

TRANSFORM4EUROPE WEEK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SILESIA IN KATOWICE KATOWICE. 24-28TH APRIL 2023

We invite students, administrative and academic staff of all the Transform4Europe partner universities to take part in a second edition of the Transform4Europe Week at the University of Silesia in Katowice. The topic of the event is "Just Transition". We would like to focus on various aspects of changes that await the post-industrial regions. Undoubtedly, the challenges related to environmental protection and rapid climate change are among the most important.

DIDACTIC STREAM

Within didactic stream, students can choose from five modules offered by USil (20 didactic hours). In order to obtain 3 ECTS credits for participation in didactic stream, students are also obliged to be present at the introductory lecture and to take part in Languages for lunch module. Up to 2 students from partner universities for each module.

EDUCATIONAL STREAM CLASSES SCHEDULE

	Monday 24.04	Tuesday 25.04	Wednesday 26.04	Thursday 27.04	Friday 28.04
9.00-10.30	Inauguration lecture*	2h classes	2h classes	2h classes	2h classes
10.30-10.45	break	break	break	break	break
10.45-12.15	2h classes	2h classes	2h classes	2h classes	2h classes
12.15-12.25	break				break
12.25-13.10	1h classes				1h classes

LANGUAGES FOR LUNCH – POLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS

Venue: Faculty of Humanities, Uniwersytecka 4, Katowice

Tuesday 25.04	13.00-13.45
Wednesday 26.04	13.00-13.45
Thursday 27.04	13.00-13.45

*Inauguration lecture – prof. Giovanni Bacaro, "Green Transition and the City: Urban Forests for Human Well-being", 9.00, Kazimierz Lepszy Lecture Hall, Rectorate building, Bankowa 12, Katowice

1. Module name: Challenges and choices of the Anthropocene epoch

Module teacher: **Prof. Piotr Skubała, PhD**

We live in special times, when the human population is still dynamically growing, economic growth affects more and more people around the world. Civilization changes are a source of pride and satisfaction for many. Man is transforming the surface of the Earth on an unprecedented scale. However, the price we may have to pay for constant interference in nature related to obtaining energy sources by using soil, water, forests or animals can be very high. Our pressure on the environment has become so significant that in 2000, biologist Eugene F. Stoermer and atmospheric scientist Paul J. Crutzen (1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry) suggested that the modern geological epoch should no longer be called the Holocene, and give it the name "Anthropocene". In their opinion, we live in a new geological age, because Homo sapiens has become a hyper-causative force of geological significance. The course will cover, among others the following issues:

- Anthropocene – the era of man.
- Planetary environmental crisis.
- Climate change as the greatest moral challenge of our time.
- A new paradigm for the development of civilization.
- On the way to the symbiocene. State of knowledge about the functioning of the Earth's biosphere.
- On the way to the symbiocene. Laws in the natural world.
- On the way to the symbiocene. Man's connections with nature. Man as a holobiont.
- Pandemic and biodiversity.
- People to defend nature and climate. Assessment of social behavior.
- Resolving environmental conflicts from an ethical perspective.
- Ecological and Carbon Footprint as a Lifestyle Change Tool and Business Model.

2. Module name: Found in translation: how to understand cultures (and nature)

Module teacher: **Katarzyna Ponikowska, PhD**

Cultures differ. It is determined by their philosophical and religious backgrounds, the natural environment they are fitted in, the political challenges they have to confront, etc. Sometimes we may need a clue to operate appropriately in the modern, diverse world. Therefore we will help one another and discuss how to make contact with other cultures exciting, not threatening.

3. Module name: Negotiate your way in life and business

Module teacher: Iwona Wojtala, MA

“Everything is negotiable. Whether or not the negotiation is easy is another thing.”
(Carrie Fisher) We all negotiate on a daily basis, with our family, friends, peers, bosses, colleagues, business partners, just to name a few. During the classes, students will learn how to gain an upper hand in negotiations, both in life and in business. They will study the main principles of negotiations and go through their stages to find out how to prepare for negotiations and how to conduct them. Students will also explore the differences between negotiating styles in various cultures. Within a company, negotiation skills can lead to career advancement, therefore emphasis will be put on practical skills through a number of case studies and role plays in a business setting as well as on the development of language skills in English.

Upon completion of the module students will develop their fluency in English and practise the vocabulary needed to conduct negotiations. They will become aware of the complex nature of negotiations and various negotiating styles across cultures. The module is aimed at interested students of any field of study, provided that they are at B2 level in English.

4. Module name: Metaversum and law

Module teachers: Rafał T. Prabucki, PhD, Jakub Wyczik, MA

The course considers the legal aspects in relation to new models available through new technologies. Students perform work on a freely available solution and then, based on empirical experience, discuss the issue from the legal side. Each case study is preceded by a discussion of available legal solutions. The most related solutions to virtual worlds will be discussed: artificial intelligence systems for generating images and texts, tokenisation tools, privacy enhancement tools and other case studies related to new technologies.

5. Module name: Gender equality in the society

Module teachers: Magdalena Półtorak, PhD, Jolanta Klimczak, PhD

The course Gender Equality in Society aims to familiarise students with various aspects of social inequality, primarily determined by gender and gender-related stereotypes. It will be conducted from sociological and legal perspectives. The classes will focus on the gap between legal guarantees of equality and facts, identify specific barriers women and men face in academia, media, the political sphere, advertising, the labour market, the private sphere, etc., and propose concrete measures to eliminate them.

ADMINISTRATIVE STREAM

We are pleased to invite the administrative staff of all the alliance members for the Project Management Staff Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for teams working in departments related to applying for grants and implementing projects from external funds to get to know each other better.

The meeting will enable the exchange of good practices in:

- activating researchers and universities to apply for available grants
- attracting partners and maintaining partnership relations both in the process of applying for funds and later – in the implementation of projects
- conducting projects and their promotion and dissemination of their results.

AGENDA

**VENUE: The Faculty of Humanities – Open University,
Uniwersytecka 4 street, room B0.22, Katowice**

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9.30–10.00: welcome

10.00–11.45: Presentation: „Erasmus+ Capacity Build for Higher Education (CBHE) projects – application and implementation”

11.45–12.00: coffee break

12.00–13.30: Integration workshop for EU projects support staff – part I: good practices used in the application and EU funded project implementation phase.

13.30: lunch break

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10.00–11.45: Workshop: „Design thinking in the application process” (Rafal Lubanski)

11.45–12.00: coffee break

12.00–13.30: Integration workshop for EU projects support staff – part II: experience exchange and networking

13.30: lunch

RESEARCH STREAM – LAW STAFF MEETING

25-26TH APRIL 2023

We are pleased to invite the academic staff of all the alliance members for the Law Staff Meeting. The main aim of the meeting is to exchange the experience in teaching and practicing research in law and related fields such as administration, entrepreneurship, business. We would also like to create an opportunity to recognize the potential fields of cooperation.

The programme is dedicated to the representatives of the faculties / institutes of law – especially the coordinators of the internationalization, Erasmus exchange, external cooperation and didactics, but also to all the academics interested in mutual cooperation and networking.

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VENUE: The Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Silesia, Bankowa 11B, Katowice

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9.30–10.00: Welcome meeting

10.00–11.30: General discussion about the possible ways of co-operation

11.30–13.30: Seminar / round table: "Teaching law in augmented/digital reality"

13.30–14.00: Faculty of Law and Administration tour

14.00: lunch

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9.30–12.00: meetings on the potential research co-operations.

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL STREAM

Every participant in the Transform4Europe Week is welcome to participate in the events complementary to their stream activities:

- **24th of April, 5.30 p.m., University of Silesia in Katowice – Integration picnic** – campus (the venue will be determined due to the weather conditions);
- **25th of April, 6 p.m., Concert Hall of the Academy of Music in Katowice – Grand Concert** – International ensembles of the alliance partners will perform, the ANTHEM of Transform4Europe will have its premiere. Due to the restricted amount of seats, prior registration is required for this event;
More info: www.us.edu.pl/t4e/en/koncert-festiwalu-kultury-europejskiej-t4eu
- **Getting to know Silesia** – the set of sightseeing historical walks including Katowice city center, traditional coal miners district Nikiszowiec, Silesian Park in Chorzów, Jewish heritage in Sosnowiec. All the events will be implemented by public transportation.