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**Her personal motto is:**

**“...the well-being of our students and academic and other staff is a fundamental prerequisite for the success of their studies and work. The prestige of Charles University must therefore be demonstrated not only through high-quality degree programmes, but also by a safe, friendly organizational culture and access to support in any difficult situations that students or academic staff may find themselves in...”**