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Study in Czechia

The aim of our Study in Czechia initiative is to introduce potential students from abroad to the opportunities they have to study at universities in Czechia. We work actively with international alumni of Czech universities. We support Czech universities in their international activities.



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Klára Banotová is the Head of the International Office at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (AMU), the largest public art university in Czechia, comprising the Theatre Faculty (DAMU), the Film and TV School (FAMU), and the Music and Dance Faculty (HAMU). AMU is a leading institution in performing arts education in Central Europe and has been successfully expanding its international presence by developing partnerships with universities and cultural institutions worldwide.

In her work, Klára manages AMU's international relations, including Erasmus+ programs, promotion of the Academy's English-taught degree programs, and development of strategic partnerships. She coordinates the implementation of AMU's international strategy, strengthens global academic cooperation, and supports student and faculty mobility across all three faculties.

Her activities focus on fostering practice-oriented international collaborations in performing arts education, creating joint projects, and developing mutually beneficial mobility and exchange opportunities for students and faculty. Through these efforts, she contributes to expanding AMU's global presence and reinforcing its position as a leading institution for performing arts education.

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Iveta Šimberová is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Business and Management, Brno University of Technology, since 2022 she has served as Vice-Rector responsible for internationalisation, human resources, and external relations, supporting the university's global development, and development of strategic partnerships.

In this role, she contributes to shaping the university's international strategy, strengthening global collaborations, and coordinating international projects and mobility activities. She also oversees key areas of strategic HR and talent management, and the internationalisation of the academic environment. At the institutional level, she supports the development and quality enhancement of study programmes, research cooperation, and knowledge transfer.

With more than 30 years of academic and leadership experience, she plays a key role in strengthening BUT's international position and competitiveness.

In her field of expertise, she leads a research group at the Faculty of Business and Management that focuses on the research, development, and implementation of innovative business models. Researching the impact of digital transformation and innovation on business models, value creation and capture, including the characteristics of the driving factors of digital transformation and the level of digital maturity.

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Sylvie Boumová is the Director of the Department of International Relations at Charles University, responsible for coordinating international cooperation across all 17 faculties of the university. She has worked for the International Relations Office (IRO) at Charles University for more than 6 years and has significant experience in negotiating and concluding global and exchange partnerships, managing international study abroad programs, and strategic internationalization. Her comprehensive background in international relations and her legal expertise make her a valuable asset in fostering global academic collaborations.

Prior to joining the centralized IRO, she gained extensive experience leading the team at the International Relations Office of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University. In this role, she developed strong expertise in inbound and outbound student, faculty, and staff mobility, managing study abroad programs for partners from all over the world, and deepened her expertise in coordinating negotiations and establishing global and exchange partnerships, including co-tutelle and joint degrees. Sylvie also worked for two years at the NC State European Center, gaining deeper knowledge of international programs operating in Prague and Czechia.

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Jiří Skládanka is vice-rector for quality and communication at Mendel University in Brno. At the same time, he represents Mendel University in the Council of Higher Educational Institutions, where he is also the statutory vice-chairman. His academic journey began at the Faculty of AgriSciences at Mendel University, where he earned his Master's degree in Animal Husbandry and subsequently a Ph.D. in Special Plant Production. In 2009, he was appointed Associate Professor, and in 2017, he attained the rank of Professor of Special Plant Production. Since 2002, he has been a member of the Department of Animal Nutrition and Forage Production, where he also serves as a supervisor for doctoral programs and a guarantor for the Agricultural Engineering study programs. His specialization is the issue of forage production, forage quality and forage safety, especially for permanent grassland. He completed long-term internships at Justus Liebig University in Giessen, at the Center of Educational and Research Raumberg-Gumpenstein and Kasetsart University in Bangkok. He has visited the United States repeatedly in recent years. In particular, these were trips to the partner Louisiana State University. However, due to Mendel University's interest in deepening cooperation with universities in the United States, he visited NAFSA higher education fairs in Detroit, together with the delegation of the South Moravian Region, as well as the University of Georgia, and the rector's mission of the university in New York and Texas.

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Dana Brazdová is a higher education professional with more than twenty years of experience in international academic cooperation and university internationalization. She holds a degree in International Business and has been working at the Prague University of Economics and Business for the past two decades.

She currently serves as Head of the International Office, where she leads a team of 20 staff members. In this role, she is responsible for the coordination and administration of the university's international activities. Her agenda includes the management of international projects, particularly student and teaching mobility programs, as well as the development and oversight of additional international initiatives.

Dana Brazdová also manages partnerships with approximately 250 partner institutions worldwide, supporting cooperation across a broad network of universities. Her work focuses on facilitating institutional collaboration and ensuring the effective implementation of international programs and exchanges.

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Scientific research and expertise is focused on complex research and development of new parts, structures and systems, optimization and innovation of technologies, use of new materials with regard to reducing energy intensity and environmental burden especially for mechanical engineering and other industrial sectors. This is directly related to the emphasis on development and modernization of new technologies and systems, as well as new thinking and approaches for new trends such as light and composite structures, smart mechanisms and advanced technologies for industry 4.0, clean mobility (electromobility), development of autonomous systems, AR and structures and systems with AI. He is the author or co-author of a number of scientific and professional publications. He also holds a number of international awards (2023 Awarding of project ANTeTUL from European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), 2020 Award of the best presentation at Future of Information and Communication Conference" (FICC) San Francisco, USA, 2017 Award of Elsevier ScienceDirect top 25 list of most articles of Biosystems Engineering, 2014 Nominated for the EU Award at ETH Zurich- EurAgEng Outstanding Paper Award 2014).

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Petr Kopecký is Associate Professor at the Department of English and American Studies, University of Ostrava, Czechia. In 2003–2004, he was a Fulbright research scholar at San José State University, California. He specializes in ecocriticism and environmental humanities with regard to US literature. He has published dozens of scholarly texts, two books, and coedited two collective monographs. Between 2022 and 2024, he was President of the Czech and Slovak Association for American Studies. Since 2023, he has served as Rector of the University of Ostrava. Starting in August 2025, he has been Vice President of the Czech Rectors' Conference.



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Marie Stanovská serves as the Director of the Center for Global Engagement at UNYP. In this capacity, she is responsible for the development and stewardship of partnerships with international institutions under various frameworks, including the Erasmus+ Program, academic exchange mobility agreements, direct institutional affiliations, and double degree programs.

She oversees the design and delivery of competitive study abroad semester programs as well as short-term offerings, including Summer and Winter (J-term) programs, ensuring they meet the academic rigor and high standards of student support services expected by U.S. students.

In addition, Marie collaborates closely with UNYP's partner institutions, implementing customized programs, most notably the First Semester First Year study abroad program; faculty led, as well as other, designed to address specific institutional needs.



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Prof. Ing. Libor Čapek, Ph.D., is a Czech physical chemist and the Rector of the University of Pardubice, a position he has held since February 2022 and continues to hold following reappointments in 2025 and 2026. He graduated from the Faculty of Chemical Technology at the University of Pardubice, where he earned his Master's degree in Technical Analytical and Physical Chemistry in 1998. He completed his doctoral research at the J. Heyrovský Institute of Physical Chemistry and defended his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry in 2004, receiving the Award of the Ministry of Education for excellent doctoral results.

Prof. Čapek's scientific expertise lies in heterogeneous catalysis and photocatalysis, with emphasis on the study of active centers in catalytic systems and on environmentally relevant catalytic processes. His research includes the development of mixed oxides, layered hydroxides, and TiO₂-based photocatalysts with tailored structural and electronic properties. He became Associate Professor in 2009 and Full Professor in 2017, later serving as Head of the Department of Physical Chemistry and as Vice-Dean and Vice-Rector before assuming the rectorship.

A prolific author in international journals, he continues to contribute to research excellence while shaping the strategic direction of the University of Pardubice.



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Prof. Ing. Petra Bajerová, Ph.D., is a Czech analytical chemist and professor at the University of Pardubice, where she serves as the Vice-Rector for External Relations and is a long-standing member of the Faculty of Chemical Technology, specifically the Department of Analytical Chemistry. She earned her engineering degree in Technical Analytical and Physical Chemistry in 2002, followed by a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry in 2007, both at the University of Pardubice. She completed her habilitation in analytical chemistry in 2015 and was appointed Professor in Food Technology in 2023 by Tomas Bata University in Zlín.

Her research focuses on analytical chemistry, especially classical and green extraction techniques, chromatographic separation, and the chemical profiling of natural and food-based matrices. She has contributed to high-quality publications examining volatile compounds, phenolic profiles, and antimicrobial activities of plant materials.

Prof. Bajerová has also completed several international research stays at Ghent University in Belgium, strengthening her interdisciplinary expertise. She continues to contribute to science, education, and academic leadership at UPCE.

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Prof. Jan Váně is Vice-Rector for External Relations at the University of West Bohemia (UWB) in Pilsen, Czechia. He represents the university leadership in strategic external engagement and in building partnerships with international academic institutions. He is also a member of the Research, Development and Innovation Council of the Government of the Czech Republic (RVVI). During the delegation visit to the United States, he participates in meetings focused on student exchange and international mobility to underscore UWB's institutional commitment and to support the establishment of long-term partnership frameworks at leadership level. Operational aspects of mobility - exchange modalities, procedures, and implementation - are led by UWB's Director of the International Office, who conducts the detailed discussions with partner institutions. Jan Váně is a Professor of Sociology and brings extensive experience in applied research and institutional development. He values international cooperation as a key driver of educational quality, student opportunity, and resilient academic communities.



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Her academic background is in geography and regional development. She studied at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (USA) and completed her postgraduate studies at Masaryk University in Czechia. Her professional interests include geopolitics, globalization, cultural identities, and the evolving role of universities in an interconnected world.

As part of the Midwest mission organized by the Czech National Agency for International Education and Research, she aims to build sustainable partnerships with U.S. universities, with an emphasis on reciprocal mobility, strategic research collaboration, and long-term institutional engagement.