



University of Ljubljana  
Faculty of Social Sciences

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University of Ljubljana – The centre  
of knowledge and research in the  
social sciences





## International Exchange

- 200+ incoming exchange students per year
- extensive teaching mobility
- 250+ bilateral agreements (with EU and non-EU countries)



## Education

- 56 years of teaching
- Sociology, Political Science, Communication, Cultural Studies
- 11 bachelor programmes, 12 master's programmes and 3 doctoral programmes (covering 34 areas of study)
- one of the largest academic libraries in Slovenia





## University of Ljubljana – among top 3% in the world

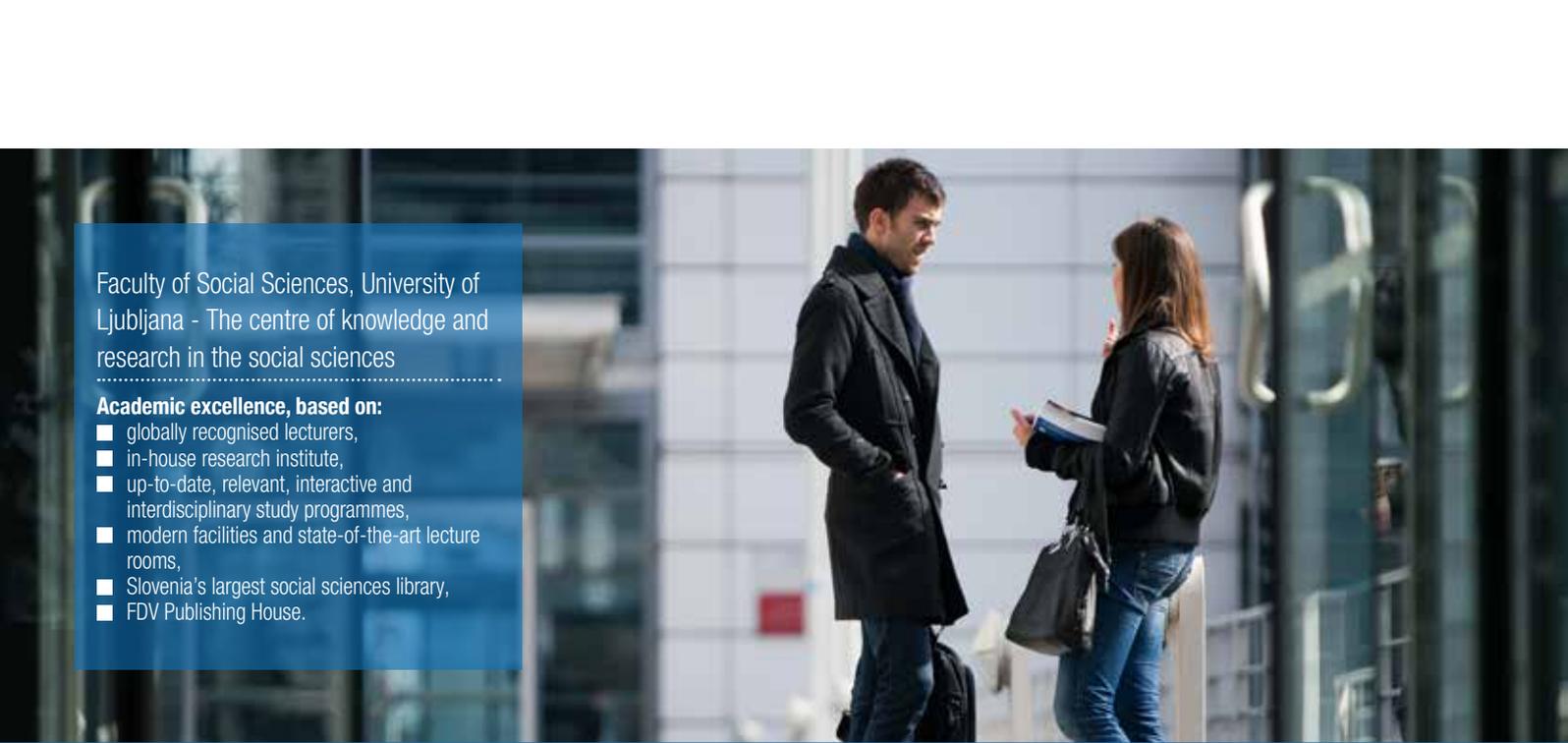
- A comprehensive, traditional, research-oriented University
- 26 full Members: 3 academies and 23 faculties
- 3 associated Members: National University Library, University of Ljubljana Central Technical Library, University of Ljubljana Innovation-Development Institute
- More than 40,000 students
- Among the top Erasmus exchange destinations
- Cross-border, inter-regional, transnational cooperation
- Developing market activity
- Actively involved in a variety of humanitarian campaigns
- The University of Ljubljana Global Network was founded in 2014 and primarily includes foreign scientists, professors and other prominent persons from academic and research and development fields who are connected with Slovenia.

With 23 faculties, three art academies and established in the year 1919, the University of Ljubljana is the oldest higher education and scientific research institution in Slovenia. Each year over 40,000 students upgrade and develop their knowledge and skills at the country's largest educational institution, famous for top-quality achievements in social science, natural science, humanities, medicine, technology and engineering, as well as for artistic achievements by

the three academies. Furthermore, the University has been most successful in research and is therefore the central and largest research institution in Slovenia, with 30% of all registered researchers. It promotes interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary studies and exchanges its achievements in science and art with other universities and scientific research institutions. A particular concern of the University of Ljubljana is the transfer of knowledge to the economy,

which is why it cooperates closely with Slovenian and foreign companies. Its partners include multinational corporations and top Slovenian firms.

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**Academic excellence, based on:**

- globally recognised lecturers,
- in-house research institute,
- up-to-date, relevant, interactive and interdisciplinary study programmes,
- modern facilities and state-of-the-art lecture rooms,
- Slovenia's largest social sciences library,
- FDV Publishing House.

The Faculty of Social Sciences (FDV) is well known for its interdisciplinary study programmes, research activities and high quality teaching, as well as many curricular and extra-curricular activities. The faculty builds its academic excellence through outstanding theoretical and empirical research, extensive scholarly publishing, and a successful transfer of research results in curricula as well as the industries. Up-to-date, relevant and interactive study programmes offer exten-

sive, relevant, systematic, high quality and applicable knowledge about society and social phenomena, both nationally and internationally. Interactive and contemporary study programmes offer a broad understanding of and insight into what is happening in society, as well as a solid basis for developing a critical view of the contemporary social phenomena and for thinking about the challenges, and their possible solutions. We encourage students to actively engage with teachers in our

modern lecture halls, and we seek to involve students in our ongoing research projects, we offer extramural activities and practice in our multimedia classroom, we pride ourselves on having Slovenia's largest social sciences library and our own publishing house. These are some of the reasons for choosing the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ljubljana as your next study destination.

# Structure of the Faculty of Social Sciences

The faculty is subdivided into four departments and twelve chairs:

## Department of Sociology

- Chair of Theoretical Sociology
- Chair for Organizational and Human Resource Management and Development
- Chair of Social Informatics and Methodology

## Department of Communication

- Chair of Media Studies
- Chair of Journalism
- Chair of Marketing Communications and Public Relations

## Department of Cultural Studies

- Chair of Cultural Studies

## Department of Political Science

- Chair of Theoretical Political Science
- Chair of Policy Analysis and Public Administration
- Chair of International Relations
- Chair of Defence Studies

## Chair at the faculty level

- Chair of Foreign Languages

## Our vision

To remain an attractive choice for the best in generations of students. To enable our graduates to remain among the most competitive on the market, but at the same time act as excellent social scientists.

We wish to become an even more visible and prestigious centre of social science education and research, both at home and abroad.

We wish to strengthen our creative academic community of autonomous individuals, whose work is based on the values developed by the Faculty of Social Sciences.

# Study Programmes at the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences offers interdisciplinary and interactive study programmes in the fields of Political Science, Communication, Cultural Studies and Sociology (3 + 2 + 3 structure).

## ■ BACHELOR PROGRAMMES

### In Slovenian:

- Sociology
- Cultural Studies
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Marketing Communications and Public Relations
- Media and Communication Studies
- Political Science - Politics and the State
- Political Science – Defense Studies
- Political Science – Public Policies and Public Administration
- Social Informatics
- Sociology - Human Resource Management

## ■ MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

### In English:

- European Studies
- International Relations
- Political Science - Policy Analysis and Public Administration
- Political Science - Political Theory
- Social Informatics
- Sociology - Management of Organizations, Human Resources and Knowledge

### In Slovenian:

- Communication Studies
- Cultural Studies – Studies in Culture and Religion
- Defense Studies
- Journalism Studies
- Sociology
- Sociology – Management of Organizations, Human Resources and Knowledge
- Strategic Marketing Communication

## ■ JOINT EUROPEAN MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

### In English:

- European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation

## ■ DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

### In English and Slovenian:

- Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programme – The Humanities and Social Sciences

## ■ INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

### In English and Slovenian:

The Faculty of Social Sciences is participating in the following study programmes organised at the university level:

- Environmental Protection
- Statistics

Find out more:



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### Student exchange

We are aware that student exchange programmes contribute to the development of modern societies, ethical values and individuals in general. The faculty offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses for foreign students, based on modern teaching methods. The Faculty of Social Sciences has more than 200 signed bilateral agreements within the Erasmus programme and 30 bilateral agreements with universities located outside of the EU. Every year we host about 250 exchange students and as many as 150 of our students decide to study at our partner universities.



### Career centre

We not only wish to offer our students the best education possible, but also give them an opportunity to form contacts with their future employers. During their studies, students meet numerous experts making guest appearances in practicum sessions and others through work experience. At the University of Ljubljana, 26 institutions have established career centres, which implement different forms of practical training, such as collaborating with different kinds of organisations, engaging experts from practice in the study process, problem solving, team work, mentoring, voluntary work, applicable research projects, event organisation, tutoring, etc.



### Multimedia classroom

The faculty offers programmes in the fields of journalism, media, marketing communications, social science informatics and cultural sciences, which also require multimedia knowledge. This is why the multimedia classroom offers students not only technical support, but also a constantly developing studio, where, as part of the educational process, they can acquire knowledge and skills relating to the creation and design of products for the media supported by new technological facilities and resources. The multimedia classroom provides a professional and fully technically equipped space, which can also be rented by different kinds of organisations for the execution of multimedia projects.

### Student life

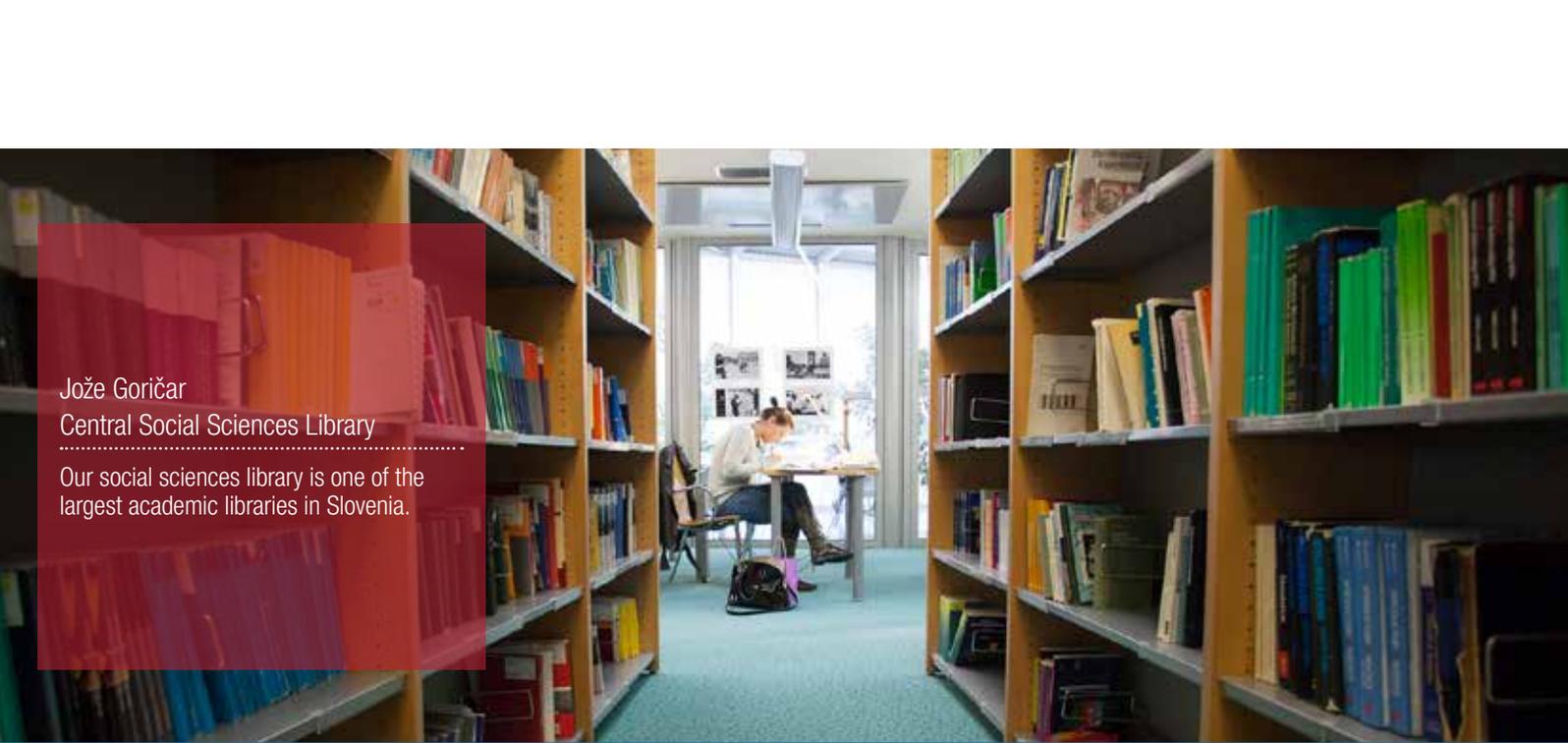
Once our student, you can expect an exciting and diverse student life. This life opens many doors to the recognition and understanding of exciting social theories and practices. There are some well organised supplementary student activities to enrich student life, which are disseminated across the whole university and offer a wide array of options.

### FDV Art Gallery

The Faculty of Social Sciences is an institution open to artists from different provenance. The FDV Art Gallery was born in May 2008 and has since hosted numerous exhibitions by acclaimed Slovene and foreign artists and institutions. Besides its purely artistic purpose, its main objective is to stimulate awareness about social phenomena by combining interpretations of social phenomena from the standpoint of social sciences with those from an artistic viewpoint.

### Alumni

The alumni club has been established in order to give all our graduates the opportunity of networking and staying in touch, thus connecting our faculty with the corporate world and other professional fields, which we are all part of.

A photograph of a library interior. In the foreground, there are several rows of wooden bookshelves filled with books of various colors. In the background, a person is sitting at a small table, reading a book. The room has large windows and a modern, bright atmosphere.

Jože Goričar  
Central Social Sciences Library

Our social sciences library is one of the largest academic libraries in Slovenia.

The Central Social Sciences Library is one of the largest academic libraries in Slovenia. It houses a dedicated social sciences research collection to support the research, teaching and learning needs of the Faculty, the University and the public community in general. It is an arena of intense intellectual inquiry and aspires to remain a forward-looking, diverse and user-oriented library and information center. It continues to embrace change to support professional

growth and enhance its services for present and future users. The Library preserves information across all formats and ensures effective storage and delivery systems. Through promotion of a variety of expert services and e-courses on information literacy the Library enhances access to its resources and collections. The open-access reading room with the inner terrace offer a comfortable, welcoming and creative place for study, research work and interaction.

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## Social Sciences Research Institute

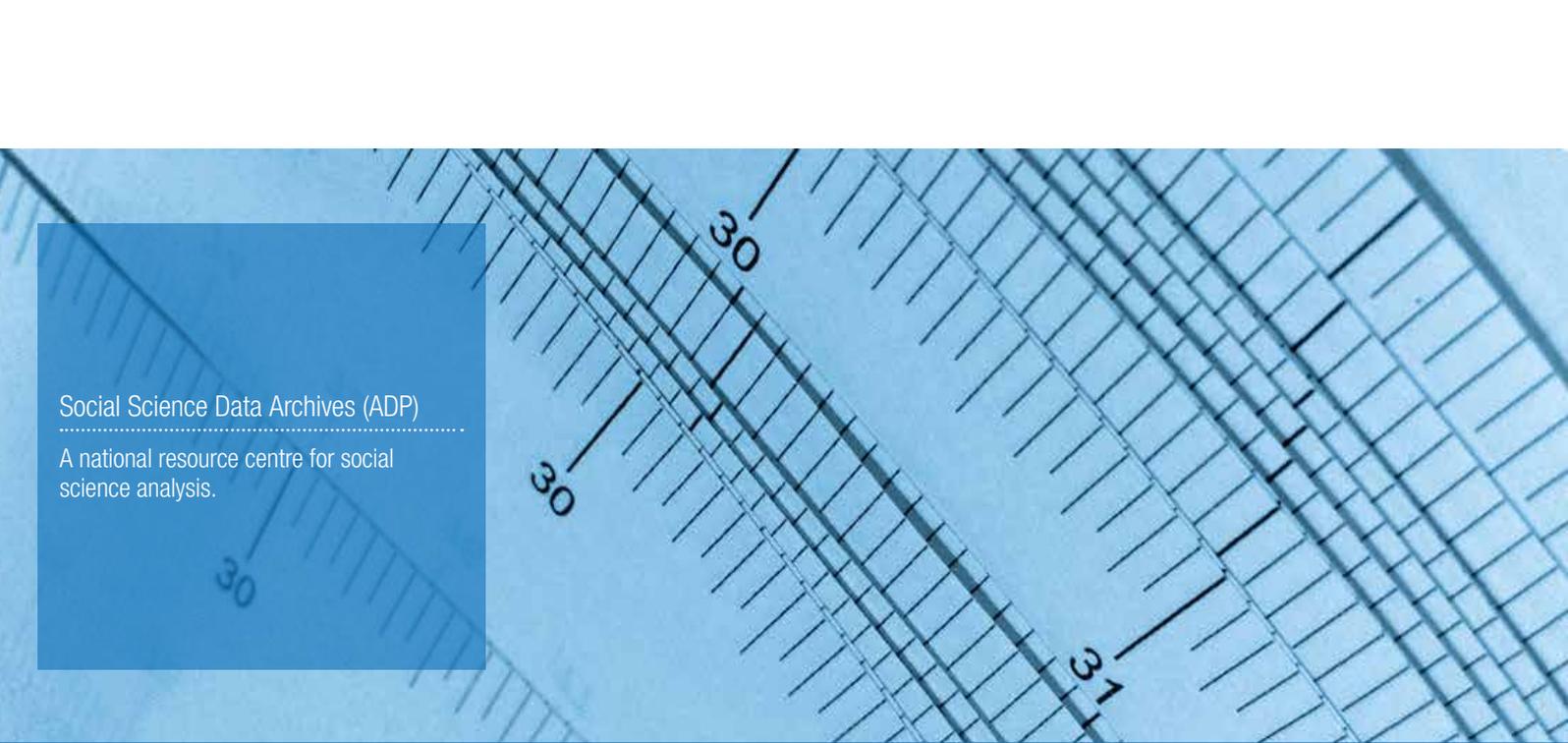
The largest research institute for social sciences in Slovenia.

Research at the Social Sciences Research Institute is carried out within the framework of national and international research programmes. Intensive research is carried out within European Union research projects, but researchers and research centres are also included in other international research. We execute about 80 research projects annually, funded partly by the State and partly by contracts with other organizations or institutions.

**There are 20 research centres within the framework of the institute, active in four areas of social sciences.**

Department of Sociology: Centre for Social Informatics, Centre for Methodology and Informatics, Centre for Welfare Studies, Centre for Organisational and Human Resources Research, Centre for Comparative Corporate and Development Studies, Centre for Spatial Sociology, Public Opinion and Mass Communication Research Centre, Centre for

Social Psychology, Research Center for Strategy and Governance. Department of Political Science: Centre for Political Science Research, International Relations Research Centre, Centre for Critical Approach to Political Science, Center for Analysis of Administrative-Political Processes and Institutions, Defence Research Centre. Department of Communication: Research Centre for the Terminology of Social Sciences and Journalism, Centre for Marketing and Public Relations, Social Communication Research Centre.



## Social Science Data Archives (ADP)

A national resource centre for social science analysis.

The Social Science Data Archives (ADP) is a national resource centre, which acquires data from academic research projects and government or commercial surveys. The archives offer access to data that is interesting for social science analysis, with an emphasis on problems related to Slovenian society. Priority is given to theoretically significant and methodologically well designed studies, especially data gathered over a period of time and international comparative data that

include Slovenia. They are used not only for comparative analyses, but also to examine the reliability and validity of existing measurement tools in the design of new studies. Stored data is in computer-readable form to facilitate further study, statistical analysis, and presentation. Methodological descriptions, such as defining target populations, sample size and design, survey procedures and measurements, provide the basis for assessing the quality of the data for specific

research purposes. Data catalogued covers the following domains: Family, Ecology, Public Opinion, Quality of Life, Media, International Relations, Migration, Politics and Government, Religion, Social Structure, Victimisation, Elections, Values. Users of the archive are national and international researchers, teachers and students who are literate in data and statistics. Data is often used as background material for teaching and practical exercises with students.



## FDV Publishing House

As a non-profit publisher, our publishing house supports and complements different education and research activities at the faculty.

The FDV Publishing House has been in existence since 1996 and publishes scientific and professional publications and science journals linked to teaching and research activities of the faculty, as well as textbooks and other materials for students. It has its own bookshop at the faculty, which offers special discounts to students. The bookshop is located at the main entrance of the faculty. The books it publishes can be bought in various bookshops in Slovenia or ordered online. Digital books

can also be bought at the iBookstore, while some are available for free downloading. Our publishing house was one of the first in Slovenia to enter digital publishing and the iBookstore. Every year over 30 new works are published within 24 book collections. The faculty journal Theory and Practice is also issued by the publishing house. Our publishing includes a wide range of works, from teaching materials for students through curriculum-oriented textbooks and e-resources, to the

most specialized academic research outputs. We strive to maintain and extend our reputation for high quality and technological innovation to meet the needs of our customers, authors and readers.

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## Journals

The Faculty of Social Sciences is a (co) publisher of several scientific journals from various fields of social sciences.

The longest running published interdisciplinary journal of social sciences in Slovenia is “Teorija in praksa”. The journal was founded by the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, in 1964 and has been a central professional Slovenian publication in the field of political science, sociology, journalism and media studies, defence, communication and cultural studies. The journal is published at least twice a year in the English language.

The “Družboslovne razprave” journal, co-published with the Slovenian Sociological Association, was first published in 1984. It publishes articles in the Slovenian and English languages in the fields of sociology, media studies, political science, cultural studies and other studies, which are related to these fields. Four other co-published journals have shorter histories, but are also successfully included in various international bibliographical databases; “Advances in Methodology

and Statistics”, “The Journal of Comparative Politics”, and most internationally recognized journals, also included in the Social Sciences Citation Index, “Javnost – The Public” and “The Journal of International Relations and Development”.

To find out more please visit:  
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## Slovenia

Slovenia is a small and picturesque country and lies at the heart of Europe, where the Alps and the Pannonian plains meet the Mediterranean and the Karst. When in Slovenia, all of its many attractions are in the palm of your hand. It is just 240 km to the Slovenian border from Vienna, 230 km from Budapest, 400 km from Milan and 145 km from Venice.



### Ljubljana – a beautiful place to live and study

Ljubljana is a city that will surprise you and exceed your expectations. It is unique – small in size, but huge in its hospitality and quality of life. On 275 m<sup>2</sup> you will find all the characteristics of big metropolises and at the same time, you will be fascinated by its greenery, cleanness, safety, and friendliness of its 287,000 residents.

If you take a look over Ljubljana Castle's viewing tower, you soon realize that you are surrounded by nature. Lju-

bljana echoes the surrounding nature, learns from it, but most of all respects it. Numerous changes have happened in a short period, which is one of the reasons Ljubljana held the European Green Capital 2016 title. This prestigious title from the European Commission was a great honour and the highest recognition of our efforts to reach the primary goal of ensuring a high quality of life for our citizens in a beautiful and healthy environment. The city centre, now open only to pedestrians and cyclists, is

like a big living room and a cultural and social setting, while former degraded areas have been transformed into numerous parks, green spaces and playgrounds, where citizens relax and socialize. Welcome to the city where green is at home.

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# Research

- 51 years of research
- 130+ national and international research projects per year
- 20 active research centres



# Engagement & Influence

- 1000+ media mentions per year
- 11000+ people engaged through 5 social media platforms
- 100+ events on current social topics per year
- 2000+ alumni members





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