**Discover Slovakia** Friday 12:10-12:55

Introduction to Slovak Nature, History and Culture room F 010, Filozofická fakulta KU

1 class/week, 2 ECTS

**Instructors:** Markéta Rusnáková, Eugen Zeleňák; **Lecturers:** various

**Course description:**

The course provides an introduction to the Slovak nature, history and culture covering some of the most important topics, periods and characters from the Slovak nature, history and culture. The course consists mainly of lectures focusing on various aspects such as Slovak language, history, natural specifics, visual arts, literature, media, interesting figures etc. but there will be also field trips to natural and historical sights and a gallery visit. During the course the students will learn more about Slovakia.

**Requirements:**

1) Participation at the lectures and field trips.

2) Each participant/a group of participants will prepare one 15 minutes long presentation on one interesting item (figure, event, artwork, aspect etc.) from the Slovak nature, history or culture and present it for the class. Selection must be discussed with and approved by instructors.

**Content:**

1) Jozef Zentko, Slovak Folk Culture (February 8)

2) Pavol Rusko, Slovak Contemporary Art: A Short Overview of the History of the Contemporary Slovak Visual Arts (February 15)

3) Pavol Rusko, Ľudovít Fulla’s Gallery (field trip)

4) Eugen Zeleňák, Ľudovít Štúr and his *Slavdom and the World of the Future* (February 22)

5) David Palatinus, Transnational Trends vs National Audiences in the History of Central-European Television (March 1)

6) Róbert Ďurka, Stand-Up Comedy in Slovakia (March 8)

7) Katarína Labudová, Slovak Folk Tales (March 15)

8) Pavol Papčo, Natural Specifics of Slovakia (March 22)

9) Pavel Izrael, Financial Groups’ Interest in Media Business (a case study of the *Sme* daily) (March 29)

10) Pavol Papčo, Natural Sights of the Ružomberok Surroundings (field trip) (April 5)

11) Peter Zmátlo, Slovakia in the 20th Century (April 12)

12) Aurelia Plávková Tináková , Tomáš Hmíra, Traditional Slovak Cuisine (April 26)

13) Presentations of Students (May 3)

14) Martin Klus, Visit to the National Council of the Slovak Republic (field trip) (May 9)

For more information see e-course Discover Slovakia in moodle https://moodle.ff.ku.sk (go to “Kurzy” and “Dekanat filozofickej fakulty”.