

Renaissance 2020: Belarus in Focus



Description

Educational Establishment “Mozyr State Pedagogical University named after I.P.Shamyakin” invites foreign students to participate in the International Summer School “Renaissance 2020: Belarus in Focus”. The program was developed by the international Affairs Department (MSPU) (<http://mspu.by/>) and Cultural and Educational Platform “Pershy krok by Mazyr”.

international Summer School is devoted to contemporary challenges of economic development, ecological security, preservation of cultural heritage, inclusion and modern teaching techniques for upbringing tolerant and professional students.

Avast number of meetings with the experts who are responsible for the development of economic growth, ecological security, pedagogical education, IT, inclusion and Modern Belarusian cinematography will be arranged.

“Renaissance 2020: Belarus in Focus” is the intellectual pastime for training, enlightenment and entertainment!

We offer the participants to walk the way of Renaissance and look at Belarus from the focus of public authorities and individual experts who cooperate for the purpose of building a prosperous country.

Following the World tendencies the moderators of the program decentralize cultural - educational affairs to non-central region and invite everybody to Mozyr (Gomel Region). All the participants will enjoy the unique atmosphere of “Belarusian Polesye”, which is well-known for its picturesque and hilly landscapes and unique History. However, trips around Belarus (i.e. Minsk, Gomel, Vetka, Kalinkovichi, Mir, Niasvizh, Zhlobin) will be arranged as well.

MSPU and Pershy_krok have great motivation to prove that Belarus today has regenerated greatly and now this is a place where you can feel the spirit of Renaissance!



Who?

Mozyr State Pedagogical University named after I.P.Shamyakin (<http://mspu.by/index.php/en/>) + Cultural and Educational Platform “Pershy krok_by Mazyr” (<https://pershykrok.by/>)

Why?

The main mission of the project is to introduce foreign students to Belarus and to show that after tragic events (Great Patriotic War, Chernobyl Disaster) and during modern social and economic changes (integration) Belarus has re-emerged and the Era of Renaissance has started.

What activities?

- There are 5 directions:
- Ecological Renaissance;
 - Economic Renaissance;
 - Educational Renaissance;
 - Cultural Renaissance;
 - Social Renaissance.

Foreign students will be offered to attend lectures of the leading speakers, to participate in the workshops and master-classes devoted to the development and enhancement of Modern Belarus, to visit places of great commercial significance i.e. state-forming enterprises whose activities influence greatly on the development of the Economics of the country, UNESCO heritage architectural objects, to meet people whose achievements influenced on the creation of a positive image of the country, to get acquainted with deep traditions of Belarus.



The activities will be arranged on 2 levels.

Level 1: State establishments where foreign students will meet leading experts and public authorities who act as the guarantors of the prosperity in Belarus.

Level 2: Open environment for true and sincere brainstorming talks with the Belarusians on hot topics i.e. education, inclusion, art and social affairs which bother the minds of people in their everyday life. Casual meetings will provide young people with a great possibility to express their ideas upon Social Renaissance in Europe through cooperation with young and talented people from Belarus and to “give birth” to new joint projects and initiatives.

When?

07.09.2020-18.09.2020

Where?

Mozyr as a key-city, trips to Minsk, Gomel Mir, Niasvizh, Vetka are arranged as well.

Focus group?

Bachelor degree students in the related fields of knowledge;
Masters in Art/Humanities;
Social activists and volunteers.
No age limits

Working language?

English

Fee?

600 euro (Lunch and accommodation expenses are covered by the participants).



PROGRAM

07.09.2020 : Acquaintance with Mozyr and its surroundings

| TIME | EVENT |
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| Established individually | Arrival to Minsk |
| | Transfer from Minsk to Mozyr |
| | Registration in the hotel |
| | Dinner |
| 18.00-19.00 | Walk tour around Mozyr “Squares and streets in Mozyr” |



08.09.2020: Welcome ceremony at MSPU and Pershy krok_by Mazyr
Aim: to get acquainted with the Historical, Cultural and Educational context and realias of Gomel region.

| TIME | EVENT | NOTES |
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| 09.00 – 09.40 | Breakfast | Hotel “Pripyats” http://hotel-pripyat.by/ |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | Opening ceremony Welcome speech by the Rector of the University, first meeting with the moderators | Meeting hall, MSPU named after I.P.Shamyakin Speaker: Valery Naunyka, PhD in Physics and Mathematics, Associate Professor |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | Self-presentation of the participants | |
| 10.45 – 11.15 | Lecture “Belarus: historical background” | Speaker: Maryna Shcherbin, PhD in Pedagogics |
| 11.15 – 11.45 | Coffee break | |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | Lecture “MSPU named after I.P.Shamyakin: history review and internationalization strategies” | Speaker: Volha Dubadzel, Head of the International Affairs Department, MSPU named after I.P.Shamyakin |
| 12.15 – 13.15 | Lunch | |
| 13.15 – 13.45 | Bus tour around Mozyr | |
| 13.45 – 14.15 | Visit to St. Michael’s Cathedral, the biggest church in Mozyr | The biggest orthodox church in Mozyr which bears significant meaning for the local believers http://www.turov.by/eparhia/temples/54 |



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| 14.15 – 14.45 | Visit to Mozyr Cathedral | A historical monument where the first settlement was found where the observation deck is located. Everybody will get a chance enjoy a magnificent view of the city |
| 14.45 – 16.00 | Free time | |
| 16.00 – 18.00 | Welcome speech by the Head of the Cultural and Educational Platform “Pershy krok by Mazyr” Lecture + brainstorm session “Non-formal education in Belarus and its role in the development of the region”. | Moderator of the Lecture: Hanna Palei, art-manager https://pershykrok.by/ |

09.09.2020: Educational and Social Renaissance

Aim: to discuss innovative approaches in education i.e. Deontology (Science of Ethics), to visit Student Theatre, to get acquainted with the School of Ethnic Pedagogics, Best practices in inclusion and STEM-education.

| TIME | EVENT | NOTES |
|---------------|--|---|
| 09.00 – 09.50 | Breakfast | Hotel “Pripyats” |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Lesson of the Belarusian Language | Speaker: Ludmila Praharenka, PhD in Philology, Associate Professor |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Lecture “Ethnic Pedagogics of Belarus” | Speaker: Professor Valery Bolbas, founder of the first scientific school for Ethnic Pedagogics in Belarus, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences |



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| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee break | |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Master – class “Student theater as an innovative form of training” + Performance of Student Theatre “Person” + Master-class “Student theater as an innovative form of training” + Performance of Student Theatre “Person” | Speaker: Iryna Karpovich, Master of Pedagogical Sciences; Performance is devoted to Janusz Korczak, a famous Polish writer, teacher, doctor. |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch | |
| 13.30 – 15.30 | “Inclusion in Belarus: tour to educational establishments who work with children with special needs” | Visit to School No. 16 in Mozyr, Modern School for all categories of children; Center for Correction and Rehabilitation; Sport School, Mozyr orphanage |
| 15.30 - 18.00 | Free time | |
| 18.00 - 20.00 | Seminar “STEM education in Belarus” by Free Association “Education for Future” | Speaker: Founder of Free Association “Education for Future” in Belarus |

10.09.2020: Ecological Renaissance

Aim: to analyze ecological challenges after Chernobyl disaster i.e. context, preventive measures and prospects for the development of Modern society

| TIME | EVENT | NOTES |
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| 09.00 – 09.50 | Breakfast | Hotel “Pripyats” |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Lesson of the Russian Language | Maryna Loban, Head teacher |



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| 10.30 – 11.30 | Lecture “Belarus after Chernobyl disaster” | Speaker: Professor Uladzimir Savenka, Doctor of Technical Sciences, a person who was a pioneer in research for radiology and consequences of Chernobyl disaster for Belarus |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Workshop “Is the food we eat really clean?” | Experiment on measurement for chemicals in food. Food staff from Germany and Belarus will be checked. |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | Coffee break | |
| 12.30 – 13.00 | Lecture “Ecological Security in Belarus | Speaker: Elena Guminskaya, PhD in Agriculture, Associate Professor, Head of the Chair for Biology and Ecology |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Ecological tour “Belarusian forests are the lungs of Europe” | Walk around Mozyr ravines, ecological reserve |
| 14.00 – 14.30 | Entertainment pastime “Up and down the hills: toboggan ride in Mozyr Ravines” | Unique and unforgettable ride in toboggans over Mozyr Ravines up and down the hills |
| 14.30 – 15.00 | Lunch | |
| 15.00 - 15.30 | Tasting event “Belarusian medovuha” at Mozyr Beer Plant | Belarusian medovuha is a traditional Belarusian beverage produced on the oldest plant. These days it is known as Mozyr Beer Plant. In old time beverages for the Russian Czarist family was produced there . |



11.09.2020: Economic Renaissance

Aim: to discuss challenges, strategies and perspectives; to get acquainted with Creative economics, Philosophy, origin and experience of Creative business in Belarus.

| TIME | EVENT | NOTES |
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| 09.00 – 09.50 | Breakfast | Hotel “Pripyats” |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Lecture “Economic development of Belarus: statistics, strategic plan, perspectives” | Speaker: Hanna Bandarenka, Master of Economic Sciences |
| 10.45 – 11.45 | Tour around Mozyrsalt | Joint Stock Company «Mozyrsalt» is one of the leading producers of evaporated salt extra in Belarus and abroad. It is the guarantor of food safety of the Republic of Belarus and stable reliable business partner for the supply of high-quality salt products. http://www.mozyrsalt.by/en |
| 11.45 – 13.45 | Seminar “Current problems of the Belarusian society” | International and Belarusian speakers |
| 13.45 – 14.45 | Lunch | |
| 14.45 – 15.45 | Polesye phenomenon “Mozyr tram” | A wonderful trip to Belarusian villages by a tram |
| 16.30 – 18.00 | Seminar “Creative business in Gomel Region: philosophy, origin, experience of implementation” | Moderator of the Lecture: Ann Paley, art-manager |



12.09.2020: Miscellaneous practices

Aim: to generalize the idea of Renaissance in Gomel Region
(economic+educational+cultural aspects of Renaissance included)

| TIME | EVENT | NOTES |
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| 08.00 – 09.00 | Breakfast | Hotel "Pripyats" |
| 09.00 – 10.30 | Trip to Gomel | |
| 10.30 – 12.30 | Visit to "Gomselmash" Tour around the enterprise +combine harvester crash test+ lunch of a real combine operator | Holding "Gomselmash" is one of the largest manufacturers of agricultural machinery ranking among the world market leaders of combine harvesters and other complexes of agricultural machines. http://eng.gomselmash.by/ |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Tour around Gomel Palace & Park Ensemble | Gomel Palace & Park Ensemble is a historical-cultural values of the Republic of Belarus. It is included into the State List of the Historical Cultural Values protected by the State. http://eng.palacegomel.by/index.php ?do=static&page=main |
| 13.30 – 14.30 | Walk around the park | |
| 14.30 – 15.30 | Lunch | |
| 15.30 – 16.30 | Visit to Russian center for Education and Culture "Rossotrudnichestvo"+ Lesson of Culture | http://blr-gomel.rs.gov.ru/ru |
| 16.30 – 18.00 | Trip to Mozyr | |



13.09.2020: Cultural Renaissance

Aim: to get acquainted with contemporary practices in the field of Culture and Art in Mozyr.

| TIME | EVENT | NOTES |
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| 09.00 – 09.50 | Breakfast | Hotel “Pripyats” |
| 10.00 – 11.30 | Master-class on Intercultural communication together with MSPU students | Speaker: Irina Kovalevich, PhD in Philology, Associate Professor |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Coffee break | |
| 12.00 - 14.00 | Art master class on Painting | Private art school; founder: Nastya Chady, painter |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 - 19.00 | Free time | |
| 19.00 – 20.00 | Contemporary Belarusian Cinema | |

14.09.2020: Cultural Renaissance

Aim: to get acquainted with the best practices for preservation of National identity of Belarus through cultural and historical traditions.

| TIME | EVENT | NOTES |
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| 08.00 – 09.00 | Breakfast | Hotel “Pripyats” |
| 09.00 – 10.30 | Trip to Krasny bereg (Zhlobin district) | |
| 10.30 – 12.30 | Tour around the Castle in Krasny bereg | http://zhlobin-museum.by/usadba |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Visit to the monument built in honour of Great Patriotic War | http://zhlobin-museum.by/memorial |
| 13.30 – 14.30 | Lunch | |
| 14.30 – 15.30 | Trip to Vetka | |



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| 15.30 – 17.30 | Visit to Vetka Museum of Old Believer Faith and Belarusian Traditions | <p>“Vetka Museum of Old Believer Faith and Belarusian Traditions” is a research and educational center in the field of traditional culture. The museum presents the art culture and creativity of several folk traditions of the region in the south-east of Belarus. Much attention is paid to the culture of the Belarusian Orthodox village and the Old Believers' Vetka, which was the center of the dissidence at the end of the 17th - 18th centuries.</p> <p>The museum has a unique collection of the Old Believers' icons, manuscripts and early printed books of the 16th - 19th centuries, objects of weaving, archeology, and others.</p> |
| 17.30 – 19.30 | Trip to Mozyr | |

15.09.2020: Cultural Renaissance and UNESCO heritage

Aim: to get acquainted with the architectural objects included into UNESCO heritage list and located on the territory of the Republic of Belarus

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| 05.00 – 05.30 | Breakfast | Hotel “Pripyats” |
| 05.30 – 10.00 | Trip to Niasvizh | |



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| 10.00 – 13.00 | Tour around National Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve «Niasvizh» | In 2005 National Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve «Niasvizh» was involved in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites within Belarus. https://niasvizh.by/ |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Trip to Mir | |
| 15.00 – 16.00 | Tour around Mir Castle Complex | In 2000 Mir Castle Complex was involved in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites within Belarus. https://mirzamak.by/en/ |
| 16.00 – 20.00 | Trip to Mozyr | |

16.09.2020: Renaissance. Review

Aim: to carry out critical analysis of new experience and discuss perspectives for introduction of these practices to Germany.

| TIME | EVENT | NOTES |
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| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 15.00 – 16.00 | Reflexion session with the participants of the summer | Moderators and participants are invited. |
| 16.00 – 17.00 | Closing ceremony | |
| 17.00 – 19.00 | Free time | |
| 19.00 – 21.00 | Jazzdeground Live Concert + Wine Party & Talks, talks, talks | |



17.09.2020: Farewell

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| Established individually | Breakfast at the hotel |
| | Departure of the participants |
| | Transfer from Mozyr to Minsk |
| | Free time in Minsk + Guidance by the moderators included List of possible activities in Minsk: Visit to the National Library of Minsk https://www.nlb.by/ Visit to the Botanical garden in Minsk http://cbg.org.by/ Visit to independent art cultural centers: Копныс, ОК16 |
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18.09.2020: Departure

| TIME | EVENT |
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| Established individually | Breakfast in the hotel |
| | Departure of the participants |

Dear participants of GoEast Summer School,
Please, fill in the application form and send it to omsiid@msspu.by!

Renaissance 2020: Belarus in Focus Application form

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| Name, Surname | |
| Date of birth | |
| Nationality | |
| Current residence | |
| Educational background: | University: Degree (bachelor/ master/ PhD): Program: |
| Contact information: | E-mail: Whatsapp/Viber: |
| Contact person (in case of emergency) | Name, surname: Whatsapp/Viber: |
| Food habits | Indicate if you are a vegetarian/ a vegan. |
| Motivation to visit Belarus | |

