two institutions were Vice President of the Chamber of Economy the FBiH, Mirdad Jašarspahić and IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu.

The agreement defines a business and professional cooperation between the Chamber and IUS, in the field of adult education, including professional education, training, and vocational training.

Business and professional collaboration will include all forms of adult education in all economic sectors, in order to achieve common interests of significance for the development and improvement of the economy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu expressed satisfaction with the beginning of this well-established cooperation, stressing that economic development of Bosnia and Herzegovina should be a priority for everyone in the future. Vice President of the Chamber Mirdad Jašarspahić stressed that the Chamber is continuously working on the needs of the economy for the professional training.

IUS Delegation visited the Embassy of Malaysia in Sarajevo

A delegation from the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) visited the Embassy of Malaysia in Sarajevo on Friday, January 23, 2015. H.E. Anuar Kasman, Ambassador of Malaysia to BiH, welcomed the delegation consisting of IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğurlu, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Research, Assist. Prof. Dr. Mirdad Karić and Vice-Rector for General Affairs, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali.

FBA Representatives and Stakeholders meeting

Representatives of the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA) held a meeting with stakeholders in the Senate room of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, February 4, 2015. The meeting aimed to familiarize stakeholders with the criteria for accreditation of study programs, the indicators for criteria fulfillment, and the results and achievements made so far. On behalf of IUS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Korkut, Dean of FBA opened this meeting with words of welcome for all present guests and in his introductory remarks emphasized of the importance of these meetings. Secretary General of IUS, Emir Hadžikadunčić also addressed the guests, while Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatić, Assist. Prof. Dr. Abdurrahim Siradag and Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmed Gauge spoke about the study programs.

The stakeholders who attended this meeting were: Prof. Dr. Ešref Kenan Rašidić, Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Sarajevo, Dr. Omer Kulić, President of the board of BHANS association, Dr. Alen Kalajdžić, Director of the Institute for language, mr. Muharem Krzić, former Ambassador, Mirna Pajević, Economist from the FEB d.d. Sarajevo, Economist Azur Handan, Director of the accounting sector, IT revision in Turkish Ziraat Bank, Sarajevo and Prof. Elvedin Subasić, journalist from the informative newspaper “Preporod”.

Stakeholders actively participated in the meeting and discussed different topics with the coordinators of the programs.
Workvisit of the Delegation of the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Canton Sarajevo

The delegation of the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Canton Sarajevo visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, February 5, 2015. Sifet Kukuruz, Assistant to Minister of Higher Education, Science and Youth of Canton Sarajevo came to visit with his fellow colleagues, Abid Fejzić, Assistant to Minister for preschool, primary and secondary education, Azemina Njuhović, – Assistant to Minister, Department for Computerization of Education and Science and Ljiljana Prelić, Secretary of the Ministry. IUS Rector Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu welcomed the distinguished guests in his office.

Members of the delegation of the Ministry stressed that they look forward to successful institutional cooperation with representatives of the IUS. They also congratulated the Rector for the results IUS has achieved in the past period. During the meeting, Rector Oğurlu emphasized that IUS as an educational institution wants to direct its experience, knowledge and energy towards the betterment of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the entire region. He also pointed out that cooperation with the Ministry contributes to the efficient development of education in Bosnia and Herzegovina. After the meeting, the delegation of the Ministry took a tour of the campus and visited art gallery, laboratories, research center, sports hall and other facilities of university.

Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign at IUS

A socially responsible campaign of voluntary blood donation was organized at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), for students and staff, on Friday, December 26, 2014. The donation of blood was organized in cooperation of the Institute for Transfusion Medicine of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and it was carried out in the infirmary office of IUS. This is traditional annual event at IUS, organized in order to increase blood supply for the ones who are in need. Donating blood is a humane and noble act for the one who gives it as well as the one who receives it. On behalf of those in need of blood, gift for life, we thank all who participate in this campaign.

Elvir Čolaković gave a lecture at IUS

Elvir Čolaković held a lecture on “New Muslim Guide” at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, December 4, 2014 for teachers and students. Čolaković spoke about the book “New Muslim Guide” by the author Fehd Salim Bahumama, the translation of which was recently released.

The book is a pioneer edition combining two very important issues - the scientific foundation and skills for publishing, intended for new followers of Islam regardless of the country they live in or languages they speak. “New Muslim Guide” is a simplified presentation and clarification of religion and Sharia regulations important for every Muslim life in general.

FASS Teaching and Research Synergy

At the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences teaching and research have been extremely productive in the past few years. The Faculty has decided to make a synergy between teaching and research, whereby teaching and research throughout the education process are aimed to complement each other. Such approach was furthermore stimulated by the continuous technological developments that question traditional methods in education and instead promote a synergy between research and teaching. Both teaching and research are inevitable to foster student’s qualities of problem-solving, critical thinking and creativity.
Students Visited the Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH

On Monday, December 22nd, 2014, students from the International Economics course, at the Economics and Management department at FBA visited the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The visit was organized by Senior Assistant, Azra Bićo. Through the presentation, given by Vice President of the Chamber, Dr. Bruno Bojić, students had the opportunity to learn more about the Chamber and its system, its functions and tasks, and to get more familiar with the activities of Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The main emphasis was put on the role and importance of the Chamber’s cooperation with various international institutions in order to strengthen Bosnia and Herzegovina’s economy. After the presentation, students were welcomed to ask questions and experienced fruitful discussions.

Goethe Institute Presented Its Work

Representatives of the Goethe Institute in Sarajevo gave a presentation “Let’s learn German with Goethe Institute” at IUS on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. This event was organized by the IUS Life and as part of “Meeting World Culture at IUS” project. Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Hadžiabdić, Vice-Rector of IUS, welcomed Mr. Klaus-Thomas Frick, Director of Language Department and his associates into a truly multicultural environment of IUS. In his welcoming remarks, he emphasized the importance of cooperation with this internationally recognized institution.

Director Frick presented the possibilities of learning German, educational opportunities, cultural development projects, scholarships and the other facts and figures related to the mission and work of this institution. He also noted the impressive results of over sixty years of continuous work and the presence of the Goethe Institute in 159 countries worldwide. IUS Life and the Goethe Institute will work together in organizing German Language courses, examinations and info sessions especially for postgraduate students.

Adem Redžović showed Jiu Jitsu Techniques to IUS Students

Students of the International University of Sarajevo had the unique opportunity to talk to the coach and learn more about the jiu-jitsu martial arts from a professional trainer in the practical and theoretical knowledge of jiu-jitsu for the past 14 years. Coach Adam Redžović is currently working on teaching the future agents of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in jiu-jitsu defense techniques. Adem Redžović is a Bronze Medal holder from the Martial Arts-World Championship, as well as a holder of many other awards and recognitions from sports competitions in martial arts and defense disciplines. Redžović lives in the United States (USA), Chicago, and works as instructor and lecturer of defense sport techniques and is one of the world’s renowned trainers of Japanese martial arts and jiu-jitsu techniques.

The “Jiu Jitsu self defense techniques and training” seminar was organized on Thursday, 5 March, 2015 at the International University of Sarajevo. Jiu-Jitsu trainer, Adam Redžović demonstrated the defensive grappling techniques, a non-striking hybrid style formed from wrestling, jiu jitsu, judo and samba that applies control techniques, leverage and choking in order to force the opponent to give up the fight. IUS students had the opportunity to theoretically and practically learn more about this technique which was developed as new martial arts skill, effective for people of less physical constitution and power. During the seminar, which was held from 5th to 7th March, members of sports clubs in Sarajevo and IUS students had the opportunity to practically apply the method of Jiu-Jitsu and test the skills of defense. IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, BIRR Group and their representative Artem Avanesyan, with cooperation of SACHS organized the seminar.

The aim of the seminar was to learn about the Jiu-Jitsu technique and related defense techniques, but also promote the newly opened “International JSJ and Jiu Jitsu, Grappling” sports club. During the seminar, Redžović talked about the Brazilian jiu-jitsu martial art, where he said that this combat sports skill focuses on ground fighting with the goal of gaining a dominant position and using joint locks. “This sport is an individual martial art with a technique that is applied for all types of athletes, in order to make proper use of combat efficiency methods, and encourage each person to further develop”, said Redžović.

Turkish Ambassador Cihad Erginay and Key Representatives of Turkish Diaspora Visited IUS

Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, hosted an important meeting with Turkish Ambassador in B&H, His Excellency Cihad Erginay and other key representatives of Turkish Diaspora in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including managers of Turkish Airlines, Tika, Turkish Ziraat Bank, Yunus Emre, Anadolu Agency and TRT in B&H on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

Issues of mutual collaboration and coordination were discussed. Rector Oğurlu presented the latest progress report from the International University of Sarajevo. In addition, four IUS centers (IUS Life Long Learning Center, IUS Research and Development Center, IUS Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center and IUS Balkan Study Center) were presented by their managers who shared mission and vision of these institutions to this respective audience.
International University of Sarajevo (IUS) is a high ranked educational institution well known in the region of Balkans, as proven by the award of the European Movement in Bosnia and Herzegovina. For this very reason, IUS represents the ultimate educational destination for students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and for all young people who come from different countries around the world. In order to expand the academic teaching, the University invites eminent experts and professors and one of them is Dr. Amber Haque who will join IUS for spring semester of 2014/2015 academic year.

Prof. Dr. Amber Haque is a guest lecturer who comes from the Al Ain University in United Arab Emirates (UAE) where he teaches at the Department of Psychology and Counseling. Dr. Haque will join the excellent team of academics from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at the Psychology Program as part of the II and III cycle of studies at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Professor Haque has a very extensive professional experience in the field of clinical psychology and he was engaged for more than 30 years at universities in United States (US), Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He taught more than 30 courses at many major universities around the world, and has published about 70 research papers related to his fields of research.

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. Assist. Prof. Dr. Mirsad Karić, 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.
“So you think you know Japan?” presentation

Ms. Risa Kamio, Director of Educational Programs at The Japan-America Society of Washington DC, gave a lecture entitled “So you think you know Japan?” on Thursday, January 15, 2015. This short introduction of Japanese language and culture is organized by IUS Lifelong Learning Center (IUS Life) and took place in the university main amphitheater.

Through an interactive approach to the audience, Ms. Kamio presented the language, culture and tradition as well as Japanese signs, symbol and meanings with the illustrative explanations of three main writing systems. “Japan is very unique country, in sense of its culture, tradition and Japanese people themselves” - said Ms. Kamio. During the presentation she also spoke about the way of life in the land of sunrise that is very different in comparison to other parts of the world. At the end of her presentation Ms. Kamio announced Japanese language courses may be organized at the IUS Life in the spring this year with the support of the Japanese Embassy in BiH.

Memorandum with ESPOL (France)

In mid-March 2015, IUS has signed a MoU with the European School of Political and Social Sciences (ESPOL). This respectable school is part of the Faculty of Law established within the Catholic University of Lille (France). The Catholic University of Lille is a renowned and unique higher education institution in France founded in 1875.

With good cooperation of the University with this respectable institution in France, the Social and Political Sciences program of IUS will significantly improve its program. This will be a great opportunity for students and professors to share their experiences and knowledge with their French colleagues, and work on joint research projects. The ESPOL school will be given a chance of opening new research topics and organize debates on construction and integration of Europe by cooperating with one of the international institutions in the Balkans.

EU Info Centre on Youth Programs

A large number of students and professors of IUS expressed interest in participating in international exchange programs such as Erasmus +, Mevlana program and others. In this regard, the International Relations Office of IUS plans to organize a series of lectures in order to inform and provide adequate information to interested candidates for exchange. The first guest in this series of the lectures was Saša Kulukčija, Assistant at the European Union Info Centre (EUC) in Sarajevo. The lecture on “EU Info Center and EU Youth Programmes” was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, in the main amphitheater of IUS.

Saša Kulukčija presented the Center during the lecture. The Center was established as part of the framework of the European Union whose primary goal is to inform citizens about the EU institutions and policies, relations between BiH and the EU, the process of integration and its impact on the country. After the presentation of the Centre and its main activities, Kulukčija presented to students the EU projects for exchange, possibilities of joining the European network of students, ways of how to volunteer and get cheaper travel opportunities for students through Europe. Kulukčija is a journalist by profession, who has years of experience in management and organization of projects for young people. He encouraged the students to seize their chance and use the offered opportunities for volunteering and practice.

“Travelling through Europe is an ideal opportunity for young people to expand their knowledge, and enrich their educational, linguistic and cultural experience” - said Kulukčija. At the end of the lecture, Saša offered to discuss further with the audience through question and answer session with all students who expressed a wish to learn more about the projects and opportunities offered to them.

Exhibition and Lecture in Memory of the Victims of the Massacre in Khojaly

Exhibition and lecture in memory of the victims of the massacre that took place 23 years ago against the residents of the Azerbaijani village-Khojaly was held at IUS on Wednesday, February 25, 2015. The lecture was held in the main amphitheater of IUS. Ismail Jafarov, Chief of the Diplomatic Mission of Azerbaijan to BiH, and the main organizer of this event, welcomed present guests.

“Azerbaijani people who survived the genocide in Khojaly have great understanding related to the tragic events that happened in Srebrenica. The genocide against the population of Khojaly had only one reason, they were Azerbaijanis. When we talk about Khojaly, it is impossible to hide emotions because, in that one specific night in February, many people have been killed, among others, 63 children” said Jafarov.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Boşnak from FASS addressed the audience on behalf of the IUS. He emphasized during the lecture the importance of marking the genocide as a reminder for the new generation of young people, of this unthinkable tragedy that happened in the past.

Samir Šibonić, the representative of the Association of the Bosnian-Azerbaijani friendship stressed that the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina sympathize with the people of Azerbaijan mostly because of the war that BiH has went through.
IUS Representatives Presented the Level V Program

Positioning level V qualification program in BiH was presented to students and staff of the Mixed Secondary School in Živinice on Tuesday, December 30, 2014. The International University of Sarajevo (IUS) will help the School to implement the program. It consists of a model design of the new curriculum program of the level V qualifications. Project Coordinator, Assist. Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić Telalović and Vice-Rector for International cooperation and Research at IUS, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhammed Hadžiabdić presented the project that will be realized in this school.

The goal of the program is to contribute to the resolution of non-compliance of the labor market and improving the social inclusion. The title of the presented program is “Programming on CNC Machine” and is designed for the wood industry. With acquired knowledge and skills, students who successfully complete this program will be more competitive in the labor market in the wood industry.

During the course of the project, a training session was realized for teachers during which they had the opportunity to upgrade their knowledge. Professors who attended the training sessions at IUS had the opportunity to learn a number of new software packages (SolidWorks, SolidCAM, Autocad, etc.) and thereby improve their expertise. This project is funded by the EU Delegation in BiH.

The “Iron Lady” Drama Play

Drama play of professors and students of the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA) was performed in the main amphitheater at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. The aim of this play was to show the 20th century, and one of the most controversial female figures of all time, the British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. Various aspects of Margaret Thatcher’s life in the Parliament, her role in the 20th century, the struggle between men and woman, and other events from her life were presented.

This project was a joint work of professors and students. Assist. Prof. Dr. Edita Đapo played the main role, while Assist. Prof. Dr. Ognjen Riđić appeared in a supporting role. The play has shown great cooperation of the team that worked on this project, in addition to the excellent performance of actors, costume design and powerful messages conveyed to audience. IUS students who participated in the project are Emina Jusufbašić, Zinaida Hamza, Emina Grabovica, Amina Mujkanović, Adna Nalić, Aija Bunjo, Merima Dlakić and Emina Bašić. Mirza Rastoder wrote and directed the play.

BH Production Potential and Opportunities

IUS LEC organized a lecture titled “BH Production Potential and Opportunities” on Thursday, January 15, 2015. Nedžad Biberović, Marketing Manager of the AKova Group presented the work of the meat industry “OVAKO”, from the beginning to the present day, as well as all capital projects of AKOVA group. During the lecture, Biberović emphasized that the company is among the first in Bosnia and Herzegovina which adopted all the necessary standards for halal quality production.

Biberović specifically talked about the halal products market in BiH and the region, the socially conscious of consumers, and also about the problems the producers face in the domestic market, when it comes to marketing standards, procurement or development of brands. “The market is entirely defined by consumers. Great support and significant role in the creation of markets can and must come from the mass media. Many companies create short-term marketing investments thinking that that is enough, but the truth is that without continuous marketing communication, there is no continuous communication with customers”, said Nedžad Biberović.

Students and Professors visit the “Gazi Husrev-bey library”

The students and teaching staff from the English Language and Literature Department paid a visit to the “Gazi Husrev-bey Library” on December 30, 2014. It was a great opportunity to visit the Archive Room, the Multimedia room, the Department for restoration and conservation, the Reading room and the Museum.

The aim of the visit was to get familiar with the artifacts related to the history of literacy in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the general cultural history of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Creative Responses to Samuel Beckett

Opening of the exhibition titled “Creative Responses to Samuel Beckett’s writing” was held in the IUS Art Gallery, on Thursday, January 15, 2015. The exhibition is based on lectures from MA course, Comparative Studies in Drama, which explored the drama for stage, television and radio, fiction and film of Samuel Beckett. Photos, pictures and written pieces in the exhibition are creative responses of students and lecturers on topics and ideas that are primarily focused on Beckett’s creative imagination. During the exhibition, film screenings were shown as adaptation of some of the Beckett’s dramas. Samuel Beckett, playwright and novelist of Irish origin, received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969. Although Beckett’s novels and dramas are basically pessimistic, they are always imbued with gentle humor and sympathy for the characters. The exhibition lasted until January 30, 2015 and was open to all visitors.
SAT Testing at IUS

For many years, the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) has been organizing SAT testing (Scholastic Aptitude Test) for high school students from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. This year’s testing was held on Saturday, January 24, 2015. Senior Assistant, Sadi Fadda from the Economics Program of the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA) organized the testing for interested candidates. SAT test is the most widely used standardized aptitude test, used as entrance examination test for admission to most faculties and universities in the United States. International, domestic and American students are taking the test as requirement for admission. The test is part of the regular enrollment process and serves as an objective tool that allows committees for admission at faculties, to examine the level of knowledge of candidates who apply.

SAT testing takes place 7 times a year in the United States, and six times a year around the world. The prestigious universities in United States of America and the world rely on the results of SAT scores, when deciding to give scholarships to potential students. Test results may be better indicators of students’ knowledge than his/her school grades (because of the different assessment systems worldwide). To enter the SAT testing exam the students need to have good knowledge of English, and knowledge from different areas or subjects. There are two types of tests: “SAT Reasoning” which assesses the ability of critical thinking and problem solving skills, and “SAT Subject” that assesses knowledge of a particular area or a foreign language. For all interested candidates who wish to take the SAT exam, please apply online:
http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-international-dates

The next tests are scheduled for May 2, 2015 and June 6, 2015.

Certificates for “Moja praksa” Project

The ceremony of awarding certificates to participants of the second cycle of the project titled “Moja praksa” was held on Friday, February 6, 2015, in the premises of International University of Sarajevo (IUS). 58 participants of this internship program received diplomas and certificates for their hard work during the three-month practice in the real ICT projects under the mentorship of local IT companies. In addition to awarded certificates, participants also received letters of appreciation from 14 companies that participated in this worthwhile project.

This was an opportunity for everyone to socialize with business representatives and mentors and future potential employers. “We are extremely proud of all students who come from different Universities in Sarajevo and who have successfully completed this program. In particular, we congratulate those who through their work on this project managed to secure employment. Cooperation between academia and industry is key to overcoming current disagreements in the labor market” - said Assist Prof. Dr. Jasmina Häsić Telalović, coordinator of the program. We invite all interested graduate students of computer sciences to apply and register for the third cycle of training.

More information can be found on the official website of the project: projects.ius.edu.ba/usaidp4i
New Visit of the Selcuk University

A delegation of the Selcuk University from the city of Konya (Turkey) visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, February 12, 2015, through the efforts of the IUS International Relations Office. The delegation consisted of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fuat Boyacioğlu, Erasmus + Coordinator, İlyas Ferhat Demirbaş, Coordinator of the Erasmus + program and youth programs, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Susran Erkan Erdoğan, Deputy Coordinator. Suad Muhibić, Director of the Erasmus + Office of BiH also attended the delegation.

Prof. Dr. Yücel Oğurlu, Vice Rector, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali and associates welcomed the guests in the Rectorate. Vice Rector, Dr. Ali presented the University and future plans for expanding capacities and also emphasized the importance of inclusion of IUS in the Erasmus + program, benefits that can bring to the students, academics as well as internationalization of the institution.

The representatives of Selcuk University were satisfied with the visit and expressed a determination for future cooperation, especially in the field of exchange of students and professors. “We hope that this visit will contribute to the development of joint projects in the future, as well as increase the existing level of cooperation between the Selcuk University and IUS” - said Erasmus + Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fuat Boyacioğlu.

Photography Workshop at IUS

IUS Life Long Learning Center organized a photography workshop for high school students on Friday, February 13th 2015. The Workshop was a combination of lectures, demonstration, discussion and hands-on indoor shooting time. Topics covered include portrait and the basics of working in Photoshop. In an atmosphere of fun and exploration motivated participants have learned about the theory and practice of the art of photography.

This interactive Workshop was conducted by Emir Isović and, most importantly, received positive feedback by participants. During the second part of the Workshop, the participating high school students had a chance to learn about FASS Visual Art and Communication Design program through the presentation of Senior Assistant Maja Žeço. At the end of this half-day event, all attendees received certificates of participation in the workshop of creative photography and introduction to photo editing. Certificates were awarded by Vice Rector, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Hadžiabdić.

Personal Financial Management

Lecture by Assist. Prof. Dr. Ognjen Riđić

A session in a series of interesting lectures was held on March 13, 2015 at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). The lecture focused mostly on the management of personal finances and the potential problems and solutions in everyday situations and was given by eminent lecturer from the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA), Assist. Prof. Dr. Ognjen Riđić at the invitation of the president of the African Students’ Association at IUS, Mr. El-Mustapha Ait Sidi Mohammed.

IUS African Students’ Association brings together students originating from different countries of Africa such as Ghana, Uganda, Chad, Kenya, Sudan, Burkina Faso, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania. Assist. Prof. Dr. Ognjen Riđić presented the most important things that every man should have in mind when you want to successfully manage personal finances to all students that were present at this lecture. He stated that we all must pay attention to daily planning of our personal time and finances in our everyday life. “It is important that each of us learns how important it is to manage our own money, either through depositing money in a bank or through a certain savings, because it is not possible to have any kinds of savings without adequate of financial income” - said the Assist. Prof. Dr. Ognjen Riđić.

The importance of education in the field of finance and financial management, as well as several other areas such as the fluctuation of the value of money in accordance with the time and computing annuities and individual investments with financial calculator HP 12C, were stressed out during the lectures. Later on, the students could discuss following thematic areas such as Tools for Financial Planning, Managing of Liquidity, Personal Financing, Wealth Protection, Personal Saving and Investing, Retirement and Estate Planning.

At the end of the lecture, students asked specific questions and they interacted with the lecturer with different findings related to the topics. Students were most interested in how best to optimize the consumption of their salary in the conditions prevailing in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the optimization of purchasing power.

Lecture about Formal Education, Curiosity and Motivation

Lecturer at University of Zenica, Alma Pirić, gave a lecture entitled “English Language and Lifelong Learning” at the International University of Sarajevo on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 as a part of ELIT Talks Lecture Series organized by ELIT program, FASS. She teaches undergraduate courses at the Faculty of Philosophy. This semester, Alma serves as a University Supervisor for Drexel University, and she also teaches in the graduate program at the University of Mostar. She was an English Language Fellow at the University of Banja Luka and a mentor to a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Banja Luka.

During the lecture, Alma Pirić talked about formal education, curiosity, motivation (positive and negative), love for foreign languages, the need to communicate as important triggering factors for learning a second language and its acquisition in general.
Baroque Concert at IUS

Hana Alivodić, a young musician who plays the lute gave a concert in the main amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, December 25, 2014. It is said that in ancient times, in the era of kings, it was almost impossible to organize a party without the sound of lute, a stringed instrument that has a delicate and sophisticated sound. Today there are many musicians who play this instrument and those who chose to play it, remain in love with it forever.

One of the admirers of this beautiful pear-shaped instrument is also Hana Alivodić, a student at Psychology Program of IUS.

Hana's love for the lute instrument inspired her to study early music and she enrolled at the “Schola Cantorum Basiliensis” in Basel, where she graduated in 2012. Studying in Switzerland enabled her to connect with other young musicians who cultivate love for music of the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Baroque.

Lecture “Besieged Sarajevo Stage for a War Entertainment”

Dr. Nermina Zildžo gave a lecture entitled “Besieged Sarajevo Stage for a War Entertainment” in the main amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. During the presentation, Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatić and lector Mrs. Aida Akagić-Hodžić, visited Klas dd Company. The visitors attended Klas dd route program, the aim of which was to learn how big domestic companies like Klas work, what kind of structure they use, how they are linked with different business areas, top and low management, project implementation, connecting with relevant sectors: financial, administrative, PR, branding, marketing, advertising. The visit was arranged for the students to improve their knowledge and experience from the business sector and leadership.

On behalf of Klas dd 12 young people from LEC were welcomed by Assistant Director, Mr. Adnan Hodžić. During the visit, the students were given a presentation, visited the production sector and meet with Klas company employees. The visitors were informed that, founded in 1902 and is based in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Klas d.d. is the largest domestic company in Bosnia and Herzegovina that develops, generates, sells, and exports grain-based food products for final users, industrial consumers, and bakeries, serving customers in Southeast Europe, Scandinavia, the European Union, the United States, Canada, and the Middle East. The company also operates with a chain of mini-bakeries that provide a range of bakery and confectionary products to shopping centers, hotels, restaurants, snack rooms, sport centers, hospitals, and other institutions; and a network of retail stores.

Talking about the conditions for the sales of products in BiH and in international level, the assistant director said that, regardless of the current difficult economic circumstances, Klas dd has a bright future, while emphasizing that they began with a new export of raspberries and repurchase of mushrooms. He also highlighted that institutions such as IUS-LEC are a positive example of how quality ideas and knowledge of young people can become a sustainable component in business sector of BiH. Besides the educational and practical program, the students enjoyed trying products of the Klas dd, and were invited for further visits.

IUS and LEC Students Visited Klas Company

On Wednesday, December 10th, 2014, students from the IUS Leadership and Entrepreneurship Center (LEC), with coordinator Assist. Prof. Dr. Senad Bušatić and lector Mrs. Aida Akagić-Hodžić, visited Klas dd Company. The visitors attended Klas dd route program, the aim of which was to learn how big domestic companies like Klas work, what kind of structure they use, how they are linked with different business areas, top and low management, project implementation, connecting with relevant sectors: financial, administrative, PR, branding, marketing, advertising. The visit was arranged for the students to improve their knowledge and experience from the business sector and leadership.

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Transformational Leadership

Senior Assistant Ramo Palalić from the Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA) lectured on “Transformational Leadership” in the main amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. African Student Association (ASA) in coordination with IUS organized this lecture. Palalić stressed that certain charismatic personalities can strongly attract followers, but they do not encourage their activity. “It is the kind of leadership that can inspire positive changes in those who follow. Transformational leaders are generally energetic and they direct their energy in a way of helping each member of the team to succeed”- said Palalić.

Senior Assistant Palalić explained the students all the interesting and useful components of transformational leadership, and emphasized its use at work through his interaction with them. This lecture is only one of many interesting and planned lectures that will be available to IUS students in the future. In this way students will improve their knowledge through extracurricular activities and motivating lectures.
Interview with Andreea COJOCARU
Prepared by Enna-Zone Donić

1. For the beginning, tell us something about you, your education and how did you start?
I’ve always been interested in drawing and sculpture so architecture was a natural fit. In Romania, where I grew up, my favorite subjects were mathematics and art. When I was in high school, I offered the chance to continue my studies in the United States. I graduated from an international high school in New Mexico, a state located in the southwest region. For my bachelors degree I went to Wellesley College in Massachusetts, a liberal arts college in the metropolitan area of Boston, where I studied art and philosophy. For architecture studios, I attended MIT. The next stop on my journey was Yale University in Connecticut for my masters degree, a three year program.

2. How did you decide to start academic career?
My background is in practice. After Yale, I worked for several years in design and project management in two prestigious architecture offices in New York. The business side of architecture was very important to me and my experience in New York was extremely valuable. It gave me the kind of insight into the social, economical and political role of architecture that you cannot read about in books. I decided to come to academia because of my interest in theory. As Peter Eisenman, one of my professors, used to say ‘good books last longer than buildings’. All joking side, developing theories that help us produce better buildings and better cities is as crucial, if not more, than actually building them. I also come to academia because I felt students, and specifically students in this part of the world, would benefit greatly from my American experience and from a very different point of view.

3. Why did you choose to be professor at IUS?
I am very attached to Eastern Europe, to the Balkans, and to the Black Sea. After more than a decade in the US, I felt the need to revisit my roots. Also, at a certain point in your career, it becomes your turn to use the knowledge you have acquired and to help younger people. And you need to decide which people to help. I chose to return to this part of the world and to share my knowledge with the people here.

4. Can you make comparison between education in Bosnia and Herzegovina (IUS) and place you are coming from?
This is my first year at IUS so it is early for me to compare. All I can say for now is that I am teaching my courses in the manner in which they are taught in the US and I hope the students will find it interesting and engaging. One of the benefits of an international university and of faculty from different parts of the world is that students are exposed, within the same department, to different ways of thinking, different strategies they can use to find solutions, and so on.

5. We suppose that you had opportunity to visit Old town Sarajevo, mainly Baščaršija. But we are wondering did you hear for old Bosnian saying: “Whoever drank water from Baščaršija, /Will never leave it”? No, but I must try the water in Baščaršija then!

6. Motivation message for students?
In your studies, focus on something you really enjoy. It will make your professors happier and the rest of your life a lot easier. I also want to encourage students to communicate with their professors and ask for advice. Unlike in high school, the relationship between faculty and students in university does not revolve just around homework and grades. We are here to help and guide all students on academic success and career plans – so don’t hesitate to say hello.
IUS Happiness Day

An interesting event titled “The day of happiness” was held at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Students of the “Psychology” Program at IUS, Kubra Yirtici, Sumeyra Ded, Sevde Rabia Saki and Busra Baytar initiated the organization of this event. These students have organized the collecting and giving of gifts for IUS technical staff in coordination with the Human Resource Department and the manager of Technical service department.

The students have also prepared the traditional Turkish pastries, appropriate gifts, and special handmade paper flowers with beautiful messages. This project is gesture of appreciation and it was aimed to bring a smile on the face of our employees who work hard on maintaining the facilities of university campus, and keep them motivated for their future work.

Mevlana Info Day

Due to the great interest of students and professors for Mevlana Exchange Program, International Relations Office (IRO) of IUS has organized a Mevlana Info Day, on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Student Bumin Turhan, who is in charge of Mevlana Info Day, on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. (IRO) of IUS has organized a Mevlana Program, International Relations Office and professors for Mevlana Exchange Program, due to the great interest of students in their future work.

The most interesting part of the lectures for students, was the presentation of Nerves Jahić, senior year student, at the Computer Science and Engineering Program of IUS. Nerves spent one semester studying in Turkey and shared the experience and knowledge he gained during his studies at the Eskişehir Osmangazi University. Mevlana exchange program is active from August 23, 2011 and aims to assist in the exchange of students and academic staff between the Turkish higher education institutions and higher education institutions in other countries. Students can study abroad for 1-2 semesters and academic staff has possibilities to teach from 1 week to 3 months. The application process for Mevlana exchange program is open from March 30 until April 17, 2015.

From April 9 to April 12, delegation of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), composed of academic and administrative personnel, visited three universities in Istanbul: İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Istanbul Commerce University and Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University. IUS Delegation was welcomed by Rector of İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim Üniversitesi, Prof. Dr. Mehmet BULUT, Vice Rector of Istanbul Ticaret Universiteleri, Prof. Dr. Özgür ÇENGEL, its Secretary General Adnan ECEVIS, Rector of Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif Üniversitesi Prof. Musa Duman and its Secretary General of the University Alim Turkyılmaz.

Representatives of IUS and host universities shared information about the structure and main activities of each university and discussed the trends in higher education in both countries as well as possible collaboration in student and academic exchange in coming period. In addition, IUS delegation visited the main IUS office in Istanbul and had meeting with founder and President of IUS Foundation (SEDEF), Mr. Hasan Topaloğlu and founder and member of IUS Board of Trustees, Mr. Şaban Erden. It is important to say that Mr. Topaloğlu and Mr. Erden gave historical overview of the university establishment and development, highlighting future vision of IUS.

IUS Delegation visited three Turkish universities

Awarded winners of ELIT Essay contest

The official award ceremony of Essay writing contest was held at the International University of Sarajevo on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. This contest was organized by the English Language and Literature (ELIT) Program of IUS. Honorable speakers at the event were: IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğürli, Assist. Prof. Dr. Nedžejma Obralić, professor at (ELIT) program and special invited guest, Director of the Sarajevo Stock Exchange (SASE), Dr. Tarik Kurbegović. Assist Prof. Dr. Nedžejma Obralić gave a short presentation about the project and thanked the representatives of IUS for their support throughout the duration of the contest. She expressed great satisfaction with the fact that this project has attracted attention of students from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In March 2015, the teaching staff of English Language and Literature program organized a competition in writing essays on the topic: “Tackling problems of unemployment in Bosnia and Herzegovina.” As part of the project, senior high school students from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina were invited to show what they know, to be creative, unique and open minded. A total number of 114 students from entire country participated in this contest. Students essays were evaluated according to previously established criteria. Members of the jury had a difficult task to choose candidates for first, second and third place among a total of 15 high-ranking essays. The winners of the competition are:

First place: Maja Tešić, Gimnazija “Ismet Mujezinović”, Tuzla
Second place: Nejla Babić, Gimnazija “Lukavac”, Lukavac
Third place: Amila Novalić, JU Srednja škola Konjic, Konjic

“Sincere and special congratulations go to those best among the best, for their exceptional creativity and talent for writing. I believe that the members of the jury had a very difficult task to decide, and I sincerely believe in their final judgment” – said the Rector Öğürli.
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Muslim Men & Women in Contemporary World

The first Conference on the topic “Muslim Man & Women in Contemporary World” was held in the main amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), on Monday, January 12, 2015. European Muslims Students Association (EMSA) was the organizer of the Conference. It started with recitation of verses from the Holy Qur’an. Vice Rector for General Affairs, Assist. Prof. Dr. Muhamed Ali welcomed the students on behalf of the organizers.

The Conference consisted of four parts, or four topics. Students Velida Krajinić, Sumejja Cikotić-Čolić, Indijana Šabić and Anes Prentić were presenters during the Conference. The aim was to introduce young people to the true and original meaning of Islam, the impact on everyday life, and what Islam represents today. Muhamed Adilović was the moderator of the conference.

Erhan Erken gave a lecture at IUS

Prominent Turkish entrepreneur and producer Erhan Erken gave a lecture titled “Entrepreneurship talks with Erhan Erken” in the large amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Monday, December 22, 2014. In the full amphitheater, Erhan Erken gave examples from personal experience and explained the basics of how to think and plan the entrepreneurship business, and also develop ways of how to stay present in the market.

“If you think of starting your own business, you have to be aware of a number of prerequisites that you must fulfill, as well as complications that might occur, either in the start-up phase or in the later period. In order to avoid problems as much as possible, it is necessary to prepare yourself and make a decision - because the decision, work and your energy is what makes every work run effectively and possible” - said Erken.

Lecture by Professor Kaminski

“Does life shape art or does art shape life?” - said Assistant Prof. Dr. Joseph Kaminski

On Thursday, Jan 8, 2015, in the main amphitheater, Assistant Prof. Dr. Joseph Kaminski gave a presentation about the connections between art and music, and political events throughout the past 400 years of Western European history. His main point was that one can notice stylistic changes in both the form and content of works of art/music and how often these changes reflect their contemporary historical conditions. For example, in the presentation, it was discussed how hierarchical, socially rigid, and religious the Baroque area was in general, and how the music and art both demonstrated high levels of structure, counterpoint, and generally stable levels of loudness. On the other hand, the 20th century was characterized by wars, alienation, and a general breakdown of the traditional social order, which can be seen in general dissonance and thematic content of surrealism, abstract expressionism, and 12 tone serial musical composition. Prof. Kaminski ended the lecture by posing one of the great questions of aesthetics to his audience, “Does life shape art or does art shape life?”
Preservation of the Ottoman Architecture in the Balkans

Prof. Dr. Amir Pašić gave a lecture “Preservation of the Ottoman Architecture in the Balkans” in the grand amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Thursday, December 18, 2014. During the lecture Prof. Pašić spoke about the Ottoman architecture, its legacy in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the importance of preserving the same. The lecturer presented many of his works and projects, as well as his most recent project - the rebuilding of Aladža mosque, one of the most monumental Waqf and religious temples of the Ottoman architecture in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As coordinator of the IRCICA for BiH, Pašić began a feasibility study during the year of 1993 for the reconstruction of the Old Bridge in Mostar. Since 2009 he is appointed as the Head of the Department of History and Theory of Architecture and Preservation of Architectural Heritage. He is also the head of the Department of Architecture of the Center for Research of Islamic History, Art and Culture in Istanbul (IRCICA- Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture). Throughout his career, Prof. Pašić taught at University of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina in the period between (1982-1991) and (2000-2008), the Yıldız Technical University in Istanbul (from 1993 to 2001) and Mimar Sinan University in Istanbul (from 1993 to 1996).

Mind the Mind project at IUS

The implementation of the “Mind the Mind” project in Bosnia and Herzegovina started at the International University of Sarajevo on Friday, December 19, 2014. A total number of 85 psychology students from the University of Sarajevo, University of Mostar, University of Banja Luka and the International University of Sarajevo attended the one-day educational workshop. The workshop was organized by Alma Jeftić, Coordinator of the “Mind the Mind” project for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Senior Assistant at the Psychology Program of the International University of Sarajevo. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Senjia Tahiroveč, Coordinator of the Psychology Program at IUS, Nejra Jelovac and Miana Tvtković as students of Psychology Program welcomed all participants of the workshop. “Mind the Mind: To Combat the Stigma of Mental Disorders” is a project launched by the European Association of Psychology Students (EFPsa) to raise awareness about mental health problems, stigma towards people with mental disorders and the development of empathy for individuals who suffer from mental disorders. The project is currently being implemented in more than 18 European countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina. The participants of the workshop will conduct educational workshops, in the next year, for high school students across the country, with the aim of raising awareness and introducing students on how to fight stigma towards mental disorders.

The one-day educational program consisted of four interactive workshops and one lecture, carried out by psychologists and experts with years of experience in the field of mental health and psychotherapy: Assist. Prof. Dr. Sabina Alispačić from the Department of Psychology of the University of Sarajevo, Adi Hasanbašić, President of the Association for De-stigmatization and Social Recognition of People with Psychosocial Disabilities, Alma Pašalić, MSc, Clinical Psychologist and Psychotherapist, Darko Panaros, Director of the project “ Mental Health in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, and Alma Jeftić, Coordinator of the “Mind the Mind” project for BiH. Through discussion, interactive teaching and exchange of ideas, students were introduced to current research in the field of mental health, stigma, and how to combat stigma. With the help of Katarina Mišetić, Representative of the Association of Psychology Students „Sinapsa“ possibilities are considered for connecting psychology students in BiH with European Association of Psychology Students (EFPsa). The entire idea is based on the desire of students of psychology to reduce prejudices and taboos.
IUS Students Visited the Council of Europe

On Monday, December 15th, 2014, students from the Department of International and Public Relations at FBA visited the Council of Europe office based in Sarajevo. The aim of the visit was to inform students about the work of the Council of Europe, the Bosnian membership and to familiarize our IR students with their work in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The visit was organized by the Senior Assistant at the department of International and Public Relations, Nerkez Opacin, and his student Hamza Prelijević.

During the visit, the deputy Head of the Council of Europe Ms. Tania Van Dijak gave a lecture about the mission, structure, and the importance of the Council of Europe with a special emphasis on the goals for Bosnia and Herzegovina. During the fruitful discussions the students were able to ask different questions.

Emre Arolat at IUS

The famous Turkish architect Emre Arolat gave a lecture called "Against, but in the Stream" at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) on Friday, December 12, 2014. Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Bosnia and Herzegovina, HE Cihad Erginay was also present for the lecture. In his welcoming remarks, IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Yücel Öğürulu stressed that his visit to IUS is a great opportunity for students to learn from the experience of this renowned expert.

HE Cihad Erginay also remarked that he is looking forward to lectures by more eminent experts from Turkey in BiH, Emre Arolat being one such.

During the lecture, Arolat explained the impact of globalization on humans and construction in general, by showing Ankara as an example. “The statesmen during their period of ruling have always built objects to show their power. Later these objects become recognizable symbols of these cities. I would like to emphasize that every city has not only its architectural style, its lifestyle as city as well. Harmony between the two is necessary and it can only be achieved with adequate construction” - said Arolat.

Professor Midhat Riđanović gave a lecture

Dr. Riđanović spoke about learning and teaching a foreign language, the everyday mistakes in translation and what teaching methods to be applied. Versa are generally bad, and that at least 90% of all mistakes made in translations refer to translations in the aforementioned languages. Prof. Riđanović said that he is against any prescriptive rules introduced by linguists who are trying to determine how we should talk, we should rather listen to how people really talk. Prof. Midhat Riđanović is a graduate of English Language and Literature and French Language and Literature at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo. He specialized in Phonetics at the University College London. He completed his postgraduate studies in linguistics at the University of Michigan (USA) where he defended his master’s degree in linguistics and doctoral dissertation at the same University. He is a member of the European Linguistic Society.

Genocide in the Practice of the ICTY

The lecture “Genocide in the practice of the ICTY” was held at the International University of Sarajevo on December 16, 2014. This event is successfully organized with cooperation of representative of the Secretariat of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in Bosnia and Herzegovina and International University of Sarajevo. Lecturer Amir Ćengić, a former legal officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) talked about different understandings of the term genocide from the perspective of the public and the lawyers.

During his lecture, Ćengić explained the legal definition of the meaning genocide as well as its application in practice of the ICTY, and he also tried to give a good explanation to the students in terms of “what is considered genocide” in the eyes of the international law. “This definition may be different from what people think of genocide in everyday life,” explained Ćengić. He also presented some cases on which the ICTY was working where genocide is treated as an international crime.

Ćengić stressed out that the aim of the lecture was to explain the concept of genocide as one of most serious crimes, and explain whether it is necessary to prove the commission of mass murder in order to prove genocide. This lecture was a unique opportunity for students to learn more about this interesting topic and ask questions related to war crimes and the international law.
On Wednesday, January 7th, 2015, 50 students from the EU System course, at the International Relations department of the IUS Faculty of Business and Administration (FBA) visited Delegation of the European Union and EU Special Representative office in Bosnia and Herzegovina. They were welcomed by Dr. Jasna Jelisić, the political advisor of the Special EU Representative.

Dr. Jelisić gave an extraordinary one hour briefing/lecture on the Bosnian EU integration process sharing detailed information on current political reforms and challenges in the country. Students who benefit from this visit had the opportunity to comment on and raise different issues and questions in the second part of the program related to the subject of EU in general and B&H in EU Integration Process in particular. This visit was coordinated by Emir Hadžikadunić, lecturer of the course and IUS Secretary General.

On Friday, December 26, 2014, Prof. Amra Zulfikarpašić gave a lecture titled “Posters Role in the Promotion of the City of Sarajevo” in the amphitheater of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). A well-known Bosnian conceptual artist and designer, Amra Zulfikarpašić is a professor at the Graphic Design Department of the Academy of Fine Arts in Sarajevo. During the lecture she presented her work to students and professors.

Prof. Zulfikarpašić works on design of posters, signs and cover of books. She designed the modern variant of the letters Bosančica in 2002 and received for her exceptional works many awards and recognitions. Throughout her career she had a significant number of solo exhibitions and group exhibitions at home and abroad. She is a member of the Association of Applied Artists and Designers of the BiH (ULUPUBiH).

Edin Milić is the winner of the table tennis tournament for students, held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the lobby of the A building of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Amina Jašarević won second place, while the third was taken by Ahmet Cihan Erol. Secretary General of IUS, Emir Hadžikadunić gave medals the winning participants of the tournament. Department of Social, Cultural and Health Activities (SACHS) and Student CASES club organized the Tournament in which 20 contestants took part.

This type of sport meetings and competitions are organized annually at IUS and organizers are satisfied with the number of participants and visitors, as well as the quality of the game. The next tournament will be organized in the upcoming semester.
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