

ALGEBRA BERNAYS UNIVERSITY

# International Week 2026

**INTERDISCIPLINARITY BY DESIGN:  
BUILDING THE FUTURE UNIVERSITY**

16 – 20 March 2026



## FINAL PROGRAM

**16 March**      **Welcome 2 Zagreb Monday**  
Spark space

**14:00** Welcome and Registration

**14:30** Welcome Speech:

Lidija Šimrak, Head of International Office

Full Professor Damir Jugo, PhD, President of the Board of the Governors

Assoc. Prof. Mislav Balković, PhD, Rector

**15:00** Get to Know You & Your University: Networking and Connections

**15:30-16:15 - Keynote Presentation:**

***The Importance of Interdisciplinarity in the Future of HEIs***

prof. Leo Mršić, PhD, Vice-rector for Research

*Why is interdisciplinarity becoming a key feature of the university of the future and how it is changing the way we learn, research, and collaborate.*

**16:15** Campus Tour

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**19:00** Welcome Dinner



17 March

**Blueprint Tuesday**  
Spark Space



**09:15** Registration and Welcome Coffee

**09:45** Welcome and Agenda Overview

**10:00 Workshop I:**

***Funding the Future: EU Policies and Programmes for Interdisciplinary Initiatives and Collaboration***

Assoc. prof. **Marko Kovačić**, PhD

*Discover which European policies and programmes support interdisciplinary initiatives and how to use them to develop your own projects.*

**11:15** Break

**11:30 Workshop II:**

***Analog Skills for Digital Students: Classroom Insights from ESL Teaching***

**Klara Volarić**, Lecturer & **Petra Cuculić Malenica**, Lecturer

*This workshop explores how to foster critical curiosity and responsible digital engagement in students through active inquiry and essential analog skills. Case studies in English language teaching will be explored.*

**13:00** Lunch (25% discount vouchers for Chill Cantine will be distributed to all participants)

***14:00 Open Space Dialogue: Shaping the Future - Interdisciplinarity for Social Impact and Educational Innovation***

**Ana Lokas Čošković**, Lecturer, Head of Academic Unit for Interdisciplinary Sciences

*Create space and topics for dialogue about how interdisciplinarity can become a tool for social change and innovation in education.*

**EXCEL AT WHAT YOU  
LOVE DOING.  
LIGHT THE SPARK.**

**18 March**

## **Idea Fusion Wednesday**

**Spark Space**

**9:15** Registration and Welcome Coffee

**09:45** Welcome and Agenda Overview

**10:00 Panel Discussion:**

### ***Real Stories and Lessons Learned – What Really Works (and What Doesn't)***

Prof. **Damir Jugo**, PhD, President of the Board of the Governors

Assoc. prof. **Mislav Balković**, PhD, Rector

*Learn firsthand about the experience of universities that have attempted to put interdisciplinarity into practice - successes, obstacles, and lessons learned!*

*We want to hear from you!*

**11:30** Break

**11:45 Algebra LAB Presentation:**

**Maja Brkljačić**, PhD

### ***Interdisciplinarity in Motion - Turning Ideas into Impact***

*Find out how Algebra Bernays University lives interdisciplinarity through scientific projects and get inspired!*

**12:45** Lunch Break (25% discount vouchers for Chill Cantine will be distributed to all participants)

**13:45** END

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**19:00** Immersion Tour of Zagreb

**Culture Program: Zagreb Festival of Lights**



**19 March**

**Thursday Abroad**  
Spark Space

**10:15** Registration and Welcome Coffee

**10:45** Welcome and Agenda Overview

**11:00** Support Group

***Making Interdisciplinarity Work - The Administrative Perspective***

*Discuss the key roles of professional services in enabling interdisciplinary initiatives and building sustainable models of cooperation.*



**12:00** Erasmus+ Info Days & Panel Discussion:

***Students for Students - How to Benefit from International Experience?***

**12:00** Lunch Break for Partners (25% discount vouchers for Chill Cantine will be distributed to all participants)

**13:00 International Mobility Fair**

*Showcase your institution's international opportunities, engage with prospective exchange students and connect with future academic leaders.*

**Your  
comfort  
zone.**

**15:00** International Summer School by Algebra Bernays University

**15:30** Erasmus+ Info Days

**17:00** END

20 March

## Wrap-Up Friday

Spark Space

09:15 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:45 Agenda Overview

10:00 *Joint Reflections, Conclusions and Remarks*

11:30 *Certificate Award Ceremony*

12:30 END

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magic  
happens.

