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Dear CEEPUS Partners

„There is a habit in my country, that on the Christmas-Eve day,
When the first evening star appears in the sky,
People of the same house break the Biblical bread
Sharing the most precious feelings in this bread embedded...”

C. K. Norwid

In Central and Eastern Europe on Christmas Eve many families gather around tables to share a thin wafer continuing tradition described by the Polish poet and to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Along with prayers and pieces of Christmas wafer people share best wishes of love, peace, happiness and prosperity. This ancient tradition passed on through centuries and generations teaches us to appreciate one another and understand the meaning of love, family bonds, friendship, togetherness.

As the mystery of the silent and holy night is approaching our thoughts are with those whom we connect, work and cooperate with. Therefore, we want to share with all members of CEEPUS network these sincere Christmas wishes of happiness, peace and joy.

May this very special night awaken in us the most beautiful feelings of kindness, love and desire to reach out to people of various social contexts. May the message of Bethlehem silence conflicts and divisions in our hearts and within global societies. May it fill all people and nations with hope that every human hunger will be satisfied, every social group will be respected, every culture will be united in God.

*With warm and friendly wishes for a blessed time during Christmas season and Happy New Year, rich with successful cooperation and academic endeavors,
to all Partners.*

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Dear CEEPUS Partners,

It is our pleasure to present you the first issue of the newsletter of "Ethics and Politics in the European Context" network. Its idea is to exchange the information about current events in the partner institutions thematically associated with the main subject of interests and activities of the network. In the newsletter, you can find the information about conferences held in the partner institutions, the most important publications, and carried out scientific projects. An important point of the newsletter is to exchange the information about mobility of students and teachers. The newsletter is issued on a quarterly basis.

Over time, we would like to increase the newsletter range, especially in the area of exchange of the information about students/teachers participating in the exchange programme and their research projects carried out with the support of the CEEPUS.

The newsletter form is still open, and therefore we are happy to hear your feedback, suggestions and comments about it.

In the first issue, we briefly present the partner institutions, participating in "Ethics and Politics in the European Context" network, introduce 2 candidates to the network, and provide you with some information about news in some of the partner institutions.

We wish you a pleasant reading!

Grzegorz Adamczyk
Dominik Szczygielski

"Central European Exchange Program for University Studies" (CEEPUS) promotes academic cooperation of university networks in Central and Eastern Europe and focuses on distributing scholarships for students or teachers. Available programs varies depending on scope and areas of interests of partaking institutions.

Ethics and Politics in the European Context program connects following universities and institutes:

University of Vienna – Department of Social Ethic

The Department of Social Ethic was established in 1935, originally as the Department of Ethic and Christian Social Science in the Faculty of Catholic Theology. Johannes Messner was the first head of the department. In 1966, the department was transformed into the Institute, and since 1997, professor Ingeborg Gabriel has been the head of the Institute. The main research areas of the Institute include: international ethics with a focus on ethics of human rights, business ethics and ecology; social ethics in ecumenical discourse, Christian social ethics in interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

Department of Social Ethic is a part of the Faculty of Catholic Theology which was founded on the 21st of February 1384 and is the oldest theological faculty in the German-speaking world.

<https://se-ktf.univie.ac.at>

University of Vienna –Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science was established in 1971, originally as the Department of Political Theory in the Faculty of Philosophy. Now is the part of Faculty of Social Science. It is the largest political-science teaching institute in Austria agglomerating over 5,000 students and scholars.

The main focus of the Department is the transformation of governance, statehood and democracy in different policy areas, geographical regions and political spaces.

<https://politikwissenschaft.univie.ac.at/en/home/>





Charles University in Prague – Faculty of Humanities

Initially founded in 1994 as the Institute for Liberal Education of Charles University. Since 2000 operating as the Faculty of Humanities. This youngest faculty in university is combined of 24 departments, 2,400 students and 200 of academic staff. Its main research and academic focus is humanities and social and cultural anthropology. Faculty of Humanities offers various study programs in English, French, German at all levels of education and supports multidisciplinary research.

<http://fhs.cuni.cz/FHSENG-1.html>

Debrecen University of Reformed Theology – Institution for Social Ethics

The Debrecen University of Reformed Theology was founded in 1538 and is one of the centers for Protestant theology in Hungary. DRTU offers programs and performs research at 4 institutes and 19 departments altogether. About 70 full-time lecturers and about 950 students work on thematic fields regarding theology, social sciences, literature, modern languages, arts.

The role of Center for Social Ethics is to explain position of the church concerning relevant questions of public life, explication of biblical, ethical standpoints for the members of the church, and non-ecclesiastical public opinion.

<http://www.drhe.hu/en>



University St. Kliment Ohridski - Bitola – Faculty of Law - Kichevo

University of St Kliment Ohridski founded in 1979 is a higher education institution of great significance for the southwestern region of the Republic of Macedonia. The units of university are located in several Macedonian major cities: Bitola, Prilep, Ohrid, Veles, Kichevo and Skopje.

The Faculty of Law-Kichevo entered the structure of UKLO in the academic year 2008/2009. Students accomplish their education either in Kichevo, or in Bitola on dispersed study programs.

<http://www.uklo.edu.mk/>



University of Bucharest – Institute of Political Science

Since its establishment in 1991 the Institute of Political Science has been the most internationally-oriented Romanian higher education institution in political and social research. The Institute offers degree programs taught and examined in foreign languages (English or French) at every level. All students are enrolled in specialized English language courses

The main areas of interest are international relations, international politics, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, European Union institutions, European Union policies, international political economy, International public law, research design and methodology for international relations, global social movements or international conflict management.

<http://www.fspub.unibuc.ro/english>

John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland – Institute of Sociology

At the Institute of Sociology this academic discipline has been taught unceasingly since 1918, although on different faculties. Institute of Sociology consists of 8 chairs and currently employs around 30 highly qualified scholars. The Institute is proud of its international ties with European universities and research institutions it has developed throughout years of cooperation via involvement in projects and grants (Germany, Czech Republic, Latvia).

Thematic fields explored at the Institute concern sociological theories, migrations, family, religion, morality, law, social ethics, culture. Based on solid methodological traditions works and publications of the Institute produce data of theoretical and empirical significance.

The Institute of Sociology is a part of the Faculty of Social Science which was established in 1980. The Faculty is composed of six institutes: Institute of Journalism and Social Communication, Institute of Economy and Management, Institute of Pedagogy, Institute of Political Sciences and International Affairs, Institute of Psychology and Institute of Sociology. Overall, there are nearly 5,000 students studying at the Faculty of Social Sciences as well as 216 various-level scientific researchers.

<http://www.kul.pl/structure,2838.html>



University of Wroclaw – Institute of Political Science

Institute of Political Science was founded in 1969 and now is one of the leading centers of political science in Poland. Institute is undertaking advanced projects combined of both domestic and international research teams, publishing in its own Polish Political Science Review.

The main areas explored at the Institute are: international relations, political thought and theories, media and communication, political marketing and social policy. In the beginning of 1990s the experience of scholars from the Institute of Political Science morphed into renowned academic theoretical tradition known in Poland as Wroclaw Systems School.

<http://www.politologia.uni.wroc.pl/index.php>



Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University – Institute of Political Science

The Institute of Political Science of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (UKSW) was established in the year 1999 and educates more than 1,300 students. It is recognized in Poland and abroad, particularly through research on the cultural basis of politics, relations at the interface of politics-religion, as well as research on the political and cultural processes in Central and Eastern Europe.

Unlike other centers the Institute of Political Science explores so-called “soft political science” (which focus on political idea, political philosophy, axiology of politics, and political ethics). Departments and offices conduct their research in the framework of thematic seminars, as well as in the area of special interests of academic researchers.

<http://politologia.uksw.edu.pl/gb/>

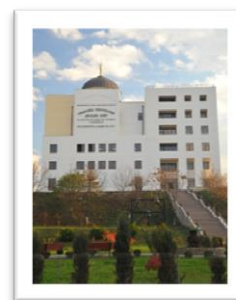


BABES BOLYAI University of Cluj-Napoca – Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Section Social Theology

The Faculty of Orthodox Theology in Cluj-Napoca is a center of theological education and training based on the Apostolic Tradition of the Eastern Church. Beginnings of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology in Cluj-Napoca go back to 1924 through the establishment of the Orthodox Theological Institute in Cluj-Napoca by Bishop Nicolae Ivan.

Today, the Faculty offers various specializations and areas of study: Pastoral Theology, Didactic Theology, Social Work Theology, Hermeneutics and Doctrine, Bioethics, Pastoral Counselling and Assistance, Orthodox Spirituality, Biblical archaeology, History of Romanian Orthodox Church, Missiology and Ecumenism, Church History, Bible study and exegesis of the New Testament, Christian Morality.

http://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/facultati/teologie_ortodoxa



LUCIAN BLAGA University of Sibiu – Centre for Ecumenical Research Sibiu / Departament of Protestant Theology

Lucian Blaga University is a public university in Sibiu, Romania, named after the philosopher, poet, and playwright, Lucian Blaga. It was founded in 1990 and currently agglomerates 10 faculties. The Faculty of Social and Human Sciences enables following study programs: International Relations, Political Science, Security Studies, History, Heritage, Protestant Theology, Journalism, Public Relations, Sociology, Psychology.

<http://socioumane.ulbsibiu.ro/ro/>

University of Trnava – Faculty of Philosophy

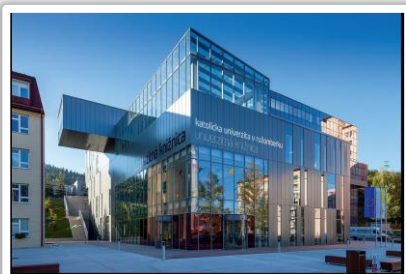
Trnava University is one of the oldest universities in Slovakia. It was established by Cardinal Peter Pázmaň in 1635.

Faculty of Philosophy and Arts is one of the constituent members of the contemporary Trnava University. Its historical continuity and academic identity with the original Trnava University (1635 – 1777) belong to its most significant attributes. The basic mission of the Faculty which nowadays comprises 10 departments and 3 specialized working units is a Christian-oriented university education in humanities, philosophical and social sciences as well as art history.

<http://fff.truni.sk/>



Catholic University in Ružomberok – Faculty of Theology / Institute of applied ethics



The Catholic University in Ružomberok is a public university with religious character. Established on April 1st, 2000 The Catholic University in Ružomberok consists of 4 faculties: Faculty of Arts and Letters, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Public Health. It performs its activities especially in the areas of the humanities, historical, pedagogical, and social and health sciences, as well as in the areas of art, economics, management, and law.

The Faculty of Theology, with its seat in Košice, Slovakia, was established on 1 of July 2003 and provides lectures and workshops for 1400 students acquiring knowledge on academic subject of social work, family studies and Catholic theology.

<http://www.ku.sk/index.php/fakulty-a-pracoviska/teologicka-fakulta>

University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy - Department of History

The Faculty of Philosophy is the oldest Faculty at the University of Belgrade in Serbia. The beginnings of the Faculty of Philosophy date back to year 1838 when the Lyceum School was established in the city of Kragujevac. In the same year Lectures in General History were first introduced.

Today, the Department of History consists of 36 faculty staff members and enrolls about 450 students. Areas of learning and research are: 1) History of Ancient Greece and Near East, 2) History of Ancient Rome, 3) Medieval History, 4) Medieval History of Serbs, Serbian Church - Slavonic Language and Historical Geography, 5) Byzantology, 6) Modern History, 7) Modern History of Serbs, 8) History of Yugoslavia, and 9) Contemporary History.

<http://www.f.bg.ac.rs/en2>

<http://bg.ac.rs/en/members/faculties/PHS.php>



University of Ljubljana – Faculty of Theology

University of Ljubljana is the oldest and largest higher education and scientific research institution in Slovenia. University with its rich tradition was founded in 1919. It has more than 40.000 undergraduate and postgraduate students and employs approximately 5.600 higher education teachers, researchers, assistants and administrative staff in 23 faculties and 3 arts academies. The University of Ljubljana is the central and largest educational institution in Slovenia.

<http://www.teof.uni-lj.si/>

Candidates for Membership in the Network “Ethics and Politics”

The Catholic University of Croatia

The Catholic University of Croatia is one of the youngest Croatian universities- it was established on June 3rd, 2006. It is a private pontifical university of the Catholic Church located in Zagreb. In July 2014 the university received accreditation to conduct research activities in the field of humanities and social sciences.

CUC accepts 40 full-time students per study program annually and agglomerates around 500 students. The academic community consists of 5 departments: psychology, sociology, nursing, history, communication sciences.

<http://www.unicath.hr>



The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Faculty of Philosophy

The history of the Pontifical University of John Paul II began simultaneously with the history of the oldest Polish university - the Jagiellonian University founded on the 12nd May in 1364. In 1397 Pope Boniface IX issued a papal bull which established the Faculty of Theology. In 1954 the faculty was removed from the Jagiellonian University by the communist authorities. Between 1959-1981 the Faculty functioned independently. In 1981 John Paul II established The Pontifical Academy of Theology. Nowadays the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow realizes its educational/ academic activities within 5 faculties in Krakow: Faculty of Theology, F. of Philosophy, F. of History and Cultural Heritage, F. of Social Science, F. of Canon Law.

<http://www.pat.krakow.pl/>



News from the partner institutions

Conferences Autumn 2016

University of Ljubljana:

Meeting of the editorial board of "Res novae" - first issue of the Journal for Integrated Science; Topics: Laudato si, political anthropology, international political and legal aspects, economy, Ljubljana, 19.10.2016.

"Sacrifice: from origins of culture to contemporary life challenges", Celje, 3-5.11.2016.

University of Bucharest:

"Global governance in times of global challenges", Bruxelles de European Community Studies Association, Bucharest, 17-18.10.2016.

"The 'state artist' in Romania and Eastern Europe", Bucharest, 5.11.2016.

Catholic University of Lublin:

"34th Days of Human Rights. 125 Years of Rerum Novarum and 50 Years of International Covenant on Human Rights", Lublin, 13.12.2016.

"Christianity and Economics", Lublin, 25.11.2016.

Conferences Spring 2017

University of Bucharest:

"Democracy in Development. Comparative Perspectives on the Governance of the Public Good", Bucharest, 26-28.05.2017; <http://www.fspub.unibuc.ro/scope>.

Publications 2016

University of Vienna, Institute of Social Ethic:

Ingeborg Gabriel, Anerkennung und Theologie der Menschenrechte in der Katholischen Kirche, in: Vasilios N. Makrides, Jennifer Wasmuth, Stefan Kube (ed.), Erfurter Studien zur Kulturgeschichte des orthodoxen Christentums, Peter Lang Edition, Frankfurt am Main 2016, pp. 149-164.

Ingeborg Gabriel, Spannende Zeiten, in: Konrad Hilpert (ed.), Theologische Ethiker im Spiegel ihrer Biografie, Ferdinand Schöningh, Paderborn 2016, pp. 165-184.

Charles University Prague:

Jan Sokol, Ethics, Life and Institutions. An Attempt at Practical Philosophy, Karolinum Press, Prague 2016.

University of Ljubljana:

Aniko Noemi Turi, The Role of the International Labour Law Principles Concerning Social Dialogue in the Management Strategies, Ljubljana 2016.

Dignitas - Slovenian Journal for Human Rights, Kranj, Slovenia, December 2016.

Ivan Janez Štuhec, Der Einfluss der Soziallehre der Kirche auf die europäische Kultur und Gesellschaft, „Studia Gdańskie“ 2016.

University of Bucharest:

Radu Carp, Avant - propos, in: Radu Carp, Maria Orlov, Crina Mihaela Verga (eds.), L'organisation de l'administration publique locale en Republique de Moldavie à la lumière des experiences et des pratiques publiques locales en Europe, Editions Universitaires Européennes, Saarbrücken, 2016, pp. 4-6.

Radu Carp, L'insolvabilité des unités administratives locales - les principes de droit public sont-ils totalement compatibles avec les exigences d'un management efficient?, in Radu Carp, Maria Orlov, Crina Mihaela Verga (eds.), L'organisation de l'administration publique locale en Republique de Moldavie à la lumière des experiences et des pratiques publiques locales en Europe, Editions Universitaires Européennes, Saarbrücken, 2016, pp. 37-43.

Projects

University of Bucharest:

Cultural Opposition: Understanding the Cultural Heritage of Dissent in the Former Socialist Countries, University of Bucharest, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Horizon2020 Research & Innovation: H2020-REFLECTIVE-2014-2015/H2020-REFLECTIVE-SOCIETY-2015, 01/02/2016-31/01/2019).

<http://www.fspub.unibuc.ro/cercetare/proiecte-in-derulare>

Students/ teacher mobilities Autumn 2016

STUDENTS:

Charles University Prague:

Dušana Šariková (General Anthropology) to University of Vienna

University of Bucharest:

Andrea Lăpădat to University of Wrocław

Alexandra Benea to Charles University Prague

TEACHERS:

Catholic University of Lublin:

Grzegorz Adamczyk to University of Vienna

Events Autumn 2016

On 14-15 October 2016, the conference Vereinigung fuer Sozialethik in Mitteleuropa in Don Bosco Haus was held in Vienna. On the first day, after the meeting of VfSM Management Board, the presentations on the current social, political and economic situations in the countries represented by the individual members of VfSM were presented. The first part of the reports concerned the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia and Ukraine. On the second day, the presented papers concerned Poland, Romania, Austria and Germany. During the meeting, people discussed about the issues related to the functioning of Ethics and Politics in the European Context.

Below, we present a selection of photos from the meeting in Don Bosco Haus





Thanks

Thank you for taking an interest in this brief presentation. Your cooperation within CEEPUS network is very much appreciated and we want to say Thank You for your contribution!

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