



MATEJ BEL UNIVERSITY
Faculty of humanities
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Department of European Cultural Studies



Characteristics of the study program

- Title of the study program: **European Cultural Studies**
- Study field: 2.1.32 **Foreign languages and cultures**
- Degree of the study: **Philisophy Doctor (PhD)**
- Duration of study: **3 academic years (internal), 5 academic years (external)**
- Degree: **doctor of philosophy (PhD.)**
- Guarantor of the program: **prof. Gilles Rouet, DrSc.**

Scope of the study program

The question of European identity has occupied an important place in the great debates of ideas between the two world wars, until the early 1950s. Subsequently, the construction of the current European Union with the economic, utilitarian and/or functionalism approaches has obscured the question of European identity. Opponents of the European project have quickly become "Eurosceptics" and brought the passion in the European debate. The pragmatic and soulless Europe could not find sufficient support among national citizens, in many States members, who condemned the economic hegemony, the power of banks and the absence of European and social project. Thus, the question of European identity has gradually regained importance and has become one of the key arguments of the supporters of absolute power of the States-Nations: The identity of Peoples ("Nations") and of citizen would be only national and the building of a European "government" would be limited by this assumption. In this sense, European identity doesn't exist and European "government" is only a result of free cooperation between national governments.

It is therefore essential to focus research not only on institutional or economic issues, but, because it exists many "identity crisis" that can divert countries of the European project, on the frame of social and cultural aspects. One European "identity" obviously doesn't exist as single but as many "representations". It is through multidisciplinary research, focused on a general theme "Identities and Cultures in Europe" that could be explored what the Europeans share today, from Western or Central Europe: histories, representations, lifestyles, institutions, values, aspirations, cultural expressions, etc. Thesis in the frame of PhD Studies may follow this general approach, and may incorporate mobilities during the studies (research internship in foreign countries, participation in seminars, conferences, etc.), to explore historical developments, specific events, particular institutions, focus on more sociological analysis, or in a comparative approach, for example.

Profile of a graduate

The program is open to candidate interested by a multidisciplinary approach of the problematic of Identities, Cultures and also Citizenship in Europe. A graduate should find his/her position in research institutes, universities, centres of research, as well as in companies or administration, related to the large field of management of culture, education, etc. They also could be involved in European projects, as projects leaders or managers.

Requirements on applicants

An applicant is required to have completed the Master degree in Human or Social Sciences. Candidates graduate in other subjects are considered on case-by-case basis. All applicants must pass entrance exam and write a project of research (with an indicative schedule for the 3/5 years of study).

Faculty at the study program

Lectures, seminars and scientific activities are held by selected lecturers from the Department of European Cultural Studies, Faculty of Humanities at Matej Bel University. Students will be encouraged to develop their activities in the frame of the PhD Studies with our partner in Europe.

Lecturers:

prof. Gilles Rouet, DrSc.
Prof. Genovaitė Kačiušienė, DrS.
Doc.PhDr. Jolana Darulová, CSc.
Doc. PhDr. Ľudmila Mešková, CSc.
Doc. PhDr. Peter Terem, PhD.
PhDr. Alexandra Bitušíková, CSc.

Application form should be sent: kristina.krnova@umb.sk till 31. May 2012. Entrance exam fee 40 € must be paid on :

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Fees: 2 000€ per ac. year

This study program is not subject to payment of any fee for students who are citizens of EU member states. Non-EU citizens are required to pay 2 000 € per curriculum.

Fee does not cover living expenses at the place. Students may apply for accommodation at the dormitories of Matej Bel University (see <http://www.umb.sk-Accom>. And Catering Possib.)

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