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# Progress Report

SAIAD - Student Association of  
International Affairs and  
Development

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# About SAIAD

SAIAD - international affairs, networking, development, community, diplomacy.

On December the 6th, 17 students from different programmes at the Jagiellonian University, in the company of 2 graduate advisors, founded the Student Association of International Affairs and Development.

SAIAD is a self-formed, self-governed, autonomous - University Student Organisation - that aims to promote international cooperation between the Polish and international communities at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków with the rest of the world, in regard to the fields of international affairs and development through the implementation of projects within its seven operative sections such as National, European and International Cooperation; Communications, Social Affairs, Gender Equality and Development.

## Mission and Vision

SAIAD operates on a University level and accepts members from all faculties and programmes at the JU. If you believe that you can improve international skills through practical use of networking and diplomacy while belonging to a pro-active and positive community, SAIAD is for you.

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# Meet the Team

From 17 students from the Faculty of International and Political Studies, SAIAD grown to 70 students from different faculties and programmes at the Jagiellonian University, and 25 nationalities represented.

## **SAIAD Board Members**

- Marco Reyes-Bernal - Chairman
- Esther Staes - General Coordinator
- François Paquot - Secretary
- Kaja Jakubiec - Human Resources
- Ekrem Gökçe - Treasurer
- Dominika Targosz - Public Relations
- Caetano Dallora - Attorney

## **SAIAD Deputies**

- Kaja Jakubiec - Deputy Chairwomen
- Yana Tkachuk - Deputy General Coordinator
- Shayantan Bhowmick - Deputy Secretary
- Toni Hast - Deputy Treasurer
- Natalia Pichnor - Deputy Human Resources
- Isabel Gostek - Deputy Public Relations

## **SAIAD Team Leaders**

- Yana Tkachuk - Communications Team Leader
- Elizabeth Krivenja - National Cooperation Team Leader
- Emanuela Esteves Cabral - Social Affairs Team Leader
- Agata Pyka - European Cooperation Team Leader
- Andrea Mauricio - International Cooperation Team Leader
- Morgana Bettega - Gender Equality Team Leader
- Lara Maria Guedes - Development Team Leader

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# Meet the Team

## **SAIAD Communications Team**

- Julia Dąbczyńska - Advisor
- Mayank Anand
- Mariia Hershova
- Natalia Pichnor
- Sofiya Viazovich
- Katarina Walker

## **SAIAD National Cooperation Team**

- Magda Lendo - Advisor
- Shayantan Bhowmick
- Jialing Chi
- Yana Kopyna
- Aleksandra Piekarska
- Michalina Strąk
- Klaudia Syska

## **SAIAD Social Affairs Team**

- Martha García - Advisor
- Mayank Anand
- Catalina García Ugarte
- Natalia Pichnor
- Viktoriia Vynarchuk

## **SAIAD European Cooperation Team**

- Toni Hast - Advisor
- Wiktoria Barteczko
- Jakub Bator
- Yana Kopyna
- Francesca Marconi
- Aleksandra Piekarska
- Yana Tkachuk
- Ravi Vara
- Sofiya Viazovich

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## **SAIAD International Cooperation Team**

- Martha García - Advisor
- Hubert Bieniek
- Caetano Dallora
- Toni Hast
- Yunjeong Hwang
- Harsh Jain

## **SAIAD Gender Equality Team**

- Emilia Calle
- Justyna Gołąb
- Vladyslava Komar
- Yulia Lesyshak
- Valeria Quintana Solis
- Katarina Walker
- Roza Yashar

## **SAIAD Development Team**

- Wiktoria Barteczko
- Emanoela Esteves Cabral
- Artem Serebro
- Alexandra Shmeleva
- Shoeb Shaik
- Valeria Quintana Solis
- Klaudia Syska

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## **SAIAD Graduate Advisors**

- María Elena Arcos Rodríguez
- Yevheniia Berehova
- Dominika Dudek
- Cüneyt Ergörün
- Shadi Firouzi Tabar
- Kateryna Halko
- Mariia Hershova
- Arthur Konopka
- Ulyana Kubenko
- Julia Makulik
- Zelalem Nardos
- Nataliia Pelypets
- Gunel Shukorova
- Ericsson Sing
- Natalia Solarz

# Projects

*During the Academic year 2020-2021, SAIAD created and hosted 12 projects.*

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14 February 2021 - Valentine's Letters

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16 February 2021 - Legends of Kazimierz with Mariia Hershova

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23-24 February 2021 - Operation Diplomat Part 1  
(Collaboration with ELSA-Kraków)

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13 April, 27 April 2021 - A New Perspective to  
Combat Human Trafficking: Comparison between  
Poland and Mexico (Collaboration with the Latin  
American Research Society)

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26 April 2021 - Development Talks: a meeting with Agata  
Krząstek a former United Nations Youth Delegate of Poland  
(Collaboration with the Latin American research Society)

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29 April 2021 - Brainstorming Happy Hour

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10 May 2021 - Development Talks: a meeting with Lidia Powirska  
ISAD lecturer, a former member of the OSCE and UN missions

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2 June 2021 - Your Voice Matters

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# Projects

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10 June 2021 - Uterus and Choice: a reflexion about the abortion as a Human Right

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15 -16 June - Operation Diplomat Part 2  
(Collaboration with AEGEE-Kraków)

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30 June 2021 - The killing of LGBTQIA+ women in Brazil and their increased vulnerability associated with the urban violence and prejudices among the justice system

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Continuous - Kazimierz Series



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# Kazimierz Series

## KSSM&AIAS

The Kazimierz Series is a dynamic joint project among SAIAD, KSSM and AIAS that aims to create consciousness about migration through the publication of the migration stories behind small entrepreneurs in Kraków.

The project has three stages of implementation that go from the selection, official logo's design, initial round of interviews and generation of questions in the first stage; the second stage with the final round of interviews and publication of the stories; and the last and third stage with the organisation of a networking event to connect the participants with the public and private sectors.

“Kazimierz” is a reference to the iconic Kazimierz III Wielki, who granted privileges and protections in favour of migrant Jewish communities, to settle in Poland.

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# Kazimierz Series

First 5 businesses behind the Kazimierz Series stories:

## NiĆ

NiĆ it is not just a coffee place but a foundation that promotes Ukrainian art and literature in the middle of their colorful and modern installations.

## Evenchilada

Evenchilada found its own way to survival after the pandemic times, from the USA to the UK, Australia and Poland their story will inspire you.

## Yummy India Foodies

Yummy India Foodies tell us how to share your emotions in the food you make. The Indian culture with its mysteries and traditions will give you a new perspective of eating, and living.

## Pizzeria Vicenti

Pizzeria Vicenti is the place where dozens of people enjoy the original Italian flavors. As for us, we learned that the great stories are not just from migrants in Poland, but from Poles in foreign lands.

## Bubble Kingdom

The Bubble Kingdom in the center of Kraków, transported us to the Taiwanese shops that invented the now very popular concept of Bubble Tea. Joyful and vibrant, you will enjoy the atmosphere of the place, even if only buying to take away.

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# Kazimierz Series

Second 5 businesses behind the Kazimierz Series stories:

## Doskoi

Doskoi offers a realistic approach towards Japanese cuisine. Forget about what you think you know about Japan! And rediscover its essence at Keigo's kitchen.

## Yakamoz Kuchnia Turecka

Yakamoz Kuchnia Turecka made us understand the significance of new beginnings, a mixture of Turkish food with an impeccable and proud Azerbaijani execution.

## TAMAM

From the offices in the corporate world to the local entrepreneur's scene, its owners are writing their own stories in Poland. TAMAM, is the perfect place to gather with family or just enjoy Turkish tea with friends.

## Tío Malo

Tío Malo rescues the Mexican tradition of street food. From their "sudadero" tacos to the original Mexican drinks, their food will make you feel and listen the Mariachi's joyful music at your heart.

## Coffee Cult

Coffee Cult brings the Ukrainian cult of coffee to Kraków, with its original flavors and owners dynamic personalities, you will never felt away from home.

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# Kazimierz Series

Final 2 businesses behind the Kazimierz Series stories:

## Knitted Coffee

Knitted Coffee, from their adventurous journey from Ukraine to Poland, establishing a food truck and currently owning three locations, knitted coffee mixes good taste and original decoration crafted by their owners.

## Spin-Off Canada

### ICE Americas

We decided to make s Canadian spin-off with ICE Americas, an institute specialized in Cultural Diplomacy based in Toronto, Ontario. Salvador Alanis, co-founder and director talked to us about his professional path that evolved from the production world to the arts scene.

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# Nominations

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Cracow's Ambassador of Multiculturalism by the City Council of Kraków.

# Where we are today

*"We used this hard time to develop our association, when every other student organisation stepped down because of the pandemic, we stepped in!"* - Marco Reyes-Bernal, SAIAD Chairman.

- We did promote international cooperation between Polish and international communities.
- We did implement 12 projects within the SAIAD 7 operative sections, gathering experts from 8 nationalities.
- We did collaborate with 8 different organisations from the public sector.
- We did partner with 12 small entrepreneurs in Poland and the world.

We thank you for your support in our efforts to contribute to the SAIAD organisation!



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