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INVITATION LETTER

3rd International Social Science Week
University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Political Sciences
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Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Sarajevo since its establishment in 1961, has actively embraced various forms of international academic exchange. Over the past decade, we have dedicated significant efforts to fortifying international collaboration and expanding our network of partners. The momentum of internationalization gained substantial traction, notably since 2014, when Bosnia and Herzegovina joined the Erasmus+ program. From that pivotal moment, our focus shifted towards fostering academic mobility under the Erasmus+ KA 107 scheme for both students and staff. This endeavour involved initiating bilateral cooperation agreements with interested faculties and universities, developing an English-language course catalogue for incoming students, and establishing comprehensive procedures for the preparation, implementation, and monitoring of realized mobilities. These efforts also encompass continuous information dissemination and promotional activities to encourage mobility.

The Faculty of Political Sciences actively engages in numerous inter-institutional agreements, facilitating academic exchanges between students and staff with counterparts from faculties of political and social sciences from all over Europe. The number of incoming students is growing noticeably. We are involved in the implementation of numerous international research and education projects, ranging from Horizon 2020 and Jean Monnet to Cost Action projects, along with various regional initiatives. Furthermore, our faculty proudly holds membership in two consortia implementing joint or double-degree master programs.

The Faculty of Political Sciences serves as a dynamic hub for the exchange of ideas, fostering partnerships with various higher education institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the SEE region, and Europe, alongside collaborations with international organizations, foundations, and forums. This collaborative spirit results in organization of numerous conferences, seminars, round tables, and workshops. These events aim to cultivate an internationalized environment for learning and studying, promoting cross-cultural interactions.

In our pursuit of contributing to broader internationalization initiatives, we have launched an event called International Social Science Week. This year's **3rd International Social Science Week** serves as an interdisciplinary forum, featuring lectures and discussions that highlight the faculty's international activities and collaborations. The genesis of this event stems from our desire to provide students with an expansive platform for knowledge acquisition and the exchange of perspectives with professors and colleagues from partner universities across Europe.

The guest lectures conducted in English are strategically designed to inspire students to engage with major social issues through interdisciplinary collaborations transcending disciplines, languages, and borders. These lectures and discussions are of huge benefit for students across all three cycles of studies, incorporating topics from various scientific disciplines taught at the Faculty of Political Sciences (political sciences, sociology, communicology, social work, security and peace studies).

We are thrilled to announce that the **3rd International Social Science Week** is scheduled to take place from **May 13 to May 17, 2024**. We extend a heartfelt invitation for your participation, emphasizing that it would be an honor and privilege to have you as a guest lecturer at our international event.

If you are available and willing to participate, please confirm your attendance by filling out this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/qHViKK2BLf>

Should you have any inquiries in the meantime, please feel free to contact us.

Sarajevo, January 16, 2024

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