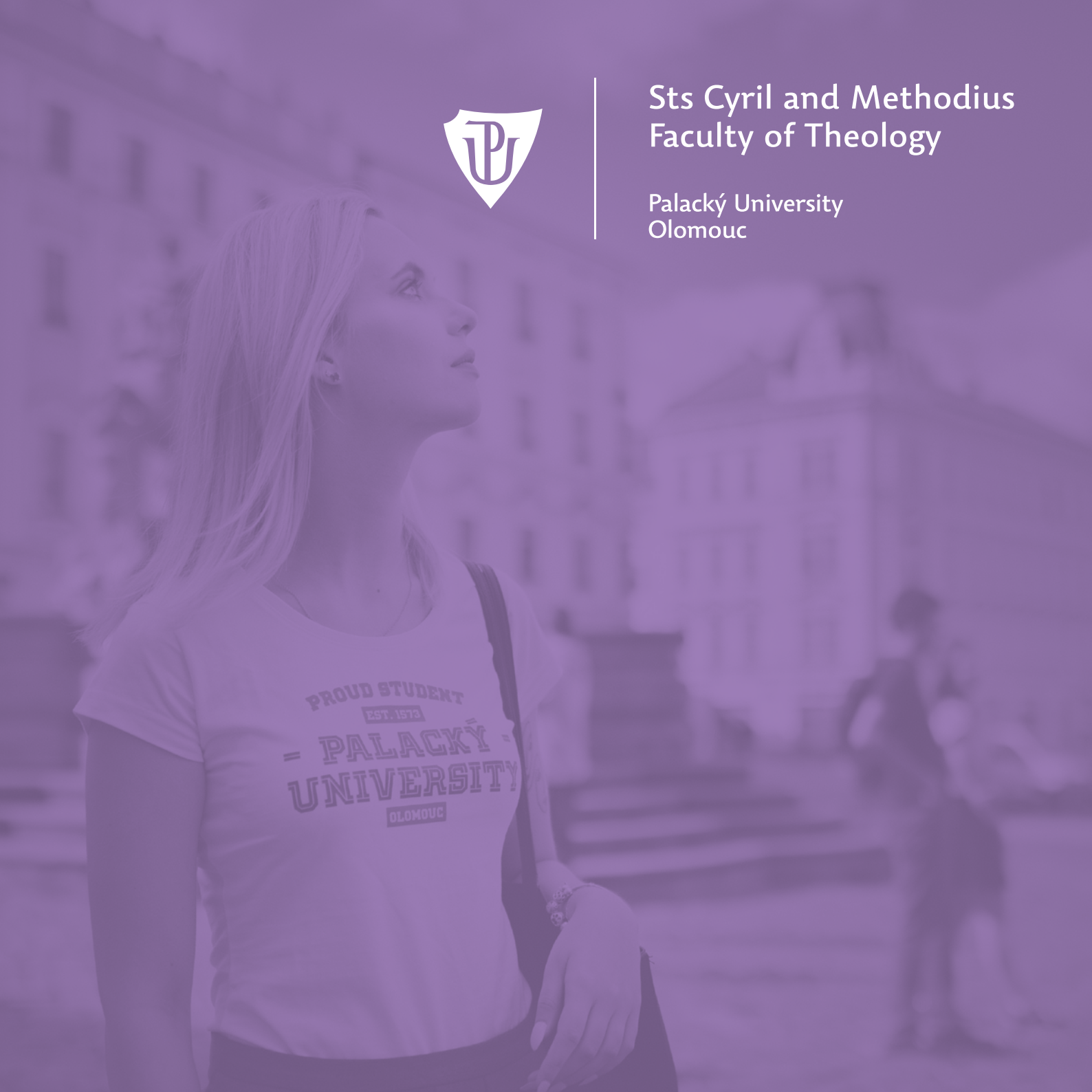

Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology

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Olomouc

FIND US

The faculty is based in three buildings in the city centre:
in Univerzitní, Na Hradě and Kateřinská.

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UNIVERZITNÍ 22

Main building

Dean's office



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WORD OF THE DEAN



"Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology has been a place of intellectual exchange and spiritual inspiration for 450 years. Be your expertise in theology, social pedagogy, ethics, holistic health or social and humanitarian work, come and join this friendly community of teachers, scholars and students. Welcome to a city of parks, the university and the Church, welcome to Olomouc!"

Vít Hušek
Dean, Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology

KEY AREAS OF EDUCATION

BA

- Social Work**
- Social Work with Children and Young People
- International Social and Humanitarian Work**
- Ethics and Culture in Media Communication
- Social Education***
- Theological Studies
- Theology (online)

MA (5-year program)

- Catholic Theology

MA

- Social Work
- Applied Psychotherapy and Innovation in Social Work
- Social Education
- Theological Studies

PhD

- Catholic Theology*
- Social and Spiritual Determinants of Health*
- Christian Thought*

* Study program also available in English
** Study program provided together with Caritas College Olomouc
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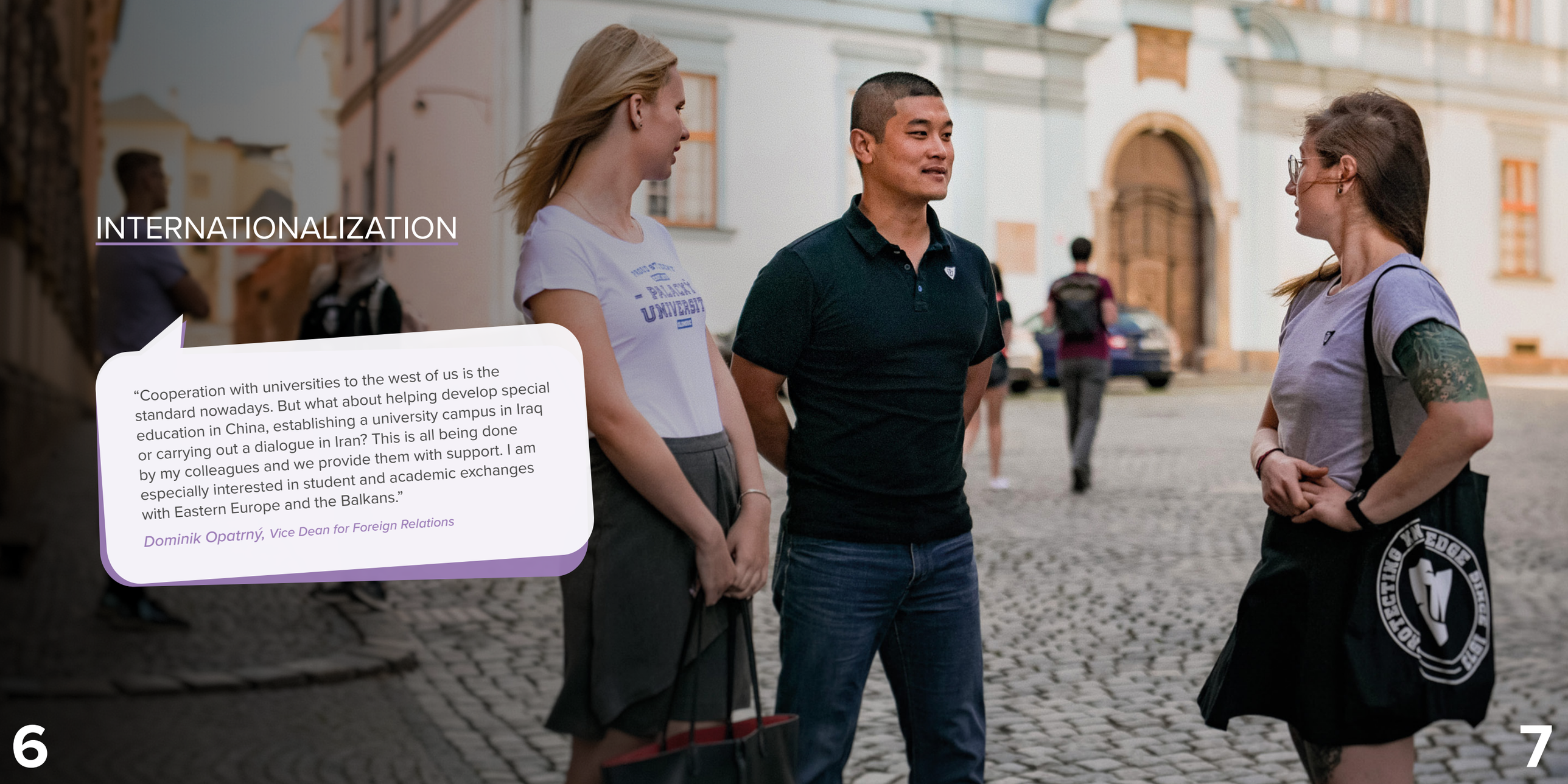
International joint supervision (cotutelle)

- PhD in Catholic Theology – Pontifical Lateran University (cotutelle)
- PhD in Catholic Theology – Ukrainian Catholic University (cotutelle)
- PhD in Social and Spiritual Determinants of Health – University of Groningen (cotutelle)

INTERNATIONALIZATION



"Cooperation with universities to the west of us is the standard nowadays. But what about helping develop special education in China, establishing a university campus in Iraq or carrying out a dialogue in Iran? This is all being done by my colleagues and we provide them with support. I am especially interested in student and academic exchanges with Eastern Europe and the Balkans."

Dominik Opatrný, Vice Dean for Foreign Relations



Why study with us?

- Degree study is free (with the exception of English-language programs).
- University offers a system of scholarships (social, doctoral, accommodation subsidy and support for outgoing students).
- Incoming students have the opportunity to study subjects in English not only at our faculty, but also to choose subjects at other faculties.
- since 2020 we have been a member of the European Aurora Alliance focused on sustainability and social responsibility.

How to gain international experience?

The Faculty has also been actively involved within the university networks such as Erasmus+, CEEPUS (focused on regional cooperation) and the Swiss-European Mobility Program. Students of doctoral programs and scientific workers take advantage of the Fulbright Program.

Some of the candidates for priesthood undertake a part of their studies in Rome at the Theological Faculty of the Pontifical Lateran University.

International Teaching Weeks link students, the public and international specialists every fall. The program connects various educational areas of the faculty: theology, ethics and culture in media, education and social work. Among the lecturers are a number of internationally renowned experts.

CENTRE FOR PATRISTIC, MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE TEXTS

The activities of the Centre are focused on biblical exegesis, examining from a broader perspective the emergence, transmission and interpretation of biblical texts. Particular attention is paid to the Alexandrian exegetical tradition and the interactions of Hebrew and Greek traditions.

What do we do with the biblical text?
We translate the Greek version of the Old Testament.

What are we working on at present?
We will soon complete a Czech translation of the last work of Clement of Alexandria, which will be another of the few early Christian authors whose works have been completely translated into Czech.

New projects
We are studying Clement of Alexandria's concept of corporeality, its possible sources and its impact on Clement's most important follower, Origen.

What else are we interested in?
What philosophical questions did Saint Augustine focus on when he was young?

How do we work?
We are publishing translations of Gregory of Nyssa: a remarkable thinker who preferred working out of the limelight.





"OUSHI approaches its research from an integrative perspective and uses a bio-psycho-socio-spiritual model of health. This will make it possible to explain some phenomena and contexts that cannot be explained within individual specializations. OUSHI's research has an international dimension and is worth paying attention to."

J. P. van Dijk

OLOMOUC UNIVERSITY SOCIAL HEALTH INSTITUTE (OUSHI)

What are our research areas?

• Spirituality • Qualitative research in the field of health certified DIPEx methodology
• Public health • Health and personality

What are our new projects?

Older people face temporary or permanent limitations to their physical or mental abilities. Within the Horizon 2020 SHAPES ("Smart and Healthy Ageing through People Engaging in supportive Systems"), we are the leader of the work package Understanding the Lifeworld of Older Individuals and Improving Smart and Healthy Living. We carry out research with individuals, environments, and the real-life contexts of ageing in different pilot sites across Europe.

The project For Healing Souls aims to strengthen the support network for children and young people up to the age of 18 in the prevention of mental illness. Its purpose is to provide schools and educators with assistance in dealing with situations related to students' substandard behavior. The project is financed by the EEA and Norway Grants.

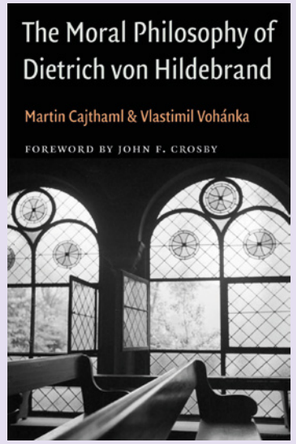
We would like to create a multinational community of Erasmus+ students through the project of Complete study abroad experience-International Mental Health Program. The students will gain awareness of mental health, culture shock, and many other topics that will support them in accomplishing their goals during their Erasmus+ stay. Through their training and counseling, students will learn more about themselves and gain self-confidence to get the most out of their experience. By sharing the project's results, we want to create a unified way of caring for outgoing students at European universities.

What else do we offer?

• Therapeutic Centre • Integrative psychotherapy training • Laboratory/diagnostics

Within the diagnostic services at the institute, we offer those who are interested in looking into their body and soul with a view which is not offered anywhere else. We offer training accredited by the Czech Association for Psychotherapy in compliance with the European Association for Psychotherapy standards, training in integrative psychotherapy focused on psychosomatic medicine.

PUBLICATIONS



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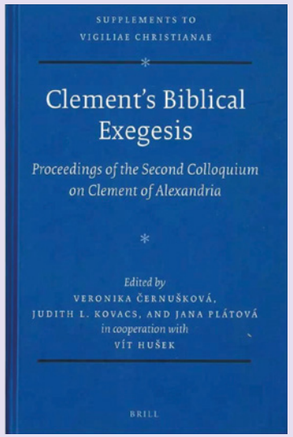

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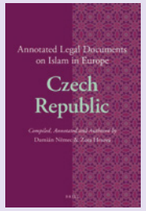
In *Clement's Biblical Exegesis* scholars from six countries explore various facets of Clement of Alexandria's hermeneutical theory and his exegetical practice. Although research on Clement has tended to emphasize his use of philosophical sources, Clement was important not only as a Christian philosopher but also as a pioneer Christian exegete. His works constitute a crucial link in the tradition of Alexandrian exegesis, but his biblical exegesis has received much less attention than that of Philo or Origen. Topics discussed include how Clement's methods of allegorical interpretation compare with those of Philo, Origen, and pagan exegesis of Homer, and his readings of particular texts such as Proverbs, the Sermon on the Mount, John 1, 1 John, and the Pauline letters.



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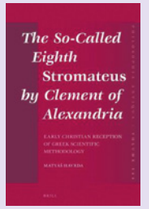

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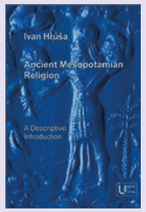

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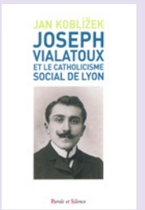

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FOCUS ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We identify with the concept of a socially responsible and inclusive university. We form partnerships with local, regional, national, and international organizations and carry out their research, educational and additional projects.

The Department of Christian Social Work introduces innovations into education. We are pioneers in the Czech Republic in terms of introducing the innovative teaching strategy Service-Learning within the environment of universities. Our goal is to meaningfully link theoretical and practical education with research focused on the needs of society. Students work in small teams to identify the needs of the community (municipalities, towns, and various groups). They consequently carry out and evaluate their own projects which react to current issues.

This department initiated the establishment of the UP Volunteering Centre, which systematically supports volunteering as part of the third role of the university. The Centre helps UP students and employees to be well-informed about the offers of the organizations which cooperate with the volunteers, and thereby provides them with unique experience in the area of civic engagement.

OUSHI is a member of the DIPEx International network guided by Oxford University and based on their experience it set up the Czech website Hovoryozdravi.cz which presents patients' experience with ADHD, breast cancer or epilepsy and provides scientifically sound information about their health problems.

Heart Day Project aims to prepare schools and their teachers for inclusive measures to remove inclusion barriers in schools and to contribute to strengthening the integration of the fewer opportunities groups into education, focusing on children with special educational needs.

Palacký University Olomouc (UP) – genius loci

It is the second oldest university in the Czech Republic and is formed of eight faculties that offer more than 800 study programs.

The university belongs to the so-called research universities, its primary goal is research, development and innovation. It brings respected experts in the scientific-research context to the Czech Republic and offers modern and state-of-the art facilities for science and research.

University Endowment fund develops students' original research intentions based on funds from a fundraising campaign. Science and Technology Park of Palacký University in Olomouc is a place for companies that are interested in collaborating on their innovations with the university. It makes new technologies accessible and offers professional consultations in the fields of business, marketing and, in particular, it helps with setting up start-up or spin-off companies. It is here to help especially students and employees of the university and fledgeling entrepreneurs from Olomouc.



University in a nutshell

- **22 672 students** participating in accredited study programs
- **4 041 foreign students** from 106 countries
- **1 019** accredited study programs
- **4 076** employees in total
- in the Times Higher Education rankings UP has made it to the top **300 universities in Europe**
- since 2016 it has been occurring in the **prestigious QS World University Ranking**
- in 2021 UP was awarded the **prestigious HR Award by the European Commision** in the field of the quality of human resource management in science and research

UP Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology – THIS SCHOOL IS DIVINE!

It is the oldest faculty at Palacký University in Olomouc. Its history dates back to 1573. However, it keeps up with the times: its classrooms have modern equipment and it offers unique study programs (including the possibility to study online).

Even though the name "theology" conjures up the idea that the students have to be believers, it is not the case. The faculty is open to everyone and this interconnection works splendidly. Nowadays, Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty is one of the leading research workplaces in the Czech Republic in the field of theology and related branches. It is also engaged in lifelong learning programs and the University of the Third Age - education of senior citizens.



Olomouc is worth a visit!

Olomouc with its hundred thousand inhabitants is one of the most beautiful cities in the Czech Republic. Thanks to its advantageous position, ancient university, religious, cultural and craft traditions, it has been a natural center of Moravia for centuries. The city remains surrounded by a wreath of surviving forts.

At present it is a modern town, which is adorned with a unique historical center, and a home to the second oldest university in the Czech Republic. Every fourth citizen is its student and in its streets you can meet students from more than a hundred countries.

City in a nutshell

- The most beautiful Czech city according to Lonely Planet
- The second most significant town protected area in the Czech Republic
- 6th biggest city in the Czech Republic
- Patron saint – Saint Paulina.
- The first historical reference about Olomouc dates back to 1055
- Archbishops of Olomouc – successors of the first Moravian archbishop Methodius (9th century)
- 1848 Franz Joseph I of Austria ascended to the throne in the Archbishop's Palace
- 1995 Olomouc visited by Pope John Paul II
- 2006 the Archdiocesan Museum opened
- 2015 the interactive science museum, Fort Science founded

Highlights

Olomouc, the metropolis of Moravia for the last thousand years, boasts a range of churches of various sizes and chapels that can dazzle by their historical architecture but also provide room for calming down and prayer.

Saint Wenceslas Cathedral is a neo-gothic cathedral with the tallest church tower in Moravia.

Church of Saint Michael is a beautiful baroque church in the city center, close to the Faculty of Theology at Palacký University Olomouc.

The Holy Trinity Column (UNESCO) is the tallest baroque sculpture in Central Europe

Church of Saint Maurice houses the second largest organ in Central Europe, its tower offers a beautiful view of the town.

Basilica at The Holly Hill is a magical place above the city. Even Pope John Paul II did not forgo visiting it.



1 HOLY TRINITY COLUMN
2 TOWN HALL
3 ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK
4 CAESAR'S FOUNTAIN
5 ST MAURICE CHURCH
6 MERCURY'S FOUNTAIN
7 EDELMANN'S PALACE
8 HERCULES' FOUNTAIN
9 ARION'S FOUNTAIN
10 NEPTUNE'S FOUNTAIN
11 MARIAN PLAGUE COLUMN
12 JUPITER'S FOUNTAIN
13 ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
14 CHAPEL OF ST JOHN SARKANDER
15 VILLA PRIMAVESI
16 JESUIT CONVENT
17 CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY OF THE SNOW
18 THE TRITONS' FOUNTAIN
19 ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE
20 OLOMOUC CASTLE
21 ST WENCESLAS' CATHEDRAL

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