



Newsletter autumn 2014

PROJECTS REALIZED IN SPRING SEMESTER 2014



LECTURE ON “NEW TRENDS IN AMERICAN PUBLIC DIPLOMACY“

24. 2. 2014

The cultural attaché of the Embassy of the United States in Prague, Mrs. Sherry Keneson-Hall, accepted an invitation by the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic to share her experience on new trends in American public diplomacy. The lecture touched on topics such as sports diplomacy, support for US broadcasting services abroad and social media. Apart from Czech MFA diplomats, representatives from the Czech state administration, foreign diplomats posted to Prague from European Union member states and university students attended.



EU RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE SEMINAR

12.3. 2014

The seminar for Czechs interested in working for EU institutions was focused on the rules and procedural aspects of recruitment procedure, verbal and numeric tests, situation tests and testing in the so called “assessment centre”. This time, the seminar was designed for the general public – for all applicants registered on the National Contact Database of the MFA. The seminar attracted almost 120 people. The lecture was given by Mrs. Petra Leppee-Fraize from L’ENA, the prestigious French school of state administration.



UN RECRUITMENT WORKSHOP

7. – 9. 4. 2014

Everyone interested in working for the UN could participate in a series of five seminars in Prague and Brno. The seminars focused on providing information on employment opportunities within the UN and its recruitment processes. The project was organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the UN and the UN itself.



SEMINAR „NEGOCIATIONS MULTILATERALES“

27. – 28. 3. 2014

With support from the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF), the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a one-day seminar focusing on multilateral negotiation techniques. The project was conducted by Mr. Aurélien Colsson, the director of French Institut de Recherche et d’Enseignement sur la Négociation (ESSEC – IRENE). The group of 20 Czech state administration officials had the opportunity to participate in negotiation simulation and to practice French, in which the seminar was held.



LECTURE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION “LE DÉFI MIGRATOIRE AU SEIN DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES“

5. 5. 2014

Supported by the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF), the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs organized a lecture on migration by the director of research at the Paris Institute of Political Studies - CERI and a Doctor of Political Sciences, Mrs. Catherine Wihtol de Wenden. The main factors influencing international migration were discussed, including global demographic trends, the distribution of wealth, conflicts, and so-called environmental migration. The lecture was held in French. The project was designed for workers of the state and public administration.



LECTURE ON “THE ART OF THE SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR”

23.4. 2014

Did you know that according to modern social protocol, a woman can assist a man, when he is getting into her car? Moreover in cases that you will be more than ten minutes late for meeting, it is better to cancel the whole appointment? These and other principles of social behaviour were diplomats of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, representatives of other institutions of state administration and as well representatives of the Union of cities and villages, able to learn on the workshop of The Art of the Social Behaviour. This workshop was organized by Diplomatic Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and took place in Černín Palace. The lecture was led by Mrs. Alena Špačková, who is currently teaching culture of spoken word on the Hussite theology faculty of Charles University.



WORKSHOP “MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS“

22. – 23.4. 2014

The Diplomatic Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in cooperation with Mrs. Ida Manton from the Institute of International Relations Clingendael (Netherlands) organized a workshop focused on negotiations, this time in English. Simulations of international conferences in Kosovo helped more than twenty diplomats and state administration officials to better understand the theory of multilateral negotiations and to put the theory into practice.



U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE – ANOTHER U.S. ARMY

28.4. 2014

Nicholas Kralev, a former correspondent of the Financial Times and Washington Post and founder of the consultation society in diplomatic areas, lead a lecture focused on the current form of the U.S.'s diplomacy and how the State Department has changed since 11/09/2001. The lecture was organized by Diplomatic Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the American Centre in Prague.



HOW TO RECOGNIZE MOBBING? HOW TO DEFEND OR PREVENT IT? 12.5. 2014

What is difference between mobbing and bullying? What do bossing and stuffing mean? What are the causes and characters of mobbing? How should victims of mobbing react? How to prevent mobbing and how to defend yourselves? Looking for answers to all of these questions was subject of Mrs. Alena Špačková workshop, who also teaches at Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on other topics such as the Technology of spoken word and the Social protocol. The topic of "How to recognize mobbing" workshop was not only interesting for Czech diplomats, but also for their colleagues from other areas of the state administration.



THE POSITION OF CHINA IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND URBANIZATION IN CHINA 15. 5. a 19. 5. 2014

As part of a series of lectures by the Diplomatic Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this economic training lecture focused on the Chinese economy and its position in the global economy as well as exploring current urbanization in China. The lecture was led by professor and Vice-dean Mr. Qinghua Zhu and by his colleague professor Mrs. Jing Pang from Shandon University of Finance and Economics. Both are currently guest professors at the University of Economics in Prague.



„INTER-AGENCY CIVILIAN MILITARY TRAINING“ 2. – 6. 6. 2014

The Diplomatic Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic hosted its third year of the "Inter-Agency Military Training (ICMT)" project aimed at candidates who are interested in working on civil and military international missions and in international organizations. Aside from Czech experts, representatives from the European Union External Action and diplomats from the EU countries participated. Czech participants of workshop also completed a one week practice training- survival course situated in the Military Academy in Vyškov. The ICMT workshop was organized by Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI) in cooperation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Military Academy in Vyškov.



INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION 3.6., 10.6., 19.6., a 16.6. 2014

A new kind of lecture for the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is a four-part series focused on intercultural communication. All topics such as specification in attitude to work team or cultural differences of trade negotiations are necessary to know for work Foreign Service, but also in other parts of the state institutions, focused on working with foreigners or are based abroad. The Multicultural centre in Prague cooperated to present topics on Latin America, Asia and the Arab world. The lecture on Russia was led by Professor Jerome Dumetz from Plekchanov from University in Moscow. As the topic was very popular, more than seventy applicants participated in this four-part lecture series.



WHAT ARE WE PREPARING?



EU PUBLIC FINANCES

17.9. 2014

Jiří Hladík from DG DEVCO of the European commission is going to talk about the management of financial means in the Institutions of the European Union, perennial financial framework, the budget process of EU or role of European Court of Auditors. The seminar will be held in the Mirror Room of MZV and will be opened to all interested people from state administration.



EU RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE SEMINAR – ASSESSMENT CENTER

30. 9. 2014

A one-day seminar for Czechs interested in working in EU Institutions will be focused on testing in the so called “assessment center”. Mrs. Petra Leppee-Fraize from l’ENA – a prestige French school of state administration, will lead this seminar and give participants valuable feedback.



DIPLOMATIE ÉCONOMIQUE ET PRATIQUES DIPLOMATIQUES CONTEMPORAINES

23. 10. 2014

This lecture is supported by the International Organisation of La Francophonie in cooperation with the Université de Paris. Mrs. Laurence Badel will discuss current trends in economic diplomacy and the position of economic diplomacy in the international relationships at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. Mrs. Badel will lecture in French only, interested people from the state administration and Francophone diplomats are invited.



STRATÉGIES DE NÉGOCIATION AVEC ET AU SEIN DE L'UE

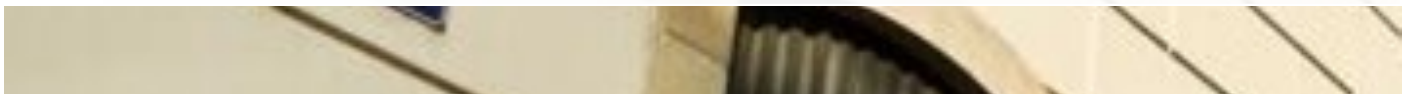
13. – 14. 10. 2014

The Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperative with the Prestige College of Europe is holding a two-day project focused on decision-making processes and a simulation of negotiations in the EU. This training, which is financial supported by the International Organisation of La Francophonie, will be open to all interested participants from the state administration. The training will be held in French only.



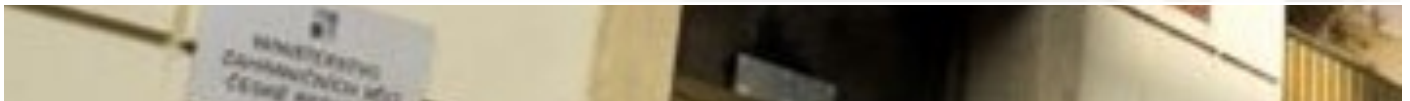
DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL AND FOREIGN VISITS' PREPARATION 18.11. 2014

Last year we had a very successful lecture on Diplomatic protocol and preparations for foreign visits. By request it will be repeated. This lecture will be led by Mrs. PhDr. Markéta Šarbochová, a director of Department of the diplomatic protocol. Representatives from state and public administration are invited to attend.



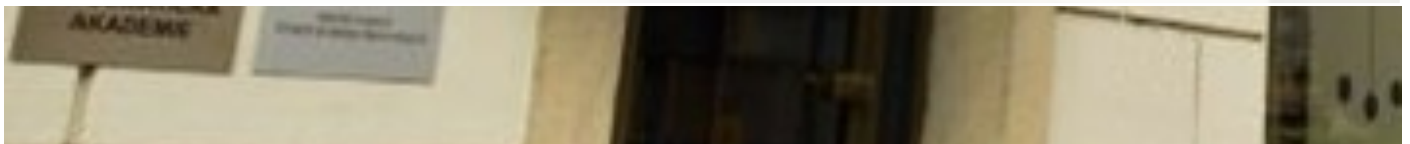
GEOPOLITICS CONNECTION OF MINING OF NATURAL GAS FROM SLATES IN THE USA 31.10. 2014

The Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies at Masaryk University, doc. PhDr. Břetislav Dančák Ph.D. accepted an invitation to lecture at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The talk will focus on the current theme of mining of natural gas from shale in the USA.



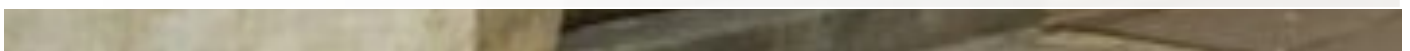
FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC 27.11. 2014

PhDr. Radim Bureš, a program director of Transparency International is going to talk on corruption in the Czech Republic, corruption danger and corruption situations – how to prevent and face (confront) them. This three-hour seminar which is integrated into education on the fight against corruption is open to Czechs diplomats and interested people from state administration. It will take place in the Czernin Palace.



DIPLOMATIC GERMAN FOR STATE ADMINISTRATION 12. 12. 2014

The Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, is organising another one-day seminar on the use of diplomatic German. The course content focused on specific terminology used in diplomatic language as well as state administration language, specialized economic terminology and diplomatic correspondence.





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INTERNATIONAL FUSIONS AND ACQUISITIONS

4. 12 2014

A lecture devoted to problematic of international fusions and acquisitions will be held in within the framework of economic training at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The lecturer will be Mr. Etienne Redor from the School of Management in Nates (France), a visiting professor of University of Economics in Prague. This lecture will be held in English.



OPEN DOORS DAYS AT DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF THE MFA

10. 12 2014

This is the traditional meeting by the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to talk about the recruitment procedure for the junior diplomatic programme. It will be held in Rytířská Street on 10 December 2014 and it is aimed at anyone interested in working for the Czech Foreign Service.



INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKETS

11. 12. 2014

As a part of our ongoing economic training at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a lecture will be devoted to international financial markets. This lecture will be led by Mr. Philippe Spieser, a director of the Economic Sciences Business School – European Identify Global Perspective from Paris. This lecture on international financial markets will be in English.

