



Department of English and American Studies

NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Dear students.

We hope you found the first newsletter useful and informative. We are determined to improve the format, so your feedback is essential. Let us know what you think about our newsletter and what features you would welcome in the future. [Click here](#) or find the link in our [Linktree](#) and let us know what you think.

IMPORTANT DATES

- o **OCTOBER 17** to **NOVEMBER 5** -> **pre-enrolment for the summer semester** (enrol in all courses you wish to attend in the summer semester).
- o **FINAL THESES** -> students in the **2nd year of their bachelor's studies** or the **1st year of their master's studies** should start looking for a suitable topic and supervisor. If you are not sure about who to contact, take a look at our [website](#). Each employee's page also contains their research interests. If you wish to work on a topic that falls into one of their research interests, you should contact that person.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST MONTH

- o Read our [summary](#) of **Dr. Fella Benabed's** workshops, **The Stages of Life in Poetry and the Other Arts** and **Poetry and Positive Psychology**. [Click here](#) for the screenshots from the event.
- o On the occasion of the **European Day of Languages** (September 26), **doc. PhDr. Mária Hricková, PhD.** And **Mgr. Martina Juričková, PhD.** spent some time with **Mojmírovce's** primary school pupils, and through various activities highlighted how literature can be an interesting part of teaching English as a foreign language. [Click here](#) for a summary and photos from the event.

The summaries and photos are also available on the faculty's website, the university's main website, and our social media sites.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual workshops on Zoom led by

Dr. Salih Abdullah (University of Mosul, Iraq)

Find the link in our Linktree or by scanning/clicking the QR code (both workshops will use the same link).

- ★ **Adventure & Love of Life in Alfred Lord Tennyson's 'Ulysses'**

Date: **OCTOBER 12**
Time: **4 PM to 5:30 PM**

- ★ **Love & Beauty in William Wordsworth's 'The Solitary Reaper'**

Date: **OCTOBER 13**
Time: **4 PM to 5:30 PM**



- ★ **podKAast S0202**

O neurologickom pozadí učenia sa, klesajúcom IQ mladej generácie a sociálnych sieťach s **MUDr. Martinom Janom Stránským**

Date: **OCTOBER 21**
Time: **10:00 AM**
Language: Slovak/Czech

PRO TIPS

- ✓ **Did you know?**

You can click almost all icons and images (including QR codes!) in the PDF version of our newsletter to access important links. Also, all hyperlinks in the text are presented in **blue colour** and are underlined.

- ✓ **Introducing: the department's [Linktree](#)**

Our Linktree contains all important links in one place: to our website, our social media sites, links to upcoming events and important documents. Save it so you can access all links more conveniently in the future.



STUDENTS' CORNER



Dreams of Our Students

"Hold fast to dreams

For if dreams die

Life is a broken-winged bird

That cannot fly."

These words are from a poem by the great American poet and social activist **Langston Hughes (1901-1967)**. We asked our first-year undergraduate students (English Studies and Teacher Training) what their dreams (either realistic or unrealistic) are. The answers were so diverse and inspiring that we would like to share a few of them here:

"...living a 'peaceful life', doing the job I love, being with people I love..."

"...to be the best person, spiritually and physically, I can possibly be. To be a man with a sincere love for truth..."

"...I have two paths. The first one is becoming a teacher, which I have always wanted. And the other one that I have is bringing my side project of making music to the masses. These two ideas (dreams) are constantly fighting in my head. The university may be the place where this crucial battle may finally be settled..."

"...to be happy... to find a job that would fulfil me..."

"...My dream is a happy future. Maybe I will have a good job, and this job would be connected to children. And now my dream is a happy future for Ukraine..."

"...I wish to become a brilliant author. Not someone mainstream but someone who can create a piece of art. I wish to fill my life with art, to live surrounded by it..."

We warmly welcome our first-year students at our department. May all your dreams come true!

MISCELLANEOUS



If you are looking for something new to read in Slovak, check out [doc. Simona Klimková's](#) newest translation, "[Vražda medzi riadkami](#)."



In preparation for our annual **literary colloquium in November**, we are accepting proposals for presentations and workshops. **Please note that students who are working on a thesis related to the event's theme are welcome to present their research.** For more information, [click here](#).



We would also like to welcome back our colleague [Mgr. Ivana Horváthová, Phd.](#) who just completed a course at the **Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies in Reykjavik!** The course allowed her to deepen her knowledge of two fascinating language learning platforms **LARA** (Learning and Reading Assistant) and **CALL** (Computer Assisted Language Learning). *Click the photo for an expanded summary and more pictures!*



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