

# Anglo-American University

## Annual Report 2017

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The number of international students that have expressed interest in studying at AAU grows every year. The University receives applications especially from former USSR countries and former Yugoslavia, but also from several other countries, including the US. Due to its unique location and working language, AAU is also a popular choice for semester studies abroad (since 2001). It is involved in several exchange programs with dozens of other universities, both in and outside the USA.

This development initiated a process that started in 2009 and was finalized in July 2016. On 24 June 2016, AAU received institutional accreditation from a leading American agency, the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001. In the USA, the agency's authority extends over the states of California and Hawaii. The granted accreditation confirms that as an institution, AAU meets university education standards pursuant to US federal law and directives. AAU was the first higher education institution in Europe to receive this accreditation, and one of the few to receive it in the entire world (outside the USA).

The WSCUC accreditation allows AAU to provide its alumni with diplomas recognized not only in the Czech Republic, but also in the UK, the EU and the USA. Today, almost three quarters of all students hail from an international background, and the University's connection with institutions boasting a similar accreditation scope strengthen its status as a smaller, yet equally influential private university providing high-quality English-language education in Central Europe.

One of the conditions set by the WSCUC was the design and subsequent use of a strategic development plan, as well as the creation of yearly action plans. These plans are used as tools for managing the University, ensuring a high level of education based on secure financial stability, as well as providing the necessary connection between research and teaching. These tools also promote adequate student care and management transparency, all the while allowing the academia to retain high autonomy. AAU designed its first Strategic Plan for 2015–2020 between 2014 and 2015.

The University underwent further significant changes in 2016. There were changes among the University Founders, an amendment to Act 111/198 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions came into effect, and new options became available through the provisions of Act 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code. Considering the situation, the AAU Board of Trustees (with the consent of the Founders) opted to change the University's legal form from a Public Benefit Corporation (o. p. s.) to that of an Institute. The change took place on 11 November 2016; on 1 January 2017, the University entered into a process of restructuring. This process is managed by a new President, appointed by AAU management until the next presidential election, where the next President will be appointed based on a selection process. The President serves for a term of five years and may be re-appointed.



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# 1. General Information

## **Name, Abbreviation and Address**

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prof. PhDr. Milada Polišenská, CSc., Vice-Chair  
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Tony Ozuna, M.A.  
Ing. Miroslav Svoboda, Ph.D.  
Jennifer Fallon, J.D.  
Mgr. Daniela Len ěš Chalániová, Ph.D.  
Jose B. Alvarez, Ph.D.  
Simon Gordon-Smith, MBA  
William Eddleston, Ph.D.  
Daniel Padolsky, M.A.  
Bc. Adi Hadži  
An Nguyen  
Mgr. Ond ej Peká ek  
Mgr. Juraj Vozár  
doc. Ing. Jana P ikrylová, Ph.D.  
PhDr. Petr Suchý, Ph.D.  
prof. Ing. Jaroslava Dur áková, CSc.  
Mgr. Daniel Anýž

### **Faculty Senate**

George Hays II, Ph.D., Chair  
William Eddleston, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  
doc. Ing. Irena Jind ichovská, CSc.  
Martin Kav na, B.C.L., LL.B.  
Gabriele Meissner, M.B.A.  
Daniel Padolsky, M.A.  
Dott. Massimiliano Pastore, M.A.  
Pietro Andrea Podda, Ph.D.  
Christopher Shallow, M.Sc.  
Gaëlle Vassogne, Ph.D.  
Mark Wiedorn, M.B.A.

## Student Council

### to September 2017

Adi Hadzic, Chair  
Raevonn Breen  
Chris Downs  
An Nguyen  
Liberta Dergam  
Arevik Zadoyan  
Kristýna Malá  
Yelyzaveta Artamonova  
Valeryia Baradai

### from October 2017

Christopher James Downs, Chair  
Aldin Muhovic  
Arevik Mayis  
Lindsay Jewel Salvati  
Alexandra Kosolapova  
Andrey Karpov  
Anne Nguyenová  
Maria Zhandarova  
Karen Kanazawa  
Adi Hadzic

## Overview of § 8 ¶ Membership in Higher Education Institution Associations (Czech Rectors Conference, Council of Higher Educational Institutions of the Czech Republic) in 2017

<b>Higher Education Institutions Representative Authority</b>	<b>Status and Representatives</b>
Council of Higher Education Institutions of the Czech Republic	member
Council of Higher Education Institutions of the Czech Republic Board	member
Commission for the Quality and Quality Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions	Prof. PhDr. Milada Poliřenská, CSc. (Commission Vice-Chair) Ing. Miroslav Svoboda, Ph.D. (Commission Chair from 22 June 2017)
Legislative Commission	Ing. Miroslav Svoboda, Ph.D.

## Changes in Internal Regulations

In 2017, there were no changes in registered internal regulations.





## **2. Study Programs, Organization of Studies, Educational Activities**

### **Accredited AAU Study Programs Described by the Method of Learning Outcomes in Accordance with the National Framework for Higher Education Qualifications**

In 2017, AAU described 10 accredited study programs (12 study fields in total) by the Learning Outcomes method. As a result, 100 percent of AAU's study programs and study fields are now described as required by the Learning Outcomes method.

**Study Programs (SP), Study Fields (SF), Accreditation Dates**  
Accreditation awarded by the Ministry of







### Other Student Information and Consulting Services

The Student Services Center focuses on non-academic affairs and can help students in the following areas:

- Help with arranging residential permits;
- Accommodation;
- Welfare benefits available to university students;
- Scholarships;
- An orientation program that



## **4. Alumni**

### **Cooperation with Alumni**

AAU places great importance on keeping in touch with its alumni. The University continues working closely with its students even after they have successfully completed their studies, maintaining contact through both professional and social networks. Some alumni participate in the selection of new students or offer current students the opportunity to use their experience in case studies as part of the curriculum.

The University offers the following benefits to its alumni (and more):

- Access to the AAU Library and its resources;
- Invitations





Graduate (Master's) Study Programs Admission Requirements

In order for the prospective student's application



## **Sexual and Gender-based Harassment**

AAU takes sexual and gender-based harassment very seriously. The University has a clearly defined process for dealing with any form of harassment, described in the relevant directives.

The issue of sexual and gender-based harassment is addressed in the following internal regulations:

a) **AAUCodex**

Available at the AAU website at <https://www.aauni.edu/academic-codex/>

b) **SexuaHarassmenPolicy**

Available on the AAU intranet at <https://sites.google.com/a/aauni.edu/policies/>

## **7. Internationalization**

**Promoting Student Participation in International Mobility Programs, Adapting Study Plans and Transferring**



## **8. Research, Development, Arts and Other Creative**

faculty member with whom the student closely cooperates. In 2017, almost 10 % of AAU master's students were part of this program.

Considering the fact that the work the students do in this program results in some of their first significant creative outputs, the University holds a competition for the best qualification thesis. This contest takes place at the end of every academic year and covers all main study programs on both bachelor's and master's levels. Students with the best theses are rewarded; each year, this covers about 10 % of all the theses defended at AAU.

In addition, AAU also oversees several individual projects, in which students either cooperate with a faculty member or present their own work. An example would be the art and photography exhibitions of students in the Visual Arts Studies program. AAU students have regular exhibitions not only on university premises, but also in Meet Factory, the Berlinskej Model space, Ini Gallery Prague or at the StellArt Gallery. As for other programs, several students participating in the LL.B. program (taught in cooperation with the University of London) took part in a study for Radio Free Europe, while another group researched the relationship of intellectual property and finances. Students of the Humanities study program participated in projects related to the Roma topic (e.g. the issue of language, depiction in mass media and online forums, etc.). Students of the International Relations and Diplomacy program directly cooperate with leading researchers in Political Science and Diplomatic History – aside from research support (including literary research and data collection), they also actively participate in the organization of conferences and workshops. Students of the Business and Law in International Markets master's degree program are active in similar projects as well.

### **Cooperation with the Applied Sector**

AAU cooperates with the business sector, directly involving it in the process of study program creation. In the case of study programs related to business and economics, this role is fulfilled by the Advisory Board. Founded in 2012 and formed by 12 entrepreneurs and company representatives, the Board meets twice a year and provides a commentary for all significant alterations in relevant study programs, as well as suggesting changes for the future. Most of the members' activity is, however, reflected in the specific projects and activities listed below. Similar activities are common also with study programs focusing on law (direct cooperation with active attorneys and legal organizations), the



**Overview of Conferences, Seminars, Discussions and Other Academic Events at AAU in 2017**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Type of Event</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Date</b>
MBA Open Lecture with Darcy Kamal	lecture	Darcy Kamal	18 January
MBA Open Lecture with Jan Hebnar	lecture	Jan Hebnar	15 February
Professors in the Pub: Post-Truth	panel discussion	George Hays II	16 February
Career Development Workshop	workshop	AAU students	22 February
Professors in the Pub: Climate Change	panel discussion	Petr Pišoft	2 March
The 2nd International Carey Moot Court	student competition	AAU students	11 March
Ambassadorial Series: Ambassador of the Republic of Korea	lecture	H.E. Moon Seung-Hyun	23 March
An Evening of 14th -17th Century Music	concert	Kate ina Vanová (guarantor)	28 March



Exhibition & Concert/Performance:

exhibition opening  
and concert

Willenbrink

Czech National Elections: An Analysis  
of the Results.

panel discussion

Pelin Ayan Musil

8  
November

Panel Discussion: Czech National  
Elections 2017

panel discussion

Tomáš

## **Publication, Arts and**



Hays II, G. (2017). Trump jako rozbuška nukleární hrozby. Raketového muže povzbudí eskalace iránsko-amerických vztahů. Info.cz <http://www.info.cz/nazory/trump-jako-rozbuska-nuklearni-hrozby-raketoveho-muze-povzbudi-eskalace-iransko-americky-ch-vztahu-18514.html>.

#### Invited lecture

Hays II, G. (2017). North Korea and the Nuclear Threat. Professors in the Pub, September 21. Prague: Anglo-American University.

Hays II, G. (2017). Trump's First 100 Days. Professors in the Pub, April 13. Prague: Anglo-American University.

Hays II, G. (2017). PostTruth. Professors in the Pub, February 16. Prague: Anglo-American University.

#### Organization of lecture series Professors in the Pub

Climate Change (2. 3.)

The Kurds and Shifting Borders in the Middle East (11. 5.)

Trump and Democracy in the US (12. 10.)

Hybrid Warfare (23. 11.).

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#### Article

Jindřichová, I., & Kubíková, D. (2017). The role and current status of IFRS in the completion of national accounting rule: Evidence from the Czech Republic. *Accounting in Europe*, 1-2, 56-66.

#### Conference papers in proceedings

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### Book

Kašný, J. (2017). Právo v hebrejské Bibli. Praha: Vyšehrad. 202 stran. Edice Studium; 14. svazek. ISBN 978-80-7429-910-0.

### Book chapters

Kašný, J. (2017). Rušení klášter v padesátých letech. [Heslo ve slovníku, s. 698-703.]. In Schelle, K. a Tauchen, J. (eds.), Encyklopedie českých právních dějin, X. svazek R- íš. Plzeň : Aleš en k.

Kašný, J. (2017). řády a kongregace v českých zemích. [Heslo ve slovníku, s. 710-716.]. In Schelle, K. & Tauchen, J. (eds.), Encyklopedie českých právních dějin, X. svazek R- íš. Plzeň : Aleš en k.

Kašný, J. (2017). Privilegium Paulinum. [Heslo ve slovníku, s. 801-805.]. In Schelle, K. & Tauchen, J. (eds.), Encyklopedie českých právních dějin, VII. svazek Právo pra – Prob. Plzeň : Aleš en k.

Kašný, J. (2017). Privilegium Petrinum. [Heslo ve slovníku, s. 805-811]. In Schelle, K. & Tauchen, J. (eds.), Encyklopedie českých právních dějin, VII. svazek Právo pra – Prob. Plzeň : Aleš en k.

Kašný, J. (2017). Náboženské společnosti. [Heslo ve slovníku, s. 785-790]. „ ehole.“ In Schelle, K. & Tauchen, J. (eds.), Encyklopedie českých právních dějin, X. svazek R- íš. Plzeň : Aleš en k.

### Reviews

Šály, M. Mezi duchem a uchopitelností: Dynamika života církve v Novém zákoně a meze jejího uplatnění v historii. 2016. *Studia theologica*, 19(4), 323-325.

Menke, M. Soudnictví římskokatolické církve v českých zemích v období kodifikovaného kanonického práva. 2015. *Studia theologica*, 19(4), 329-331.

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Kraus, Jiří – jk (2017): několik hesel ve Slovníku žurnalistiky, eds. Jan Halada, Barbora Osvaldová, Karolinum. ISBN 9788024637525.

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### Invited lectures

Seeing is Believing? Images of Refugees in the Czech Media Discourse and Past Societal Transformations. Sociologický seminář, 9. 3. 2017, Sociologický ústav AV ČR.

European Union at a Crossroads. Professors in the Pub, 7. 12., Anglo-americká vysoká škola, Praha.



The political order of the European Union: democracy, legitimacy, and the member states of the V4. Reforming the EU - Central European Perspectives workshop, Hungarian Europe Society, CEU, Budapest, 18. 3. 2017.







Reviewer  
Synthesis (Springer)

Editor-in-chief  
Trade-off, Journal of Czech and Slovak Competitiveness

**Mark Wiedorn, MBA**

Invited lecture  
Managing Virtual Teams American Chamber of Commerce. Prague, May, 2017.

Art Presentation  
Photo Exhibition „Gypsy Soul“ as part of Khamoro Festival, Prague, June 2017.

Adjunct Faculty Members who are not affiliated with any institution or who are employed by institutions other than AAU. The documented activity listed below has, however, been carried out on behalf of AAU, or is associated with an accredited AAU study program.

**Ekaterina Ananyeva, M.A.**

Articles online

Ananyeva, E. (2017). Caught by Surprise: Chinese Challenge for Russia in Central Asia. *Rising Powers in Global Governance Project*, 26. 09. 2017.

<http://risingpowersproject.com/caught-by-surprise-chinese-challenge-for-russia-in-central-asia/>

Ananyeva, E. (2017). Russia in the SCO: How and Why the Attitude Changed Over Time. *Rising Powers in Global Governance Project*, 23. 08. 2017.

<http://risingpowersproject.com/russia-sco-attitude-changed-time/>



Hradec Economic Days:





Conference paper

Dimitrii Tuptalo, Archbishop of Rostov: His Educational Initiatives and School Dramas.  
Conference of Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, November 9-12,  
2017, Chicago.

**Ted Turnau, Ph.D., M.Div.**



## **10. National and International Excellence**

In 2017, AAU researcher Pelin Ayan Musil, Ph.D., received a prestigious junior grant from the Czech Science Foundation for the years 2018–2019. The topic of the project is Understanding the Transformation of Islamist Parties: Evidence from Turkey.

Towards the end of 2017, AAU became affiliated with the CFA Institute Scholarship for Students. The main advantage of this affiliation are scholarship opportunities for students of the Business and Law in International Markets master's study program.

