

# Roundtable Conference on Internationalisation for University Staff

23.08.2021

## WP5 of the ERASMUS+ TOOLKIT PROJECT Dissemination of Knowledge on Internationalisation among all stakeholders of the university



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# University of Kelaniya Student Conference on Internationalisation

24.08.2021 - virtual event

## **Internationalisation – The Way Forward**

### Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Nilanthi de Silva

Cadre Chair and Senior Professor Department of Parasitology Faculty of Medicine

## **Erasmus Projects and International Activities**



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### **International Affairs at the University of Kelaniya**

- Centre for Research Improvement and International Affairs est. July 2011 (WCU funds)
- Centre for International Relations & International Student Affairs Unit est. Oct. 2014
- Centre for International Affairs est. April 2017
- The university has unique fields of study that have great potential to attract international scholars and students in large numbers
- Increased visibility and international presence through several European Commission funded projects since 2013

- University of Kelaniya has the highest number of international students – registered locally, at offshore programmes, at overseas affiliated institutions (Pali and Buddhist Studies)
- Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Diploma students
- Certificate Courses in Sinhala/ Tamil for Ínternational Students (Departments of Sinhala, Linguistics)
- Facility for International Credit Transfer
- Staff & Student Volunteer Programme

## **Internationalisation in the past**

- International activities by individual departments (visiting scholars, joint conferences, external examiners)
- International students
- Scholarships for academic staff and students (Commonwealth, Fulbright, DAAD, Japan Foundation)
- Guest Professors and Visiting Scholars
- Doctoral students
- Department of Modern Language (scholarships, international staff, academic staff qualified overseas)
- Cultural Exchange Programmes (PEACEBOAT)
- Mevlana Exchange Programme with Turkey since 2013

### Internationalisation through EU Funded Projects: Reaching new heights

## **Erasmus Projects**

- Funded by the European Commission
- Thousands of staff and student mobilities taking place annually since 1987.
- What was earlier confined to mobility within Europe, the programme added global dimension in the subsequent years by encouraging collaborative projects with non-EU partner universities.

- University of Kelaniya first benefitted from an Erasmus Mundus project from 2014 - 2019 that gave mobility opportunities to many students and staff while receiving incoming staff and student mobility from the EU
- Through this project the visibility of University of Kelaniya in the international higher education sector increased rapidly and many new partnerships were established

#### • Since 2014 over 140 staff and student mobility grants have been secured by the university while receiving over 100 guest professors and administrative staff and a number of students from the EU on incoming mobility

• Since March 2020 more than 2500 students and 100 staff have benefited from Virtual Mobility



- Akdeniz University, Turkey
- Bologna University, Italy
- Lodz University, Poland
- Masaryk University, Czech Republic
- New University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Polytechnic Pozega, Croatia
- Rouen University, France
- Szczecin University, Poland
- Tallinn University, Estonia
- University of Algarve, Portugal
- University of Huddersfield, UK
- University of Porto, Portugal
- University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Portugal

- Erasmus Mundus IMPAKT Project
- Erasmus+ TOOLKIT Project
- Erasmus+ K107 International Credit Mobility Projects
- Virtual Mobility for Staff and Students

## **ERASMUS+ CBHE**



**TOOLKIT - Designing and Managing International Relations, Educational Projects and Mobility Schemes in Asian Universities** 

A Project aiming at Capacity Building in Higher Education in Asia

Coordinated by University of Bologna, Italy European Partners Uppsala University Vilnius University 7 Partners from Myanmar, Laos and Sri Lanka

## **Benefits**

- 9700 Euro Equipment grant, staff costs
- Knowledge and experience sharing
- Training for academic, administrative staff, students
- Training for non-partner HEI through National Workshops
- Increasing visibility on the global platform
- Recognition for the university by supporting international activities conducted
- Establishing new partnerships
- Sustainability of existing partnerships

## ERASMUS MOBILITY ERASMUS MUNDUS



- Erasmus Mundus International Mobility Programme for Academic and Knowledge Transfer 2014 2019 (IMPAKT)
- Incoming mobility: Academic Staff, Postdoctoral, Undergraduate 9
- Outgoing mobility: Academic Staff, Postgraduate, Undergraduate 17

## **Benefits**

- 1 year mobility for 10 undergraduates (Geography, French)
- 1 year mobility for 1 postgraduate student (Botany)
- 1 month mobility for 6 academic staff
- Sustainability Erasmus+ Partnerships and MoUs emerging
- Szczecin University Poland
- Rouen University France
- Tallinn University Estonia
- Lodz University Poland
- Merging Voices Consortium from Portugal

## **ERASMUS+ MOBILITY**



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- Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility since 2016
- Incoming mobility: Academic Staff, Administrative Staff
- STT Staff Teaching STA Staff Training
- Outgoing mobility: Academic Staff, Administrative Staff, Undergraduates
- STT, STA, SMS Staff Teaching STA Staff Training Student Mobility

## **Other donor agencies**

- DAAD German Academic Exchange Service
- Goethe Institute
- Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- Japan Foundation
- Korea Foundation
- Fulbright Commission
- Government of France
- Government of P. R. of China
- Confucius Institute
- Russian Federation

## **Eligibility Criteria for Erasmus Mobility**

- Staff Teaching/Training: Academic Staff
  Activities related to international affairs, B2/C1 English
- Staff Training: Administrative Staff any officer is eligible if the following criteria can be fulfilled:
- Bachelor Degree, Activities related to international affairs (work related), B2 English
- 1) Selection via online application by the host university
- 2) Nominated by the Head of Department and recommended by the Dean of the Faculty
- 3) Direct invitation by the host university
- 4) Open call for applications via university email/website
- All nominations are approved by the Vice Chancellor

## Funding

- Travel grant 1200 1500 Euro
- 160 Euro per day for 7 days

## Activities related to international affairs

- PA to the Vice Chancellor Portugal and Poland
- Bursar Czech Republic and Portugal
- Deputy Registrar, Academic Establishments Czech Republic
- Deputy Registrar, Computing & Technology Czech Republic
- Deputy Bursar, Medicine Czech Republic and Portugal
- Assistant Registrar, Humanities Czech Republic

### **CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

First point of contact for any international scholar, grant agency, prospective student or university

- International Cooperation Division
- International Student Affairs Division

## **International Cooperation**



- Collaboration with international partners
- Partner proposals of joint projects with European and Asian universities (e.g.: Erasmus Projects)
- Promote academic collaboration and exchange programmes with overseas universities
- Disseminate information on grant opportunities
- Provide the staff and students with support to apply for scholarships and outgoing mobility grants
- Processing and validating applications
- Explore opportunities for research collaboration; joint research leading to international publications
- Staff and student exchange

- Conducting awareness programmes, workshops, seminars
- Promotion of postgraduate and diploma programmes to attract international students
- Supporting incoming and outgoing staff, student mobility



## **International Student Affairs**



#### Information and assistance to undergraduate and graduate students, exchange students, visiting scholars on study programmes, accommodation

- Orientation and cultural exchange pogrammes
- Coordinate the Government of Sri Lanka Presidential Scholarships for Foreign Students with the Ministry of Higher Education, University Grants Commission
- Staff and Student Volunteer Programme

### Promotion of scholarship/training opportunities through the university website and staff/student email

- Providing assistance to outgoing mobility of selected students, academic and administrative staff from the university under different grant schemes including Erasmus+, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Goethe Institute scholarships
- Assistance with immigration procedures for incoming and outgoing students and scholars

## **INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIES**

The International strategies are aligned with the Corporate Plan/Strategic Plan and the Action Plan of the university

## **STRATEGIES AND GOALS**

- 1. To create a high quality and flexible teaching and learning environment
- 2. To develop the highest quality faculty and staff to attain the strategic goals of the university
- 3. To create a multi-disciplinary research culture of global standing
- 4. To improve the image of the university by widening the range of economic and social engagement
- 5. To develop an excellent system of governance through efficient and effective administration and financial management

(Corporate Plan, University of Kelaniya 2021-2025)

#### **INTERNATIONALISATION: ACHIEVING THE GOALS**

- Visiting Professorship (incoming) funded by the university since 2016
- Joint conferences and collaborative research
- Facility for International Credit Transfer for incoming and outgoing students since 2015
- Establishment of Research Council in 2014 to encourage, recognise and promote outstanding research
- Establishment of Centre for International Affairs in 2011
- Establishment of Confucius Institute in 2006
- Establishment of Korean and Japanese Research Centres
- Interactive Learning Centre for German Studies (2013)

#### **INTERNATIONALISATION: ACHIEVING THE GOALS**

- Partnering with overseas universities
- Funding for academic staff for doctoral studies, conference participation, publication of research papers
- Funding for research projects approved by the Research Council
- Research Ethics Review Committee
- Senate Awards for academic staff for publications in indexed journals
- Vice Chancellor's Awards for research, academic excellence, international recognition, patents
- Presenting at international conferences
- Travel grants
- Virtual Mobility for Staff and Students

#### **INTERNATIONALISATION: ACHIEVING THE GOALS**

- Partnering with international organisations and agencies Japan Foundation, Korea Foundation, Korea International Cooperation Agency, Fulbright Commission, Commonwealth Foundation, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) & Goethe Institute for educational projects, staff and student scholarship grants, visiting professorships
- Reaching higher international ranking E.g. THE , QS Ranking
- Grant Schemes: World Bank Funded
- Higher Education for Twentieth Century (HETC)
- Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD)

### **INTERNATIONALISATION: ACHIEVING THE GOALS**

- Matching objectives, strategies and KPIs with THE and QS rankings
- Increasing partnerships with overseas universities for research collaboration, incoming and outgoing staff, student mobility (onsite and virtual) and more training opportunities for administrative staff
- Increasing number of international students for postgraduate studies and research

# **CHALLENGES**

Main obstacles to the development/improvement of the international dimension

- Negotiating and approving MOUs
- Status of international offices one of the significant entities of a university
- Appointing permanent employees to the Centre for International Affairs
- Budget allocation
- Visa issues for student mobility to Europe when no diplomatic mission is available in the country
- Trade union action
- Terror attacks e.g.; Easter bomb attack in 2019
- Prevailng situation due to Covid 19 pandemic

## Overcoming challenges since April 2019 and March 2020 Virtual Activities and Virtual Mobility

## **Virtual Mobility**

- Pozega Polytechnic, Departments of Economics, Accountancy
- Tallinn University, Faculty of Humanities 6 projects so far
- Szczecin University, German Studies, Dept of Modern Languages
- Siegen University, Fayoum University Egypt, Tongji University, China, Mother Teresa University, North Macedonia, German Studies, Dept of Modern Languages Sri Lanka
- DAAD German Academic Exchange Service
- Goethe Institute
- Included in UNESCO-IESALC report on virtual student mobility (VSM)

**UNESCO** International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)







#### ERASMUS DAYS 2021 UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, SRI LANKA

14th OCTOBER 2021 13.00 Hours CET

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND SUSTAINABILITY



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Alumni Academy Digitalisation 20+ and Sustainability" 2021/2022 Blended Education The Future Workshop University of Siegen, Germany

Project - Group 2



"Exchanging Cultural Experiences between a Group of University Students"

29th October 2021

17.30 hours Colombo

**Project Team from** 

Fayoum University, Fayoum, Egypt

University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Mother Teresa University, Skopje, North Macedonia

Tongji University, Shanghai, China





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**Student Presentations** 

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

13.15 hours CET

https://learn.zoom.us/j/67143490991?pwd=QXImMW9Cd0x4TDNoUjRZTk93dWtmQT09

Meeting-ID: 671 4349 0991 Kenncode: German@1



## ALUMNI ACADEMY DIGITALISATION 20+ AND SUSTAINABILITY 2021/2022 BLENDED EDUCATION -THE FUTURE WORKSHOP



Die internationale Zukunftswerkstatt Universität Siegen



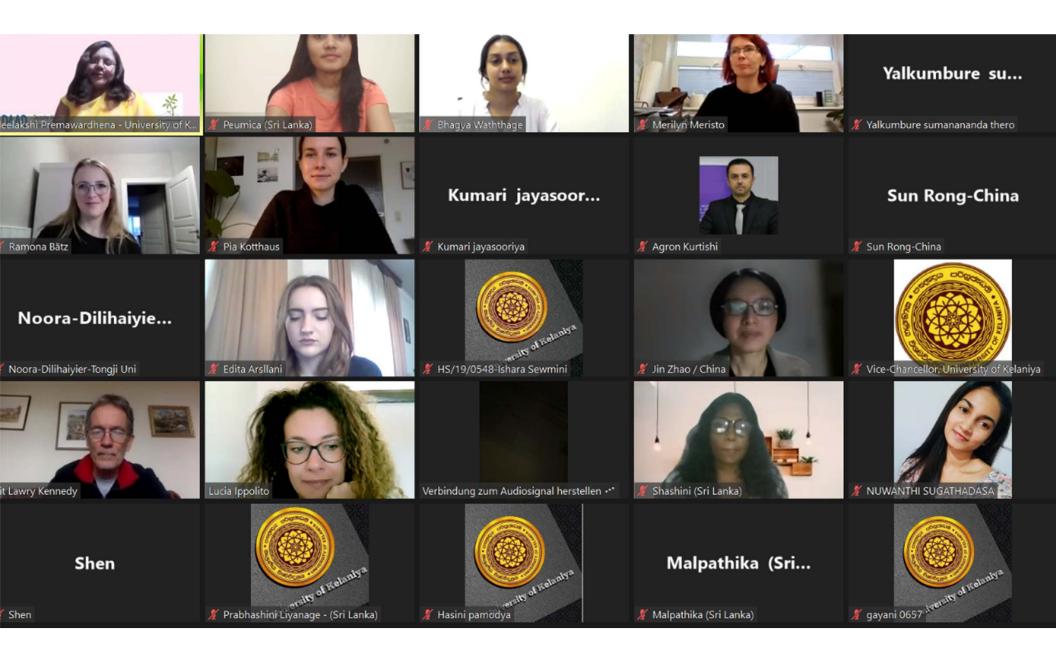
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Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst German Academic Exchange Service

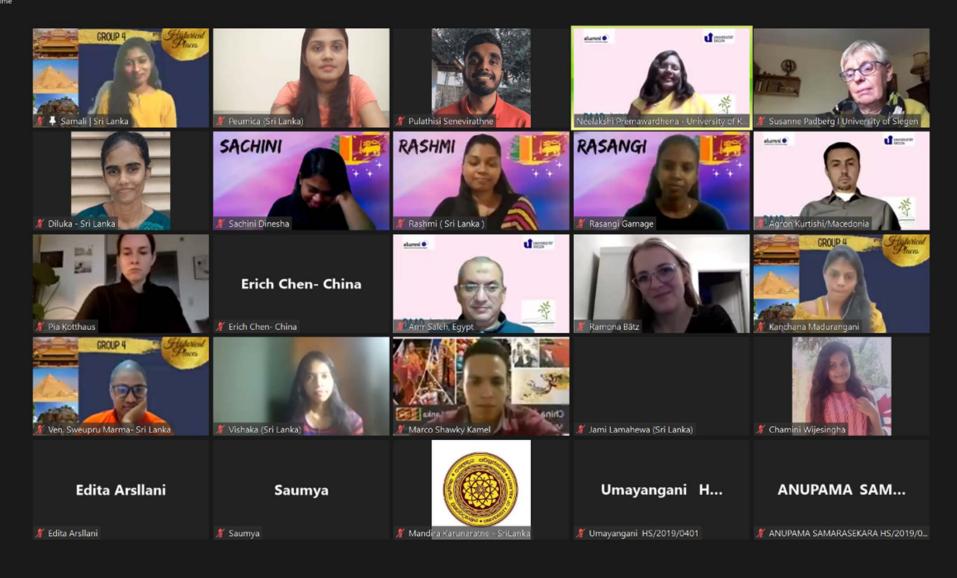


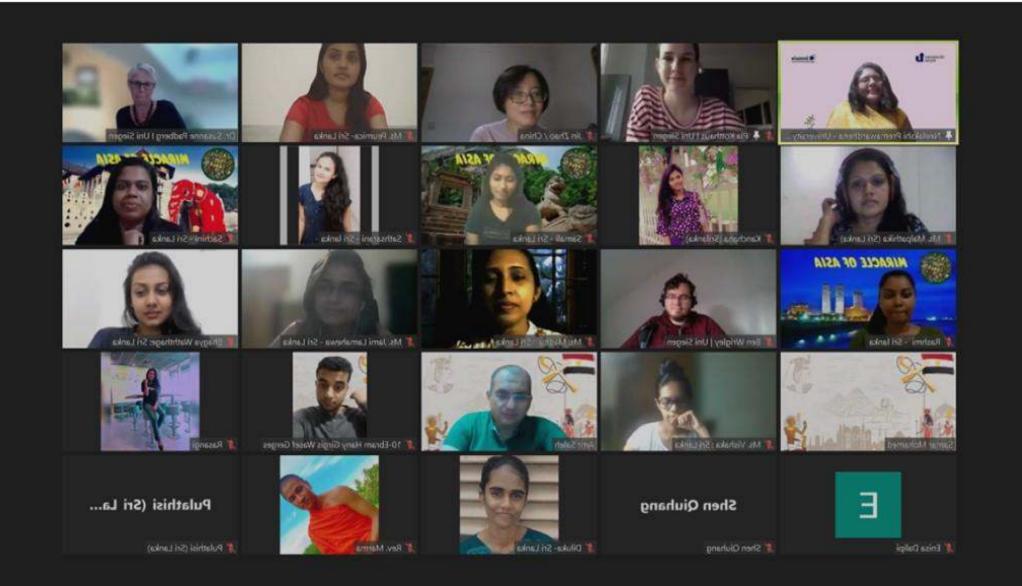
### **A Digital Bridge Across Cultures and Continents**



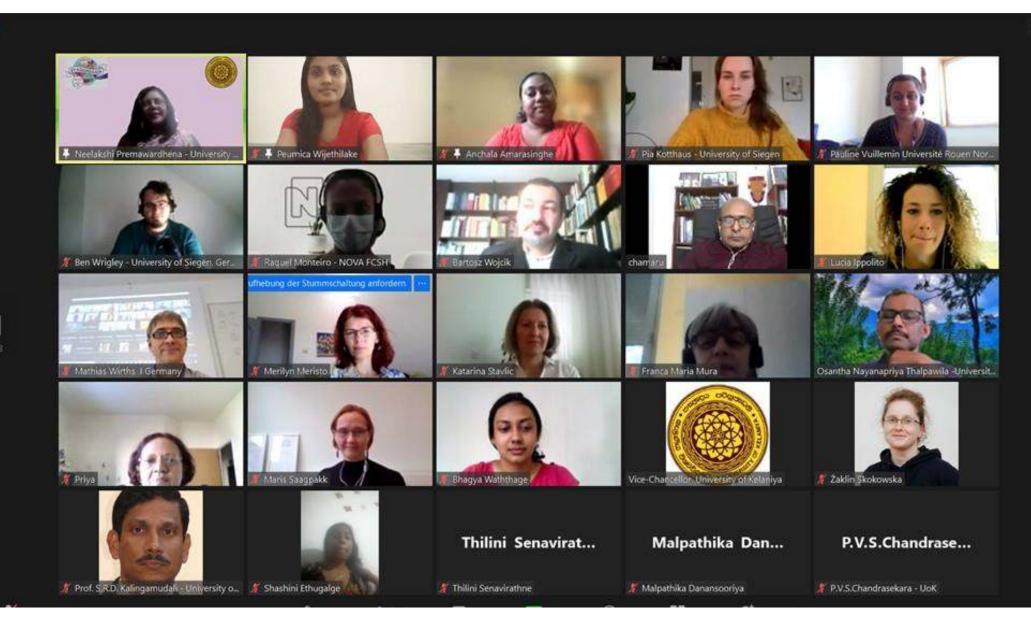


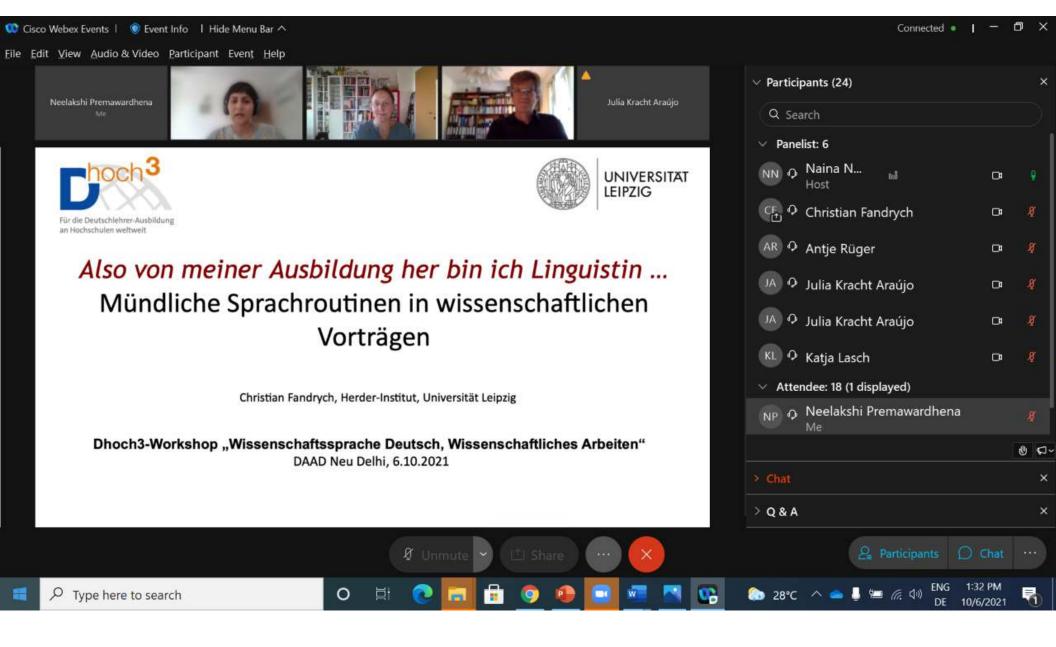
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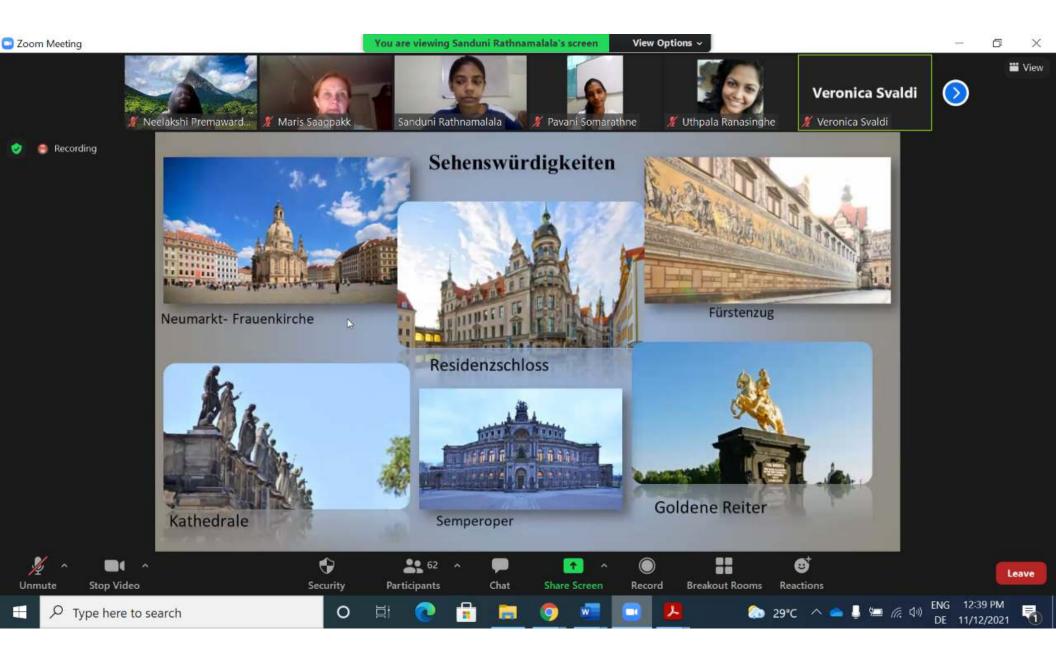


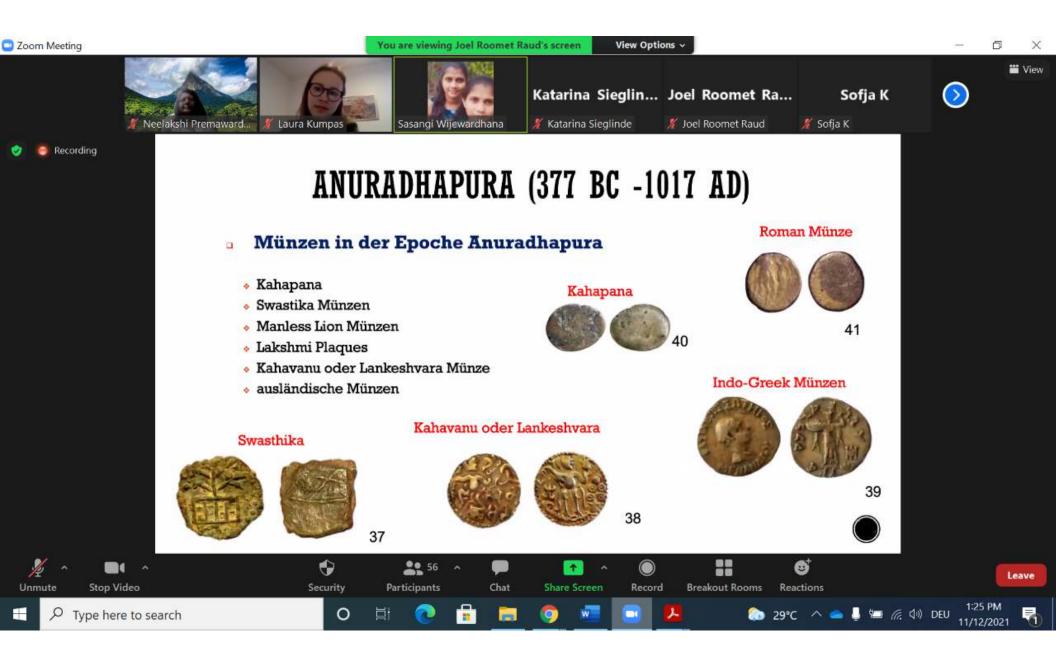












## Wald als Erinnerungsort

Kooperationsprojekt: Interkulturelles Lernen durch Erinnerungsorte

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Universität Kelaniya, Universität Tallinn

Recording

19.11.2021

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Talking: Sigrid

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Mekhala Dandeniya, Eili Einama, Juri Figurin, Supuni Geethanjalee, Sandalika Kasthuri, Sigrid Muinasmaa

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### **Die Deutschabteilung des Department of Modern Languages**

### University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

lädt Sie alle

zu einer virtuellen "Weihnachtsfeier" ein.

Eine Online-Veranstaltung am 17. Dezember (Freitag) ab 17.00 Uhr

mit Beiträgen von Studierenden der Deutschabteilung

Zoom-Link

https://learn.zoom.us/j/61358952219?pwd=NkZGeE545VFwWjZ2bDYwQkE0dGhnZz09

Alle sind herzlich eingeladen!



# Eine gemeinsame Weihnachtsreise durch die Welt



## **Unsere Partnerländer heute**

- China
- Kanada
- Estland
- England
- Frankreich
- Deutschland
- Japan
- Polen
- Portugal
- USA





# **Silvester in Deutschland**



## Silvestersbend präsentiert von der Deutschsbteilung Department of Modern Languages, 31.12.2021 AGENDA

- 1. Presentation on New Year's Eve (Silvester) in Germany Snr. Prof. Neelakshi C. Premawardhena
- 2. A Pirivena's New Year's Eve Activities Ven. Kotiyagala Dhammarathana Thero, 4th Year
- 3. New Year's Eve in Bangladesh Ven. Sweupru Marma Thero, 2nd year BA Hons Entertainment Hour:
- 4. Bishmi Dissanayaka 3<sup>rd</sup> year BA Achterbahn
- 5. Indima Rajapaksa 4th year BA Hons Country Roads in German and English
- 6. Kithmi 1st year
- 7. Amanda Pathirana 2nd year BA Hons Gumugumuwa wadule
- 8. Kaushalya Yapa Baddawela 2<sup>nd</sup> year BA La isla bonita
- 9. Shenali Vitharana, Faculty of Science Optional German Eisblume
- 10. Song by staff: Ms. Vishaka Peiris
- 11. Wrap up song by all H R Jothipala's "Samanala Mudune"
- 12. Comments & Feedback
- 13. New Year Wishes in German/English/Sinhala
- 14. End of the event







## Abschlussfeier 2022 Deutschabteilung Department of Modern Languages 04/03/2022



### Abschlussfeier – End of the Academic Year Event, Deutschabteilung – German Section

Department of Modern Languages, 04.03.2022

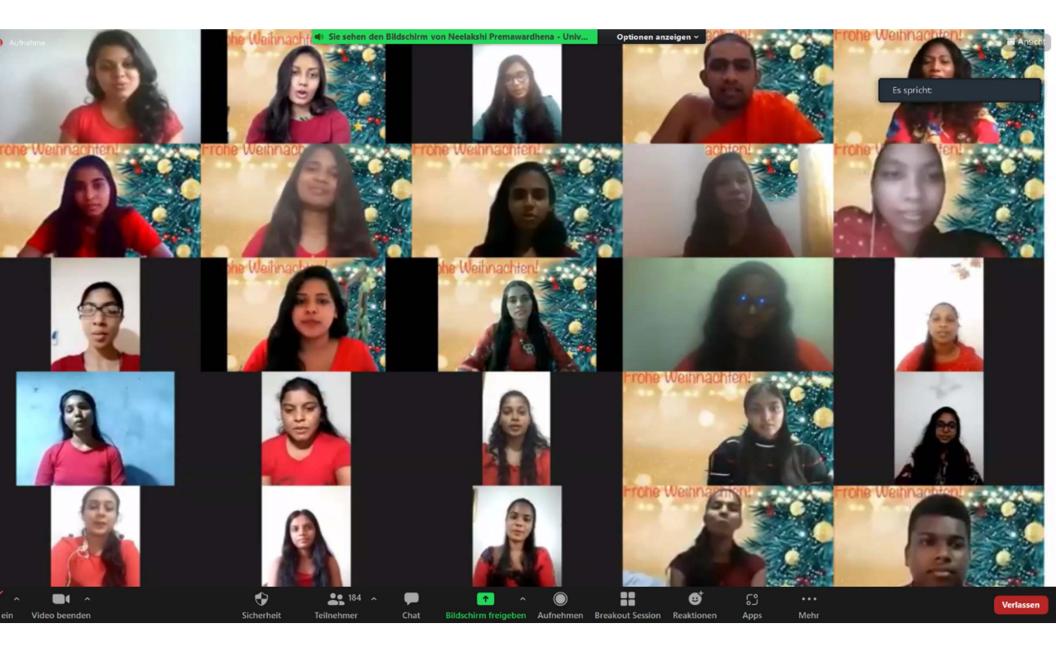
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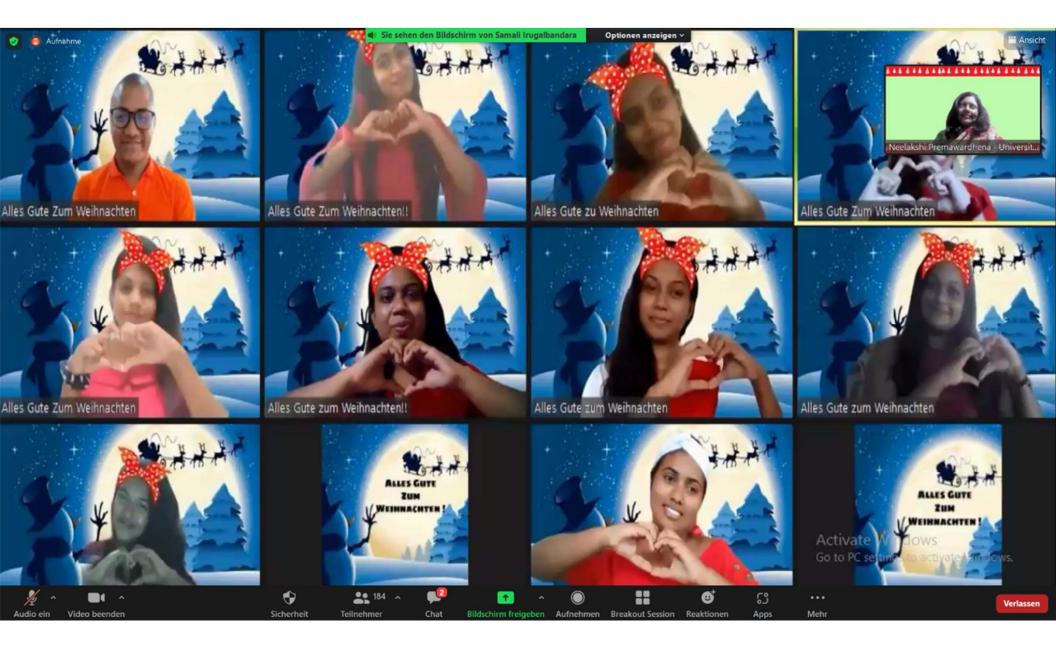
- 1. Welcome address and brief presentation on Online Learning Snr. Prof. Neelakshi C. Premawardhena
- Greetings from the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNESCO-IESALC)
- 3. Shenali Vitharana, Faculty of Science Optional German 1st year 99 Luftballons
- 4. Samadhi Weerasinghe 3<sup>rd</sup> year BA Hons, Kathak Dance Performance
- 5. Address by Prof. Dilrukshi Rathnayake, the Head, Department of Modern Languages
- 6. Indima Rajapaksa 4<sup>th</sup> year BA Hons, Sinhala song
- 7. Janali Piyadigama 1<sup>st</sup> year, Piano recital
- 8. An excerpt from Goethe's Drama Faust in Sinhala 2nd year BA Hons
- 9. Greetings from the Guests Goethe Institute and DAAD
- 10. Staff presentation instrumental
- 11. Greetings from the Guests Prof. Merilyn Meristo, Ms. Ramona Bätz, Tallinn University, Estonia

- 12. Piyumi Karunarathna 4th year BA Hons, Sinhala Song
- Greetings from the Guests Barbara Lilliu, Senior Consultant and External Evaluator, EU; TOOLKIT Project Team
- 14. Staff presentation instrumental
- 15. Sachini Wijethilaka, Dance performance Aja Nachle
- 16. Students' speech Uthpala Ranasinghe 3rd year BA Hons

- 17. Kithmi Saubhagya 1<sup>st</sup> year, Sinhala Song
- 18. Bishmi Dissanayaka 3<sup>rd</sup> year BA, German Song
- 19. Roji Hasara 1<sup>st</sup> year, Dance performance Mandodari
- 20. Staff contribution: Songs by Ms. Vishaka Peiris
- 21. Romesh Bandara 1st year, Guitar recital
- 22. Greetings from the Guests Prof. Jiajuan Xion, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China

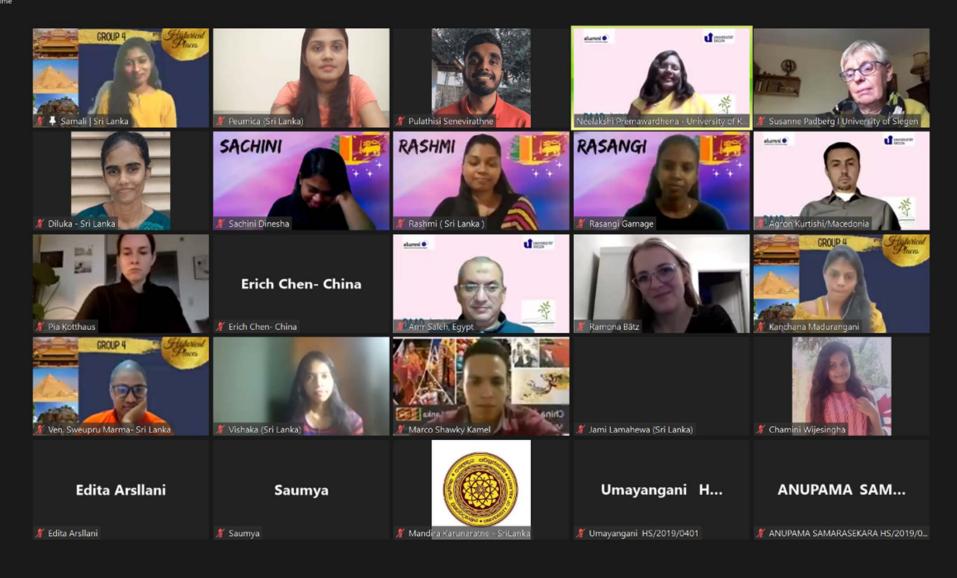
- 23. Isuri Bhagya 1<sup>st</sup> year, Sinhala Song
- 24. Students' speech Gansi Kulathunga, 4th year BA Hons
- 25. Hasini Pramoda 1st year, Sinhala Song
- 26. Staff presentation Song
- 27. Kaushalya Yapa 2<sup>nd</sup> year BA, Dance performance
- 28. Samudra Dasanayaka 1st year, Sinhala Song
- 29. Umesha Apsari 1<sup>st</sup> year, Sinhala Song
- 30. Pavani Katulanda and Oshadhi Himashi- 1st year, Titanic theme Song in German
- 31. Sachini Wijethilake, Dance performance Mithwa
- 32. Speech by Venerable Kotiyagala Dhammaratha Thero 4<sup>th</sup> year BA Hons
- 33. Live contributions/Feedback by the Guests, Staff and Students
- 34. University Song
  - End of the event



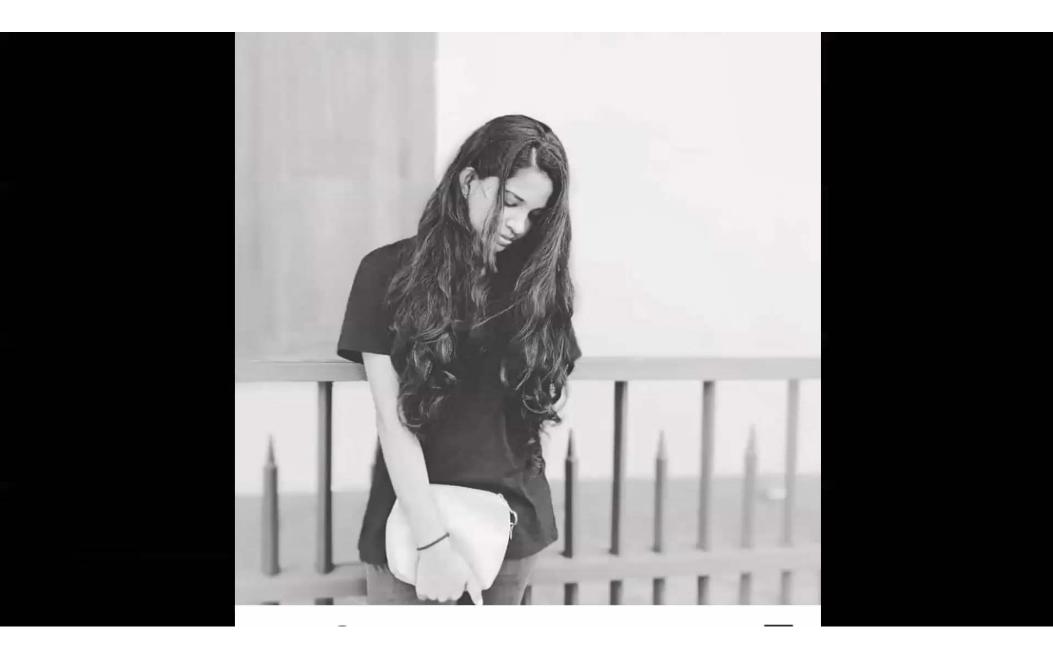




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#### Virtual Staff Mobility Tallinn University, Estonia

#### on Research Methodology

#### Wednesday and Thursday 17th and 18th November 2021 for BA Honours students

Zoom link for both days https://zoom.us/i/92312974175 At 17.30 hours (5.30 pm) Duration: 1 hour lecture and 30 minutes Q & A

#### Conducted by Prof. Merilyn Meristo, School of Humanities, Tallinn University, Estonia

Prof. Merilyn Meristo is attached to the School of Humanities, Tallinn University, Estonia.

She teaches French and is responsible for training teachers of foreign languages in Estonia. Her vast experience in teaching of foreign languages including English and French, teacher training and research has benefited the Department of Modern Languages since her first academic staff mobility funded by the EU under the Erasmus



Mundus IMPAKT project in February 2015. Since then Prof. Meristo has been a regular visiting professor at the University of Kelaniya conducting onsite and online sessions under virtual staff mobility.

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### **INVITATION**

#### "A JOURNEY THROUGH PORTUGAL, LANGUAGE AND CULTURE"

#### Guest Lecture by Erasmus+ Merging Voices Project Academic Mobility Grantee Professor Fátima Marinho

of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Porto, Portugal will be held on this Friday the 14th January from 17.00 to 19.00 hours



Join Zoom Meeting

# How to initiate Virtual Mobility?

- Previous contacts
- Previous project partners
- Personal contacts
- Alumni

Increasing our visibility on the global platform through projects funded by the European Commission as well as Virtual Mobility open numerous avenues for academic and cultural exchange, knowledge sharing, knowledge transfer and mutually beneficial collaborative research.

# **Final outcomes**

- Increasing visibility
- Enhancing Intercultural competencies
- Broadening horizons
- Ehnancing social skills and team spirit
- Personality development
- Linguistic skills
- Better career prospects
- Becoming an outward thinking Global Citizen



# What is so unique about University of Kelaniya?

# **The Kelaniya Family**

- Well respected and admired by the visiting students and scholars
- Due to:
- Genuine interest and support from the Senior Administration to the most junior employee
- Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans, Heads of Department, Academic Staff, Administrative Officers to the Office Assistants, Transport Division
- Support by the Staff / Student Volunteers
- Motivated students
- Dedicated service offered by the Centre for International Affairs

### **Highlights**

- Visiting delegates
- Field visits
- Cultural exchange
- Collaborative learning













First student on International Credit Transfer























### CONTACT

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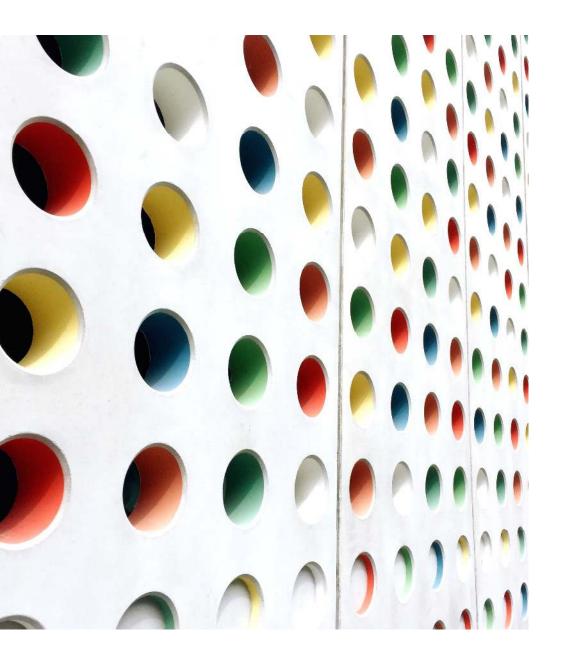
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## Address by the Registrar Mr. K. K. K. Dharmathilaka

## **Mobility Experience & Internationalisation**

Dr. Samanthi Jayawardena Department of Modern Languages Ms. Namal Yalegama Deputy Registrar, Academic Establishments



Erasmus Programme + ICM Staff Training Masaryk University

Czech republic

31.03.2019-08.04.2019

### Experience gained through the mobility



















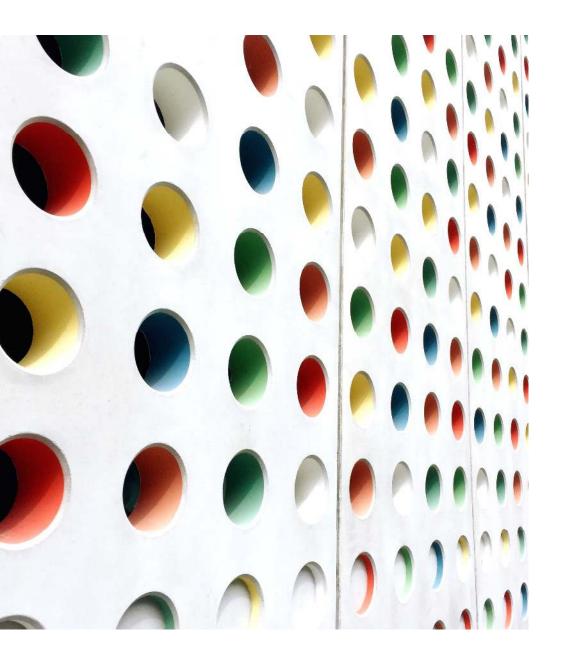








# Thank You



Erasmus Programme + ICM Staff Training

#### Masaryk University

### Czech republic

31.03.2019-08.04.2019

#### Experience gained through the mobility



























# Thank You

#### Prof. Dilrukshi Yapa Abeywardhana Department of Accountancy

Ms. Sanjeewani Wijesekara Deputy Bursar, Faculty of Medicine Mr. Hasitha Pathirana Department of English Language Teaching

## STAFF TRAINING WEEK (April 1-5,2019)

#### Masaryk University, Brno Czech Republic

















### LEDNICE CASTLE









### STAROBRNO BREWERY





#### STAFF TRAINING WEEK - NOVA FCSH

(27th of June - 1st of July 2022)

#### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES -NOVA UNIVERSITY LISBON



































Dr. Mohan Devdas Department of Human Resources Management

#### **Discussion & Feedback**