

## NEW CHALLENGE FOR RESEARCH AT THE FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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The Faculty of political sciences and international relations has been the leading institution of the Centre of excellence entitled “Centre of excellence aimed at research of national and international security issues” since April 2009.

“The modern society requires innovative approach to research of security in national and international context. Establishment of the Centre of excellence represents significant investments to new quality of research and education processes at the Matej Bel University,” said the dean of the faculty professor

Peter Kulašik in his speech at the opening of the Centre.

The first step was building of conference room and improvement of infrastructure and technical equipment, which enable to enhance the quality of research outputs.

The research of the Centre is aimed at Common foreign and security policy of the European Union and other European security structures; new concept of security and non-military aspects of security.



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The team of researchers is created from specialists mostly from the Faculty of political sciences and international relations: prof. PhDr. Peter



Kulašik, CSc., prof. PhDr. Ján Koper, PhD., prof. PhDr. Oskar Krejčí, CSc., prof. RNDr. Koloman Ivanička, DrSc., prof. JUDr. Stanislav Mráz, CSc., prof. Dr. Štefan Volner, CSc., doc. PhDr. Jana Lasicová, PhD., doc. PhDr. Peter Terem, PhD., doc. PhDr. Peter Čajka, PhD., doc. PhDr. Dalibor Vlček, Csc., doc. PhDr. Lucia

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We organize regular workshops and series of lectures within the activities of the Centre of excellence, which are opened for researchers from other faculties of UMB and universities, students and public. As you can see on the pictures: the lecture of the professor Ján Koper, debate between researchers and the



audience and new conference room serving for the activities.

The researchers presented the following topics: Russian foreign and security policy in relation to European and transatlantic security structures; experiences and future challenges for the Slovak republic rising from its EU and NATO membership; present geostrategical and geopolitical networking in the world – functionality of bonds between European and American vision of the security; preparedness of states of eastern and south-eastern Europe applying for EU and NATO membership; military conflict and international responsibility, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their influence on international policy; terrorism and changing understanding of security concept; environmental security; energetic security; societal security and information security.

More detailed information about the Centre of excellence and our activities can be found on our web page [www.projekty.umb.sk/OPVaV/2.1/26220120010](http://www.projekty.umb.sk/OPVaV/2.1/26220120010).

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