

UNIWERSYTEC SZCZECIN

DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SZCZECIN

2024 activity report



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Numbers:

- **151** individual meetings with PhD Students regarding IRP processing
- **120** persons studying at DS US (as for 31. December 2025)
 - **26** persons at I year (Polish teaching path) and **12** (English teaching path)
 - **22** persons at II year (Polish teaching path) and **13** (English teaching path)
 - **19** persons at III year (Polish teaching path) **9** (English teaching path)
 - **19** persons at IV year
- **111** awarded „grants” for the scientific development of PhD Students, for amount of **200.000 zł**
- **83** The Competition Committee meetings for recruitment process to DS US
- **82** PhD Students publications (**5065**)
- **75** orders of the Director of the Doctoral School US
- **62** orders of the Scientific Board of the Doctoral School
- **56** members of Interdisciplinary Circle of DS US
- **51** decisions issued on application for the appointment of a supervisor, assistant supervisor or supervisor change
- **42** participation of PhD Students in conferences, workshops, seminars, trainings
- **36** mid-term evaluations, with 100 experts (Competition Committee members)
- **28** PhD Graduates
- **15** PhD Graduates, who defended their thesis
- **15** appointments of discipline teams for a new cadence 2024-2028 (each team has 5 members, 90 people in total)
- **13** appointments of a supervisor
- **9** prepared projects of the Rector orders due to DS US functionality
- **7** Implementation doctorate programs total amount **2 million zł**
- **4** new Erasmus + agreements
- **3** Join US - Stay with US lectures – 72 participants

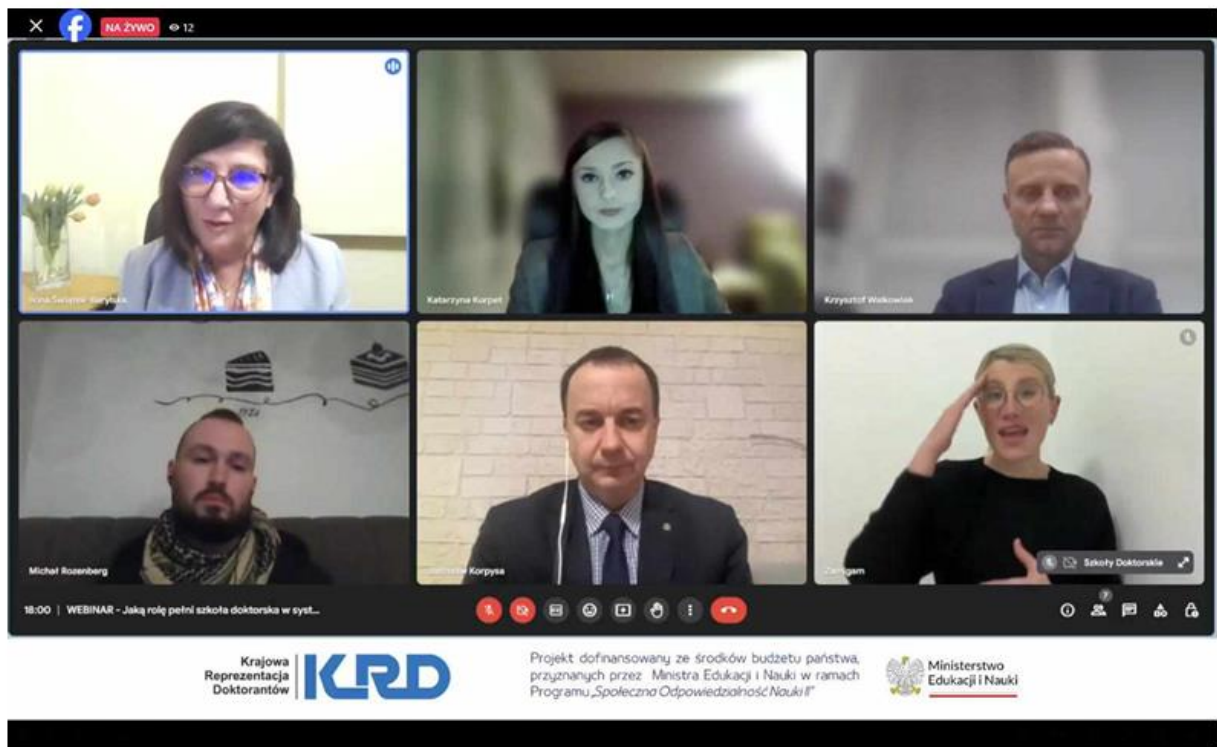
- **2** Erasmian debates – 42 participants
- **2** NAWA projects submitted
- **2** PhD Student NAWA scientific grants
- **2** PRODOK awards
- **1** Uczelnia Liderów award
- **1** Lider Kompetencji Naukowych award
- **1** Meeting with Practitioner – 49 participants
- **1** Meeting #PozaNauką - 40 participants
- **1** Meeting „Harmonia” – 18 participants
- **1** IV Multidisciplinary Doctoral Conference of the University of Szczecin “MKDUS 2.0” – 175 participants

Social Media:

- Total number of followers of DS US FB page: **2609**
- Total number of likes of DS US FB profile: **2401**

JANUARY 2024

- 9.01. PhD Student mgr Adrianna Szczygieł's project „Zobowiązania międzynarodowe Polski i ich implementacja w zakresie problematyki ubezwłasnowolnionych osób z niepełnosprawnościami”, under supervision of prof. dr hab. Tadeusz Gadkowski awarded 2 place in national competition „Otwarte Drzwi” by PFRON.
- 10-11.01. Third meeting of Directors of Doctoral Schools in Zachodniopomorskie district.
- 12.01. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of PhD Student mgr Piotr Borkowski titled: „Rozwój rynku pośrednictwa kredytowego w Polsce w warunkach współczesnych rozwiązań technologicznych.”
- 15.01. Collecting applications for grants for PhD Students.
- 17.01. Meeting with supervisors of PhD 1 year Students with Directorate of DS US.
- 18.01. Consultation Meeting with Directorate of DS US.
- 20.01. WOŚP charity action.
- 31.01. In KRD webinar titled „Jaką rolę pełni szkoła doktorska w systemie nauki i szkolnictwa wyższego?” within the project: "Szkoły Doktorskie to nasza przyszłość!" Director of DS US and PhD Student mgr Michał Rozenberg took part.



FEBRUARY 2024

- 06.02. Agreement with University in Messina (Italy) within Erasmus program signed.
- 07.02. Meeting of DS US Directorate with Maciej Gdula, Vice Minister of Education and with Head of Education Department Tomasz Piotrowski about report of diagnosis of Doctoral Schools in 2019- 2023.



- 21.02. Students and PhD Students Scientific Seminar titled: „Spotkanie Wschodu i Zachodu. Katoliccy myśliciele wobec duchowości azjatyckiej.”
- 22-23.02. VIII National Meeting titled: „Interdyscyplinarne ujęcie niepełnosprawności” vol.3.
- 28.02. NAWA Welcome to Poland project submission.
- 24.02. Agreement with University of Kelaniya (Sri Lanka) within Erasmus program signed.

MARCH 2024

- 5.03. Agreement with Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University and Caucasus University (Georgia) within Erasmus program signed.
- 7.03. Issuing of publication titled: "Interdyscyplinarne Wyzwania Naukowe. Monografia Interdyscyplinarnego Koła Szkoły Doktorskiej Uniwersytetu Szczecińskiego" under supervision of dr hab. Paulina Niedźwiedzka-Rystwej, prof. US,

PhD Students: mgr Paulina Małkowska and mgr Michał Rozenberg.

- 4.03. "Santander dla społeczności akademickiej Uniwersytetu Szczecińskiego 2023" award for PhD Students: mgr Aleksandra Bańkowska and mgr Bartosz Zamorski.
- 6.03. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Bartosz Wasilewski, titled: „Asymptotics analysis and analytic tools for certain types of C_0 semigroups.”
- 12.03. „Recruitment Action!” – Meeting considering rules and criteria of recruitment to DS US for potential candidates. This was an informative meeting with Directorate and PhD Students of Polish path.
- Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Łukasz Koremba, titled: „Wizualność pieczęci jako środek reprezentacji miast Księstwa Pomorskiego w średniowieczu.”
- 12.03. PhD Student mgr Olga Sierawska took part in UNIWIZJA series „Status Studenta” (episode 2), and was explaining how she meets science in her everyday life.
- 21.03. Interdisciplinary debate of Colloquia Erasmania, about book “Wyspy odzyskane. Wolin i nieznany archipelag” by Piotr Oleksy.
- 21-22.03. II National Conference of Doctoral Schools in Warsaw with presence of DS US Directorate.
- 25.03. PhD Student mgr Olga Sierawska was nominated to Magnolie Biznesu Competition vol. 6 in category of “Science.”
- 26.03. „Recruitment Action!” – Meeting considering rules and criteria of recruitment to DS US for potential candidates. This was an informative meeting with Directorate and PhD Students of English path.
- 26.03. Meeting of the Scientific Board DS US devoted to approving the committee to mid-term evaluation meetings, changes in DS US regulation, IRP changes and was working over strategy of DS US.

APRIL 2025

- 8.04. Polish language classes for foreign PhD Students.
- 9.04. Open lecture #Join US – Stay with US. The guest was dr hab. Patrycja Klimas, prof. UEW from Uniwersytet Ekonomiczny in Wrocław. The lecture title: „Quantitative research: design & critical success factors.”
- 10.04. Intercultural meeting with PhD Students from abroad to Teatr Polski in Szczecin.
- 12.04. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Piotr Zielonka, titled: „Zadośćuczynienie pieniężne za doznaną krzywdę (art. 445 § 1, art. 446 § 4 oraz art. 4462 k.c.)”
- 22.04. Meeting with Practitioner #8. The guest was dr Karol Nasiłowski - double bassist, soloist, and leader of the double basses at the Mieczysław Karłowicz Philharmonic in Szczecin, university teacher, leading the double bass class at the Academy of Art in Szczecin.

#8 Spotkanie z praktykiem

Jak wygląda doktorat i działalność naukowa w dziedzinie sztuk muzycznych, jaki jest rynek pracy dla muzyków w Szczecinie i na Pomorzu Zachodnim, a także czym jest praca muzyka jako nauczyciela akademickiego i jak w ogóle połączyć naukę i praktykę porozmawiamy z kontrabasistą, laureatem wielu nagród w kraju i zagranicą oraz wielokrotnym stypendystą m.in. miasta Szczecina i Warszawy

dr Karol Nasiłowski

Akademia Sztuki w Szczecinie

Filharmonia im. Mieczysława Karłowicza w Szczecinie, lider kontrabasistów



SZKOŁA DOKTORSKA
UNIwersYTETU SZCZECIŃSKIEGO

22.04.2024 | 17:00 | Online

MAY 2024

- 8.05. Interdisciplinary Circle of DS US IKSDUS was mentioned in US „Przegląd Uniwersytecki” as a dynamic and motivated group of people who wanted to work in the scientific field, but at the same time promote the Doctoral School.
- 9.05. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Tomasz Bodnar, titled: „Wykorzystanie map mentalnych w badaniach przestrzeni miejskich na przykładzie wybranych małych miast nadmorskich.”
- 10.05. PhD Student mgr Aleksandra Wendorf mentioned in US „Przegląd Uniwersytecki” as an active member of Doctoral Society.
- 8.05. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Ewa Balanicka (Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management). The title: “Percepcja piękna przestrzeni publicznych Szczecina.”
- 13.05. A film about DS US made by Uniwizja ready to published.
- 13.05. PhD Student mgr Cécile Figus chosen as a representative to the group of scientists in the biostratigraphy team as an expert on diatoms. She received funding of Ministry of Education in „Regionalna inicjatywa doskonałości” for 2024-2027 Program.
- 21.05. Meeting of the Scientific Board DS US devoted to approving the teaching staff for academic year 2024/2025, the internal education quality system, and also reviewed the proposal for an annual evaluation of the education process at DS US.
- 21.05. On the initiative of DS US the agreement for cooperation has been established among: Akademia Sztuki in Szczecin, Politechnika Koszalińska, Politechnika Morska, Pomorski Uniwersytet Medyczny in Szczecin, Uniwersytet Szczeciński,

Zachodniopomorski Uniwersytet Technologiczny. This is the first agreement in Poland signed at the regional level.

- 23.05. DS US hosted representatives of the University of Lagos, Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics (KHTEY), Universiteti Barleti Technical University of Mombasa– TUMiUniversiteti „Ukshin Hoti” Prizren.
- 25.05. An informational meeting organized by IKSDUS took place, during which the concept of the new "Harmonia" project was presented – an initiative combining the spheres of science and art.
- 25.05. DS US took part in the annual event - Święto Uniwersytetu.
- 27.05. During Dni Samorządu 2024 in Szczecin City Hall workshop titled: „Wyzwania Szkół Doktorskich” took place. In the expert discussion Zachodniopomorskie Porozumienie Doktorantów members were invited.
- 28.05. Open lecture #Join US – Stay with US. The guest was prof. Grażela Georgiana Noja (University of Timisoara). She conducted lecture titled: “Advanced Panel Data Modelling (using Stata, RStudio, JASP).” She presented new and innovative methods for data analysis, as well as types of databases, showing examples.

JUNE 2024

- 3.06. International Astrophysical Symposium. Scientists from Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, and the United Kingdom discussed the latest discoveries and ongoing research. The International Astrophysical Symposium was organized by the DS US with the Institute of Physics and Masaryk University in Brno. The event was reported by UNIWIZJA.
- 6.06. A new series of meetings has been launched—#PozaNauką. The first open lecture, "Practically about social media," was led by PhD mgr Student Malwina Jankowska, marketing manager, and interactive communications expert.
- 7.06. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Agnieszka Wąsik, titled: „Ekonomiczno–finansowe aspekty wykorzystania technologii blockchain w wybranych sektorach polskiej gospodarki.”
- 10.06. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Izabela Osek, titled: „Zarządzanie kapitałem ludzkim w organizacjach medialnych pod wpływem zjawiska konwergencji mediów.”
- 11.06. PhD Students awarded NAWA grants. PhD Student mgr Elif Yilmaz, for project titled: „Morfologiczna i molekularna charakterystyka zbiorowisk okrzemkowych zamieszkujących wysocyne jezioro Van (Anatolia, Turcja) i otaczające je zbiorniki wodne.” PhD Student mgr Antoni Torzewski, for the project titled: „Filozofia religii Gianniego Vattima.”

- 13.06. The ceremonial nomination of PhDs US among them were 7 DS US Graduates: PhD Tomasz Bodnar discipline of socio-economic geography and spatial management, PhD Piotr Borkowski – discipline of economics and finance, PhD Łukasz Koremba – discipline of history, PhD Oleksandr Veretilnyk – the discipline of political and administrative science, PhD Bartosz Wasilewski – mathematics discipline, PhD Piotr Zielonka – discipline of legal sciences, PhD Dawid Dziuba - discipline of history. The event was reported by UNIWIZJA.
- 14.06. The West Pomeranian Doctoral Students' Ball. The event was organized in cooperation with Zachodniopomorskie Porozumienie Doktorantów.
- 19.06. Meeting of the Scientific Board DS US devoted to summarize the Scientific Board achievements during the 2020-2024 term and to discuss proposed changes to the curriculum.
- 19-21.06. IV Multidisciplinary Doctoral Conference of the University of Szczecin "MKDUS 2.0." The meeting drew a huge attention gathering 175 participants from Poland and abroad.
- 20.06. Interdisciplinary debate of Colloquia Erasmania, about book „Rosja– wojna i mit” by Joanna Getka and Jolanta Darczewska „Ruś porywana? Rosyjska wojna o tożsamość Ukrainy.”
- 20.06. PhD Student mgr Dorota Kurek– Śliżewska awarded in Najlepszy Młody Naukowiec Competition for the social and regional history of Western Pomerania, and especially the issues of minorities living in this region. PhD Student mgr Paulina Małkowska awarded for studies the impact of physical activity on the human body, focusing on inflammatory processes in professional athletes and people leading a sedentary lifestyle.
- 24.06. Meeting of the Directorate DS US with PhD Students. This was a time to thank PhD Students for their involvement in DS US functioning, PhD Student mgr Dorota Jaśkiewicz and PhD Student mgr Bahalwan Apriyansyah were specially awarded.
- 29.06. DS US was awarded of Uczelnia Liderów 2024 Award and Lider Kompetencji Naukowych Award. Prizes in the competition are awarded to universities and their units for preparing and implementing an educational program aimed at supporting creativity, pro-innovation attitudes, leadership skills, decision-making, and critical thinking among Students and PhD Students.

JULY 2024

- 1.07. The "Don't forget to Follow US!" project has begun – another initiative by DS US and PhD Students. It's a series of videos published on Facebook, allowing you to get to know the PhD Students and their stories. Some of them have come from very distant countries, such as Indonesia, China, Vietnam, and Pakistan, to become part of the university community.

- 4.07. PhD Student mgr Aleksandra Bączkiewicz was awarded of scholarship of Ministry of Education for best young scientists in 2024.
- 15-17.07. Interviews with candidates in recruitment process to DS US.
- 15.07. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Hanna Stojalowska, titled: „Real hyperfields.”
- 22.07. Publication of ranking lists of candidates in recruitment process to DS US.

AUGUST 2024

- 18.08. PhD Student mgr Aleksandra Wendorf, was appointed to a team of experts in doctoral schools evaluation.

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 10.09. On behalf of the Rector US, The Director of DS US nominated dr hab. Katarzyna Leźnicka, prof. US for Vice Director of DS US. The nomination has been signed on 5 September 2024.
- 18.09. Meeting of the Directorate DS US with representatives of Zhejiang Sci Tech University (ZSTU) Academician, form China. Future directions for activities related to the creation of a joint doctoral training program, academic exchange, and future research and development projects for the education of young scientists were discussed.



- 25.09. Meeting of the Directorate DS US with representatives of Doctoral Student Council and Interdisciplinary Circle IKSDUS.
- 25.09-16.10 Mid-term evaluation of PhD Students.
- 30.09. The ceremonial inauguration of the 2024/2025 academic year. The DS US was represented by Director and PhD Students of 1st year studies: mgr Łukasz Baraniecki, mgr Dominika Borowska, mgr Sebastian Matysik and mgr Raghunathan Vignesh Karthikeyan from India.

OCTOBER 2024

- 1.10. Spacerek na Uniwererek annual US event. During the third edition DS US PhD Students and DS US Office staff, accompanied by representatives of all Szczecin academic communities, gathered at Jasne Błonia, and then marched in a colorful procession to Wały Chrobrego.



- 3.10. The first meeting of the Scientific Board DS US with new members nominated by the Rector US for the cadency 2024-2028 took place. The new head of the Scientific Board DS US has been elected. Next time prof. dr hab. Iga Rudawska has been nominated. Composition of the Scientific Board DS US: The head of the board prof. dr hab. Iga Rudawska (social sciences); prof. dr hab. Renata Ziemińska (humanities); dr hab. Piotr Krupiński, prof. US (humanities); dr hab. Marek Sawczuk, prof. US (medical and health sciences); dr hab. Paweł Terefenko, prof. US (exact and natural sciences); dr hab. Maciej Kowalewski, prof. US (social sciences); prof. dr hab. inż. Kesra Nermend (social sciences); mgr inż. Paulina Małkowska (PhD Students representative).
- 3.10. The end of the project „Dołączaj i odkrywaj świat nauki ze Szkołą Doktorską US!”
- 7.10. Meeting of the DS US Directorate with 1st year PhD Students.

- 11.10. Open lecture #Join US – Stay with US. The guest was prof. Onur Kemal Tosun from Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University (UK) titled: “Science in today’s world.”
- 15.10. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Louise van Wijgerden-Bachta, titled: „Naturalna dwujęzyczność a studia neofilologiczne. Kształtowanie się kompetencji językowej i poznawczej studentów z biografią bilingwalną na przykładzie osób pochodzenia ukraińskiego studiujących w Polsce.”
- 18-21.10. The series of „ProDoktorancko i ProEkologicznie” meetings for PhD Students took place. The program included seven training panels, during which important topics were discussed, such as equal opportunities for doctoral students, counteracting burnout, doctoral students' rights, and promoting good environmental practices. The event was recorded by UNIWIZJA.
- 23.10. Inauguration of Tandem Meetings. Tandem Meetings is an initiative by the PhD Students of DS US aimed at fostering integration and supporting the academic community, with a particular focus on international PhD Students.
- 24.10. Interdisciplinary debate of Colloquia Erasiana, about book „Między tronem i ołtarzem. O niebezpiecznych związkach Kościoła z polityką” by Piotr Nowina-Konopka and Tomasz Dostatni OP.
- 25.10. The meeting of the Scientific Board DS US. The curriculum for the Polish- and English-speaking paths was adopted starting from the 2025/2026 academic year, and changes to the recruitment rules starting from the 2025/2026 academic year were approved.
- 28.10. The meeting with International Relations Office US about Erasmus+ Program.
- 30.10. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Enrico Laudato, titled: „A DHOST model to unify them all.”

NOVEMBER 2024

- 7.11. Meeting of the DS US Directorate with PhD Students regarding their progress in IRPs.
- 13.11. The beginning of the series „Wspólny Język”, conducted in NiUS Radio by Joanna Michalska. The guests are PhD Students DS US, who are sharing their experiences about studying and living in Poland. The first episode guest was PhD Student mgr Malwina Jankowska.
- 20.11. International Student Day – the representatives of Tandem Meetings and IKSDUS members were awarded of showing their multicultural society.

- 21.11. Based on the cooperation with Institute of Management and FinSem Institute of Economy and Finance US the International Seminar „Responsible Decision-Making in Business” took place.
- 21.11 Open lecture #Join US – Stay with US. The guest was prof. Onur Kemal Tosun from Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University (UK) titled: “Conducting Rigorous Empirical Research- Crucial Points.”
- 21.11. PhD Student mgr Dominika Borowska took place in UNIWIZJA series „Status Studenta”(episode 15) and was talking about building relations within US.
- 22.11. PhD Students and DS US awarded in PRODOK Competition. The first place in the category of Dynamic Start with the project “Begin with a vision, end with implementation – dynamic start of new activities of Zachodniopomorskie Porozumienie Doktorantów. And first place in the category “Event” with the initiative “Speed dating of young scientists.” Additionally DS US achieved: The third place in the category “The best PRODOK school in Poland” and third place in the category “Open to the world” with the project “Mobility of PhD Students of Doctoral School US and learning process in English.”
- 22-24.11. Outside Meeting of Zachodniopomorskie Porozumienie Doktorantów.
- 25.11. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Maria Krzemińska - Cieśla, titled: „Strategie radzenia sobie w sytuacji trudnej a funkcjonowanie w rodzinie żołnierzy zawodowych.”
- 25.11. PhD Student mgr Dorota Jaśkiewicz was the guest in the episode of series „Wspólny Język”, conducted in NiUS Radio by Joanna Michalska.

DECEMBER 2024

- 2.12. The first meeting of the new DS US initiative "Harmonia," which combines science and art. Actor Michał Janicki met with DS US PhD Students and presented his interpretation of the art of self-presentation. The meeting took place at the Teatr Kameralny. A report from the event was prepared by UNIWZJA.
- 5.12. The ceremonial nomination of PhDs US took place with PhD DS US Graduates: PhD Izabela Osek (discipline: management and quality sciences), the title: „Zarządzanie kapitałem ludzkim w organizacjach medialnych pod wpływem zjawiska konwergencji mediów”; PhD Karolina Słotwińska (discipline: legal sciences), the title: „Charakter prawny zasady legalizmu w międzynarodowym prawie karnym”; PhD Agnieszka Wąsik (discipline: economics and finance), the title: „Ekonomiczno-finansowe aspekty wykorzystania technologii blockchain w wybranych sektorach polskiej gospodarki”; PhD Louise van Wijgerden-Bachta (discipline: linguistics), the title: „Naturalna dwujęzyczność a studia neofilologiczne. Kształtowanie się kompetencji językowej i poznawczej studentów z biografią bilingwalną na przykładzie

20 osób pochodzenia ukraińskiego studiujących w Polsce.” A report from the event was prepared by UNIWZJA.



- 6.12. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Katarzyna Kwiatkowska, titled: „Wartość rynkowa a struktura akcjonariatu banków w krajach Europy Środkowej.”
- 6.12. PhD Student mgr Kamran Anwar Tanwari, was the guest in the episode of series „Wspólny Język”, conducted in NiUS Radio by Joanna Michalska.
- 7.12. 2nd Rector's Cup Table Tennis Tournament. DS US was represented by PhD Student mgr Mateusz Słomiany and DS US Office Manager mgr Katarzyna Tokarska.
- 12.12. The meeting with Directorate DS US and supervisors and assistant supervisors of 1st year PhD Students.
- 15.12. PhD Student mgr Sara Drożdżyńska was a guest of „Naukowy podwieczorek” in Radio Szczecin, where talked about new technologies, including AI, and their use in psychological research.
- 16.12. DS US took first place in the competition run by Doktoranckie Forum Uniwersytetów Polskich in the category: scientific event organized by the doctoral student council. The competition jury recognized the work of PhD Students in

organizing the Multidisciplinary Conference of Doctoral Students of the University of Szczecin "MKDUS 2.0"

- 17.12. Public defense of the doctoral thesis of mgr Marta Szpatowicz, titled: „Polska fanfikcja a kanon lektur szkolnych.”
- 21.12. PhD Student mgr Hadid Galindo Pianeta, was the guest in the episode of series „Wspólny Język”, conducted in NiUS Radio by Joanna Michalska.
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