



**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS IN TRNAVA**

# ABOUT THE FACULTY

The Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Trnava is one of the leading educational and scientific institutions in the Trnava academic area. Its mission is to provide professional university education in the field of social sciences focused on professional, practical and scientific development of knowledge and skills not only of young people who are motivated to become competent and proud citizens with the prospect of staying in Slovakia and creating common long-term values. Thanks to its scientific activities, the Faculty of Social Sciences has ranked among established research institutions as it has been a continual researcher within significant grant schemes.

The faculty currently provides a wide range of study programs in full-time and part-time bachelor courses in: **public administration, management and economy of public administration, communication and marketing in public policy and public administration, European studies and policies, social services and counseling** and master courses in: **public administration, European studies and policies, management and economy of public administration, social services and counseling** and PhD courses in: **public policy and public administration, European studies and social policy.**

The Faculty of Social Sciences of UCM in Trnava is accredited to hold habilitation and inauguration acts in **public policy and public administration.**

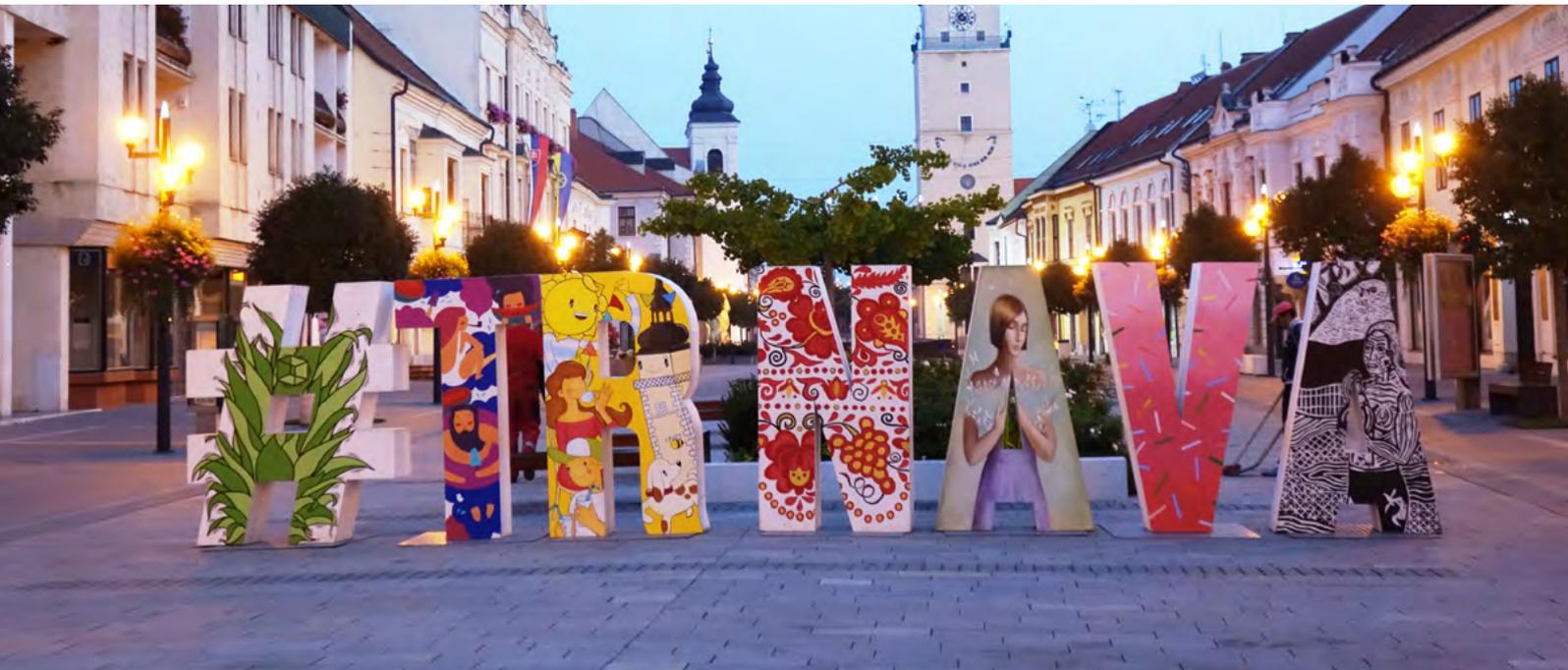


The uniqueness of historical cultural monuments and the wealth of church buildings are the main features of Trnava, one of the most attractive cities in Slovakia.

In 1238 Trnava was given royal privileges by Hungarian King Belo IV and thus it became the first free royal town in the territory of present Slovakia. The town had been gradually developed and its importance increased mainly in the 17 century when in 1635 the Trnava University was founded. Over the course of time, this unprecedented success had been joined by many others, especially those related to the development of education. Thanks to them the town became a cultural, spiritual and educational centre of the whole of Hungary and, although the university was relocated to Buda in 1777, its glory is still commemorated by impressive historical buildings.

In the year 1792 Anton Bernolak founded the Slovak Learned Association, in 1831 the town theatre was built and in 1870 the Association of St. Adalbert helped develop national consciousness in Slovakia. Gradually, many secondary schools had been established in the town and today there are also three universities where several thousand students study.

Nowadays, the regional town Trnava lives a rich economic, cultural, social and sports life. In 2015 a new football stadium was built whose architecture, joining medieval fortifications and a modern shopping centre, represents a symbiosis of history and present of the town Trnava



# WHY TO STUDY AT OUR FACULTY

1. COURSES AT ALL LEVELS

2. LINK BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE

3. MODERN TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

4. FOREIGN LANGUAGES

5. INTERESTING LECTURES OF EXPERTS FROM PRACTICE

6. VARIETY OF INTERNSHIP AND WORKSHOPS

7. ERASMUS+ MOBILITIES

8. HIGH GRADUATES' EMPLOYMENT RATE



*Bc.*



*Mgr.*



*PhDr.*



*PhD.*

# EQUIPMENT OF THE FACULTY

The Faculty of Social Sciences UCM in Trnava has excellent technical equipment and facilities that provide students with comfort during their studies. Students can use a library, multimedia room, great hall, auditorium, laboratory for research in marketing and communication in public administration, conference rooms, meeting rooms and special classrooms.







# DEPARTMENTS

The Faculty of Social Sciences of UCM in Trnava has three departments which provide teaching, develop scientific and research activities, participate in domestic and foreign projects and cooperate with other scientific and professional institutions.

## Department of Public Administration

The department offers bachelor, master and doctoral courses in public administration. The aim of the department is to educate qualified specialists in the area of state administration, self-government and public policy and management of public administration institutions. The Department publishes a peer-reviewed scientific journal the Slovak Journal of Public Policy and Public Administration.

## Department of Political Sciences

The department offers bachelor, master and doctoral courses in European studies and policies. The aim of the department is to research policy issues, political systems, international relations as well as European issues. The Department is responsible for editing and issuing a peer-reviewed scientific journal the Slovak Journal of Political Sciences

## Department of Social Services and Counseling

The department offers bachelor, master and doctoral courses in the field of social work and social policy. The aim of the department is to prepare professional workers for the professions which focus on acquiring knowledge and skills in order to improve the quality of social life of the population.





# STUDY PROGRAMS

Applicants can choose from a wide range of accredited full-time and part-time study programs. Bachelor courses are offered in: **public administration, public administration management and economy, communication and marketing in public policy and public administration, European studies and policies, social services and counseling**, master courses are held in: **public administration, public administration management and economy, European studies and policies, social services and counseling** and doctoral courses in: **public policy and public administration, European studies and policies and social policy**. The Faculty has the right to carry out the habilitation procedure and the procedure for the appointment of professors in **public policy and public administration**.

**Bc.**

BACHELOR DEGREE

**Mgr.**

MASTER DEGREE

**PhDr.**

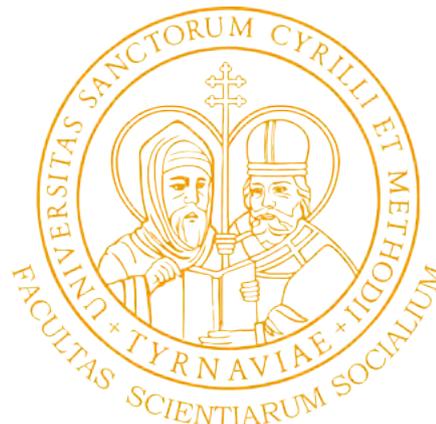
RIGOROUS PROCEDURE

**PhD.**

DOCTORAL DEGREE

**Hal**

HABILITATION AND INAUGURATION ACT



## Public administration

Students are able to orientate in public administration on the basis of theoretical knowledge achieved in the fields of political science, sociology, law and economics. They will acquire an overview of the importance of public policy and public administration in a democratic state in terms of their legislative basis and practical application, with special regard to the position of Slovakia in the political and administrative area of the European Union. Graduates can apply their knowledge and skills in various institutions of public administration, in political subjects as well as in mass media. They can work in public institutions not only in Slovakia but also abroad.

## Management and economy of public administration

The study program prepares students for work in governing bodies and public administration institutions. Graduates will become experts especially in the field of creation of sectorial public policies or economic analyses of state administration management, internal communication in public administration institutions, agenda of national and international project management process, application of information technology and human resources knowledge. They will be able to introduce creative and innovative techniques in public life sectors.

## Public policy and Public Administration

Students are prepared for practice in such a way that they master the theory and methodology of public policy. Graduates are able to apply analytical methods in the governmental agenda, to solve independent research tasks related to the creation and implementation of departmental and cross-sectional policies. They can reflect the concepts, facts and theories needed to explore the process of designing and implementing public policy as well as the ways in which they can be used to develop new policies. The graduates are able to formulate the tendencies of further development of public policy and their personal scientific contribution to public administration in the intentions of socio-political and economic development of the Slovak Republic using knowledge and experience from other countries of the European Union.

## Communication and marketing in public policy and public administration

Students will gain an overview of the importance of public policy and public administration in a democratic state. Special attention is focused on presentation, communication and marketing skills in the whole area of public policy and public administration. In addition to theoretical knowledge during their studies they also have the opportunity to adopt communication and marketing strategies.

## European Studies and Policies

Students will get an overview of several political science disciplines. They will acquire theoretical knowledge and practical skills in public opinion research, election management, political communication and political marketing. The graduates will have skills for independent and team work in political management and counseling, in local, regional, national and European policy, in government and self-government, in EU structures, in non-profit organizations, media, education and scientific research. Students will acquire knowledge in the field of political science, economics, international and European law, international relations and European integration. Graduates can speak at least one world language and can work in different sectors as well as in EU structures at national and international level.

## Social services and counseling

The aim of the study program is to prepare students for practice in order to apply the knowledge of social services and counseling at an appropriate level to all types of entities under the founding competence of municipalities, higher territorial units, private and non-profit sector. The curriculum includes activities in social services, social assistance, social counseling and social prevention. Graduates can work as qualified social experts in social service facilities, managers in private and public sector institutions, social and health insurances, central government, self-government but also in international institutions.

## Social policy

The program offers students a profound theory and information which is applicable in practice. Graduates are able to reflect the social situation in the areas of social policy, solve theoretical and practical problems of employment policy, labor law, health policy, social work, European social systems, quality of life and regional policy. Graduates can work as qualified professionals in the social field.

# LIFE AT THE FACULTY

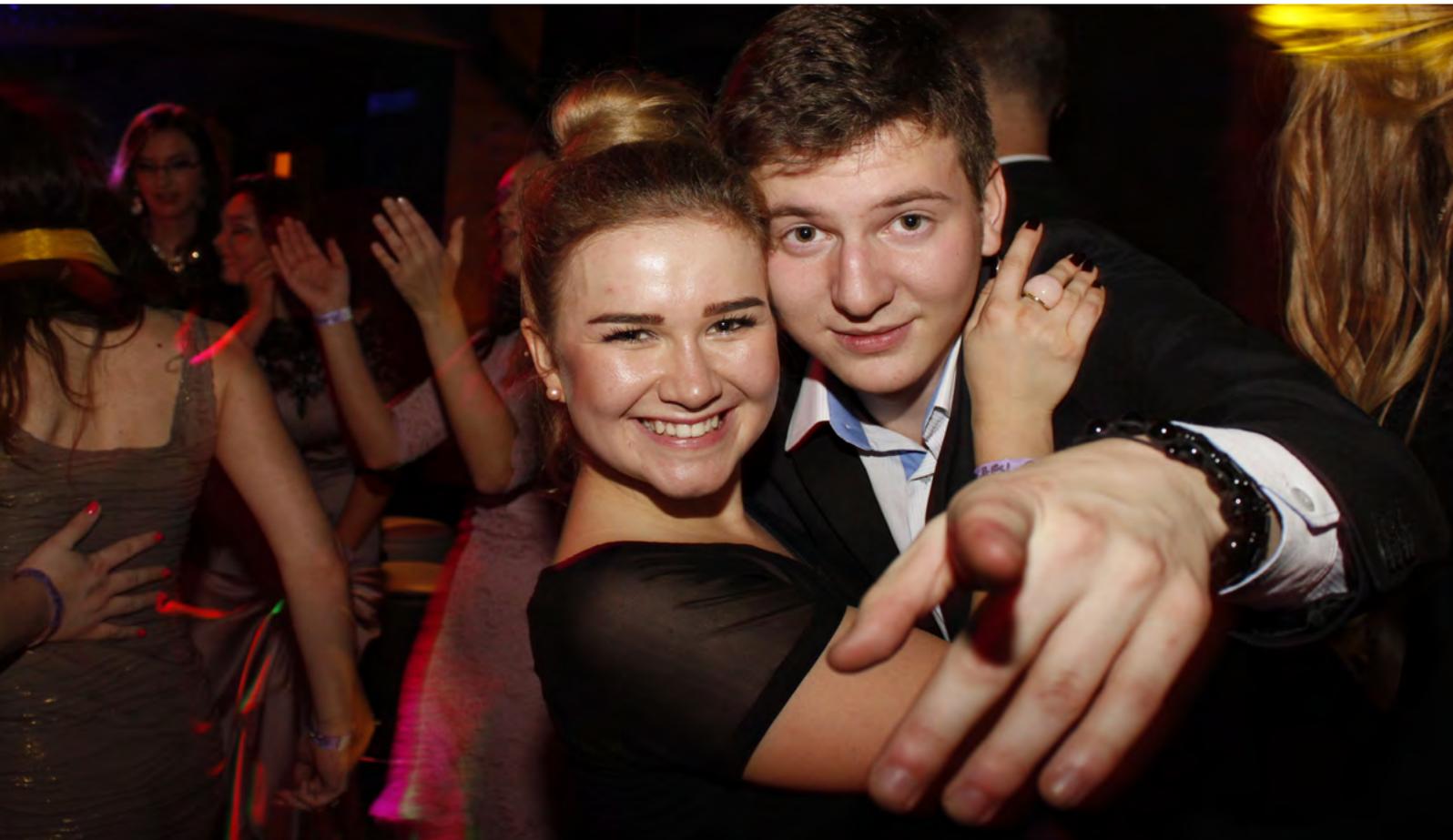
Students at FSS UCM have the opportunity to develop their interests and skills and connect theoretical knowledge with practice. They can participate in the following professional, cultural and sports events:

**FACULTY DAY / SPORTS DAY / DROP OF BLOOD / STUDENTS' CEREMONIES / FIELD TRIPS**

**/ EXCURSIONS / WATCH & THINK FILM CLUB / ERASMUS + MOBILITY / STUDENTS'**

**SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE / SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO SOCIAL FACILITIES /**

**FUND-RAISING**







# SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

The Faculty participates in Slovak and international research projects as well as projects funded by the European Commission.

## MYPLACE

MY PLACE – the European Commission project MY PLACE “Democracy and the shadows of totalitarianism and populism: the European experience” was realized in 2011-2015.



MY WEB - The project is a successor of MY PLACE. The main aim of the project is to complete and evaluate existing and new data in the field of youth and children policy within the context of the well-being concept. It was realized in 2013-2016.



Erasmus + Jean Monnet Chair is a unique centralized grant project of the European Union focused on the theme „Migration: The challenge of European states“ through formal and non-formal education. It was realized in 2016 -2019



HORIZON 2020 - INFRADEV-01-2017 - Design Studies - European Cohort Development

The project focuses on children and youth policy in the context of the well-being concept. It was realized in 2017-2019.



The scientific peer-reviewed journal Slovak Journal of Political Science, published in English, brings sociological studies in social, economic, political and cultural fields. The journal is indexed in the Scopus database.



The scientific peer-reviewed journal Slovak Review for Public Policy and Public Administration brings professional articles and reviews in the field of public policy and public administration research at home and abroad.

# DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA

On December 1, 2014, the Scientific Board of UCM in Trnava awarded the degree Doctor honoris causa to his Excellency the former President of the Republic of Poland Aleksander Kwaśniewski for his contribution to the development of Slovak-Polish relations and active assistance in Slovakia's accession process to the European Union and the North Atlantic Alliance and for the development of cooperation in the Central European Region.

On November 15, 2016, the Scientific Board of UCM in Trnava awarded the degree Doctor honoris causa to Professor PhDr. Marcela Gbúrová, CSc. for a significant contribution in the field of building political science in the Slovak Republic and a significant contribution to the establishment of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Trnava.

On November 15, 2016, the Scientific Board of UCM in Trnava awarded the degree Doctor honoris causa to Professor PhDr. Blanka Řichová, CSc. for a significant contribution to the development of political sciences in the Czech Republic and a significant contribution to the establishment of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Trnava.





# THE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The Children's University organized at UCM is inspired by the existence of children's universities in Europe. The project of this type is the first project launched in Trnava self-governing region. Its content and thematic framework is adapted to the interests and requirements of children in order to bring them closer to life at the university and at individual faculties. The project began in 2013 and has become very popular, as evidenced by the annual increase in the number of the participants.

The Faculty of Social Sciences, together with other faculties, offers children the opportunity to join the UCM Children's University during summer holidays and become "students" of a real university for a while. Every child student gets a lot of knowledge, experiences, new friendships, but especially experience in studying at a real university. Children's students get an index, attend interesting lectures, seminars and excursions, and at the end of the study they experience a true university graduation at which they get a diploma with the degree "FRIEND".



## PARTNERS

The Faculty of Social Sciences participates in the Erasmus + exchange program and cooperates with more than 40 universities in Europe. The faculty cooperates with international organizations such as ESN, AISEC.

### **Partner universities:**

Andrássy Universität Budapest, Budapest, Hungary  
Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey  
Eurasian State University L.N. Gumilyova, Astana, Kazakhstan  
Faculty of Organization Studies in Novo Mesto, Slovenia  
Itä-Suomen Yliopisto - University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland  
Charles University Prague, Faculty of Social Sciences, Czech Republic  
Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany  
Krakow University of Gdansk, Poland  
Linnaeus University, Vaxjo, Sweden  
Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic  
T. Bata University, Zlín, Czech Republic  
Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania  
Riga Stradins University, Riga, Latvia  
University of F.M. Dostoevsky in Omsk, Russian Federation  
Sveučilište near Zadar, Zadar, Croatia  
Turgut Ozal University, Ankara, Turkey  
Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal  
University of Bremen, Germany  
University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary  
University of Tallinn, Tallinn, Estonia  
University of Federico II, Naples, Italy  
J. E. Purkyně University, Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic  
University of Novi Sad, Subotica, Serbia  
University of Carlos III, Madrid, Spain  
University of Jan Kochanowski, Kielce, Poland  
Ural Federal University of Yekaterinburg, Russian Federation  
University of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria  
Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania  
Yalova University, Yalova, Turkey

# FACULTY IN BRIEF

- dynamic and modern workplace with a friendly and motivating atmosphere
- modern study with individual approach
- self-profiling of the future profession
- rich sports and cultural life
- laboratory for research in marketing and communication in public administration
- academic library
- indexed scientific journals
- international Scientific Conference “Publicy”
- nationwide Olympiad on European Union for secondary schools
- membership in the most prestigious international political science association IPSA
- partnership with the European Public Law Organization, the Institute of Political Sciences of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Center for Labor of Social Affairs and Family
- seat of the Slovak Society for Public Administration
- ERASMUS+ mobilities

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# UNIVERZITA SV. CYRILA A METODA V TRNAVE



# UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The project of the University of the Third Age started in 2013 and lasted until 2018. Through this successful project, the FSS UCM in Trnava participated in lifelong education for citizens. The University of the Third Age provided students with knowledge and skills that they could use for their personal development as well as for the benefit of society. The education was aimed at the population older than 45 years and interested in broadening knowledge and acquiring practical skills. University of the Third Age offered citizens opportunities for quality leisure, positive social inclusion and maintaining mental and physical balance.

## SILVER AGE ACADEMY

The Silver Age Academy was opened on 8 October 2018. The educational program was called Cognition of Self-Governing Regions in the Slovak Republic in the dimensions of historical, social and cultural events. The Silver Age Academy is a specific part of lifelong learning. It provides senior citizens with education at the highest possible level, i.e. university level, which differs from other forms of educational activities. Educational programs for seniors are focused on the diversity of a given group, because seniors differ by their mental and cognitive abilities, but also by their physical fitness. The study provides also possibilities for organized special-interest education or controlled self-education.

# PROF. LADISLAV MACHÁČEK PRIZE

The prize is awarded by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Trnava to the personalities who have actively participated in the development of the faculty and contributed to its reputation.

Prof. PhDr. Ladislav Machacek, PhD. studied philosophy at the Faculty of Arts of the Comenius University in Bratislava and completed doctoral studies of sociology at the Institute of Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences. He earned the associate professor degree in social pedagogy and the professor degree in pedagogy. He worked as a researcher at the Institute of Sociology and subsequently began to work at the Department of Education, Faculty of Arts, UCM in Trnava. From 2010 to 2015, he worked at the Department of Political Sciences at the Faculty of Social Sciences, UCM and contributed significantly to the reputation of the faculty. He devoted his professional and scientific interest to youth.

Awarded academics:

/ 2016 / prof. PhDr. Dusan Polonsky, CSc. for a significant contribution in building the Faculty and the study program Social Services and Counseling

/ 2016 / doc. PhDr. Jana Reschová, CSc. for her contribution to the foundation of the faculty and the guarantee of study programs in political science and public administration

/ 2016 / doc. PhDr. Milan Čáky, CSc. for his merits in establishing the faculty and leading the Academic Senate of the Faculty in 2012-2015

/ 2016 / prof. PhDr. Ryszard Czarny, PhD. for his outstanding publishing activities and building the international credit of the Faculty

/ 2016 / prof. Ing. Václav Vybíhal, CSc. for a significant contribution to the development of the faculty and the study program Public policy and public administration

/ 2018 / doc. PhDr. Ol'ga Bočáková, PhD. for her long-term contribution and development in educational and publishing activities in the study program Social Services and Counseling

/ 2018 / doc. PhDr. Jozef Klavec, PhD. for his long-term contribution and development in educational and publishing activities in the European Studies program





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