

Dear Students,

As you all are aware, we have found ourselves in an exceptional situation. The coronavirus threat has deprived us of the possibility to offer you regular classes. Our knowledge about the severity of the threat and wise care for your health require us to refrain from direct contact with one another. However, please be informed that:

- university education will be continued during the epidemics and
- you do not have to return home.

Like most universities in the world at the moment, we are working hard on preparing the adequate tools for distance learning as soon as possible. We will soon launch a special website dedicated to teaching during the coronavirus threat. You will find there information about the methods of distance education, description of useful e-learning tools and necessary information about the current coronavirus situation. We will let you know as soon as the website is ready, and ask you to check the regularly updated information there.

You can rely on e-mail contact with your tutors and our staff who are doing their best and will continue to assist you with all issues that may arise due to the coronavirus outbreak. In this difficult time we are an academic and human community even more.

Next week we will develop the forms of distance education and present the tools that will allow us to move most of our classes into the virtual space.

We are going to keep closely in touch with your home universities and discuss together the best options for you. Please note that travelling home at the moment may bring additional risk for you, related not only to contracting the virus, but also to difficulties with public transport, safety measures, etc. If you decide to stay in Poland, we will try to take care of your safety as much as possible, and provide you with e-learning opportunities to the maximum possible extent.

You can stay in the student residence hall even if the Polish students will be advised to return home, so you do not have to worry about having appropriate and safe accommodation, as long as you stay in Poland. However, in some cases, it might be necessary to move you temporarily to another room or building.

At the same time, we should remember that it is necessary to limit contact with others in order to stop the virus spread. If you decide to travel or return home for some time during this period, it will not be possible for you to come back until the epidemic is over and within the same Erasmus+ grant.

Because we are isolated from one another, let us be together even more.

Kind regards,

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