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ISSBS STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES



Tamara Ravnak and Rok Kmetič: 4 months at the Business Academy SouthWest, Denmark

When at the beginning of the academic year my boyfriend suggested we should go on an exchange to Denmark, I just looked at him oddly. All my friends were telling me “Denmark? Where did you find that? Isn’t it always cold there!” Nevertheless, we went anyway and we do not regret it one bit. It was a unique and unforgettable experience!

Even from the outside, the host institution showed elegance and modernity. It also had a student lounge where you could go after classes



for a game of billiards, table football or just for a chat over a cup of coffee or a beer with your classmates. They were from all over the world: Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, China, trans-oceanic America and some other countries. With some of them we have become good friends and we will visit each other again in the future. With openness, friendliness and a lot of humour and joy, we have spent with them four months of our Erasmus exchange. We recommend an Erasmus exchange to everyone because you widen your horizons, meet lots of new people and make new lifelong friends.

Marina Marinčič: traineeship in Split, Croatia

Why an Erasmus traineeship in Split? For me personally, mainly because I love this city, its culture and its history. People are very positive, sociable and always in a “Dalmatian” mood. The city is very lively and full of activities, especially during the summer months, since



more than 200.000 tourists from all over the world visit it during the summer season.

The traineeship itself was an amazing experience and an opportunity that everyone should have! What can be better than to live in another country, in another culture, to meet many new people, to get to know the environment and to work in a company that tests you with constant new tasks? At work you meet many people who cooperate with the company and who could become valuable contacts in the future. I should not even be wasting words about all the languages that you get to learn or at least hear a little bit. Very quickly, you become a true polyglot!

For me, my traineeship abroad was one of the best decisions in my life and an extraordinary experience. To all those who can, I recommend you to seize this great opportunity!





ROUND TABLE “WHY IS THERE STILL A POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CRISIS IN SLOVENIA?”



On 11th December, ISSBS and mag. Rado Pezdir organized a round table with the current topic. Guests of the event were **Mr. Matej Tonin**, head of the NSi parliamentary group; **Dr. Milan Balažič**, political analyst and former ambassador; **Mr. Darko Stare**, State Secretary at the Ministry of Justice, and **Mr. Boris Meglič**, editor of the news portal Portalplus.si.

Dr. Balažič estimated that Slovenia finds itself in this difficult situation due to “key liberal reforms: privatization, deregulation and the introduction of competing standards were not carried out.” Mr. Matej Tonin believes that the “motivation of voters who do not cast their votes during the elections would contribute to the solution of problems”. The current State Secretary Mr. Darko Stare presented his views on the possibilities of political solutions: “If something is important to you, such as caring for people and working for the common good, then that is what you are doing. The integrity of institutions is the sum of the integrities of all the individuals working in these institutions”. The media also have an important role in presenting the current political, economic and social issues and their possible solutions to the public. As a journalist, Mr. Boris Meglič pointed out that the media need to “present all relevant viewpoints and important statements, and report on what is going on. People themselves should create their own opinion on the matter.”

7TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

On 16th January 2015, ISSBS organized the 7th graduation ceremony for undergraduate



and postgraduate programmes. 152 alumni graduated in 2013/2014 were awarded their diplomas. Among them, there were 32 from the Economics in Contemporary Society (ECS) study programme, 54 from the Business in Contemporary Society (BCS) professional study programme, 64 of the Knowledge Management (KM) master programme and 2 graduates of the Management and Quality in Education (MQE) master programme.

As a part of the graduation ceremony, the ISSBS dean thanked all graduates’ mentors and awarded excellence awards to the best graduates and most successful students.



INTERNATIONAL MEETING TENLAW ON RESIDENTIAL TENANCY LAW



From 16th to 18th October, ISSBS organized and hosted a project meeting in Ljubljana in the framework of the international research project “Residential tenancy law”. ISSBS started with this project in 2012. The leader of the research group at ISSBS is doc. dr. Špelca Mežnar. Project has received funding from the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union for research, technological development and demonstration activities (grant no. 290694).



An active participation of ISSBS in reputable international research projects complements its academic activity and enhances its international reputation.

As part of the project, a first comprehensive pan-European comparative study on the rental law is being carried out. The study examines the impact of EU legislation on national housing and tenancy policy. The main objective of the project is to develop a proposal for a higher coordinating role of the EU in residential tenancy law and policy, in particular by developing common principles of good tenancy arrangements. ISSBS is responsible for carrying out research in Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia.

HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AT ISSBS

ISSBS has successfully passed the European Commission examination of institutional self-evaluation for the period 2012-2014 in the field of institutional HRM strategy in accordance with the “European Charter for Researchers” and the “Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers”. The good performance in the mentioned period allows ISSBS to use the HR Excellence in Research logo also during the years 2014-2016. With the implementation of this strategy, ISSBS aims to strengthen the international orientation of research activities and to improve their visibility in the international research community, to provide an attractive working environment for domestic and foreign researchers as well as to provide greater internal and external credibility of the institution and its research activities in relation to public authorities and the public.



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