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Final Report on the Project 79p2:

AN INTERACTIVE SEMINAR IN OLOMOUC

INTERAKTIVNÍ SEMINÁŘ V OLOMOUCI

**Perception of the USA among Future Foreign Language Teachers in Austria
and the Czech Republic/**

**Percepce USA u budoucích učitelů cizích jazyků v Rakousku a České
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Innsbruck.**

**On 12th October, 2017, an interactive seminar took place at the Institute of Foreign Languages,
Faculty of Education, Palacký University Olomouc, under the terms of Aktion-Project 79p2.**

The following people gave their lectures at the seminar:

a) **Prof. Dipl.-Päd. Wolfgang Haupt, MA BEd** (Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol) **(project partner)**

b) 5 members of the English and German section of the Institute of Foreign Languages, Palacký University, Olomouc:

Mgr. Petr Anténe, M.A., Ph.D. (project proposer)

Doc. PhDr. Václav Řeřicha, CSc.

Mgr. Jana Kořínková, Ph.D.

Mgr. Andrea Hoffmannová, Ph.D.

PhDr. Eva Maria Hrdinová, Ph.D.

c) **PhDr. Libor Práger, Ph.D.** – an external member of the Institute of Foreign Languages, Palacký University, Olomouc

Mgr. Kateřina Kovářová – Ph.D. student, Institute of Pedagogy and Social Studies, Palacký University, Olomouc

Professor Haupt arrived in Olomouc by train on Wednesday afternoon and moved in the university hostel for visiting professors, Vančurova, where he stayed for 2 nights.

On Thursday morning, all the participants met at the Institute of Foreign Languages.

The seminar started with a welcome speech by **Dr. Anténe** who then proceeded to give his lecture **Future Foreign Language Teachers in the Czech Republic and Their Favourite American Books**, based on the results of a questionnaire handed in to students of the English and German section of the Institute of Foreign Languages.

The following lectures were by **Doc. Řeřicha: Successive Borrowings from American English in Czech**, **Prof. Haupt: Advantages or Disadvantages of Early English Learning in Austria**, and **Dr. Kořínková: Perception of America in Czech So-called “Tramp” Songs**.

Lunch for the presenters was provided at the restaurant Bistrá kráva.

The afternoon program consisted of lectures by **Dr. Hoffmannová: American Drama on Czech Stage: the Contemporary Point of View**, **Dr. Hrdinová, "Karl May's America" – an Interesting Cultural and Literary Construct**, **Dr. Práger: America in Contemporary British Literature**, and **Mgr. Kovářová: Perception of American Culture in the Works of Contemporary American Authors**.

The audience at the seminar included other internal and external members of the Institute of Foreign Languages (Mgr. Linda Chmelařová, Ph.D., Mgr. Ruth Valentová, Ph.D., Mgr. Marek Bohuš, Ph.D., Shauna O'Brien, Ph.D), and Ph.D. students of Pedagogy (Mgr. Jan Gregar).

Dinner for the presenters was provided at the restaurant Konvikt.

On Friday morning before Professor Haupt's departure, the presenters met at the Institute of Foreign Languages again to discuss the details of the collective monograph *“Route CZ-AT” to the USA: Perceiving American Culture in Central Europe* that will consist of extended versions of their lectures (to be published by Palacký University in 2018).

Reports in local university media

An article about the interactive seminar “Seminář o vlivu Spojených států amerických v Evropě” (A Seminar on the Influence of the USA in Europe), written by Dr. Anténe, was published in the electronic version of **Žurnál UP** (Palacký University Journal).

The Věda a výzkum (Science and Research) section of the Institute of Foreign Languages website has a subsection called **Aktion září-říjen 2017** (Aktion September-October 2017, <http://ucj.upol.cz/index.php/cz/veda-a-vyzkum/aktion-zari-rijen-2017>) dedicated to the project that provides the programme of the seminar and a link to the article mentioned above.

The Facebook page of the Institute of Foreign Languages provides additional photos from the seminar:

www.facebook.com/katedraanglictiny/photos/pcb.1540287419371688/1540287232705040/?type=3&theater

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