# CJVAIK - WEEK 2: Intercultural Brno worksheet

Work in small groups to complete the following tasks and to learn more about Brno.
You will need to consult internet sources as well as to do some "field work" on your own.
Download the file or create your own copy and start filling it in:

Group members:			

## Your relation to Brno:

name	relation	number or detail
Martina	decided to stay here after my studies and also to come back to start family here after living abroad	favourite places - Kino art and Carlini bakery
Carolina	I decided to do part of my university studies in a foreign city, to gain new experiences and practice languages other than Italian	My favourite places in Brno are: Park Lužánky and the Art Bar
Yuta	One of the options of studying abroad and staying here for 1 semester	Favorite restaurant- Nok Nok (Humburger is awesome!)

**Task 1**: Our university is named after Tomáš **Garrigue** Masaryk. What does his middle name mean? What is his connection to Brno? What references to Masaryk can you find in Brno? What can you see in the picture?



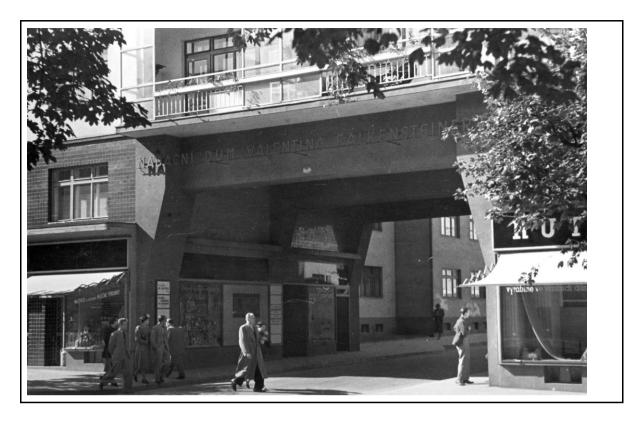
**Task 2**: You might know Café **Falk** which is located very close to Faculty of Arts, but have you thought about its name? What does it refer to? Think about history of Brno and look carefully at the photo below. This source (in Czech, English and German) might help you too: <a href="https://www.bam.brno.cz/en">www.bam.brno.cz/en</a>

## Falk

Means "falcon", bird in German

Also, there are words "nadacni dum valentina falkensteiner" in the picture, which means the foundation house of valentina falkensteiner.

So we can imagine that the word "Falk" may come from falkensteiner.



Task 3: Research history of other Brno street names and places, take notes:

Židenice	
Pellicova ulice	
Mendelovo náměstí	

**Task 4**: **Find 5 differences** (and maybe much more) between the picture below and today's reality.

This past photo from the top of Moravské náměstí shows some differences with actuality

- 1. the building we see at the bottom of the photo, is no longer there today. Consequently, neither is the green around it.
- 2. the statue of the horseman on horseback, present today in the square, was not there in the past.
- 3. the pavement today is more cemented, whereas before it seemed to be more earthy
- 4. the streetcar line is different from the current one, and people used to circulate around it.
- 5. the church on the right has remained the same, but has probably been restored.



**Task 5**. Find information about the **building** which is highlighted in the map. Then, try to find buildings that have similar function, but represent other **traditions**.



This is the Orthodox Cathedral of St. Wenceslas in Brno.

St. Wenceslas Orthodox Church was consecrated in 1931. Bishop Gorazd of Prague attended the consecration. The street where the church is located is now called Gorazdova Street in his honor. Vladimír Stavíček built the building according to plans provided free of charge by architect Petr Levický, for the benefit of all Orthodox believers in Brno and elsewhere.

The building is located in one of the city's largest parks, attracting attention even from afar with its tower, which features a Russian-style dome covered in gold leaf in 2003.



About other traditions...

## The basilica of St. Sophia in Italy

The basilica of St. Sophia is a Greek Catholic place of worship located at 478 Via Boccea, Rome. It is a subsidiary site of the parish of Santa Maria della Presentazione and is the national church of Ukrainians in Rome.

It was Archieparch Josyf Slipyj who, after being imprisoned in a Siberian gulag, wanted its construction in 1963 and, having raised the funds, entrusted the work to Italian architect Lucio Di Stefano.

Created for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic church community, it is inspired by the cathedral of St. Sophia in Kiev; there are many similarities such as the five neo-Byzantine style domes with golden roofs. The altar mosaics are by Ukrainian artist Svyatoslav Hordynsky.



Stil...

#### St. Basil's Cathedral in Russia

The Cathedral of the Intercession of the Mother of Jesus on the Moat, commonly known as St. Basil's Cathedral, is an icon of Moscow and of Russia itself.

Located at the far end of Red Square, next to the Kremlin Gate, this majestic structure was commissioned by Tsar Ivan IV of Russia, known as the Terrible, and built between 1555 and 1561 to commemorate his victory over the Khanate of Kazan

Looking at it up close the first impression it gives is that it is fake, the shapes of the domes and the riot of bright colors making it look like marzipan.

The shape of the building that makes up St. Basil's Cathedral is very strange and has no analogues in Russian architecture, and in fact the complex consists of nine churches connected by tunnels and passages,



**Task 6:** Check basic information about **Břetislav Bakala.** What **institution** is he connected to? What about the institution today? What kind of culture/s is it connected to? Check their website....



**Task 7**. Read the following **article** and find out what are the following **words** referring to: Expat Entrepreneurs: Bringing The Taste of Delhi to Brno – The Story of Namaskar – Brno Daily

NAMASKAR	"hello" in Hindi and other languages
PŘÍBRAM	a small town in Bohemia
HOLI	Indian festivals in which people perform their talents, sing, dance, pray, get colorful, eat and cherish the culture
KARMA	Karma is a concept of action, work, or deed, and its effect or consequences.  "korma" refers to the cooking method used in this dish originating in the Indian subcontinent.

**Task 8**: Find your own example of **international cuisine** in Brno, it can be a restaurant, café, shop. Prepare a short introduction for your colleagues, what do you like about the place best? Share your tips here: <a href="https://padlet.com/1376616/intercultural-communication-ni9f6dxlfxvsmhbd">https://padlet.com/1376616/intercultural-communication-ni9f6dxlfxvsmhbd</a>

**Task 9:** Find at least 3 examples of how **English is used in Brno** and document them, e.g. by taking a note or a photo. Can you observe other languages too?

