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81 teachers (23 habilitated doctors and 45 doctors), 76 doctoral students.

MAIN RESEARCH TRENDS OF THE FACULTY

Historical genesis of contemporary philosophy, its nature and role

Society, community and individual: change of life quality and values

Research of neural system and behaviour

PROCEDURE OF HABILITATION IN 2009


L. Žalimienė. Social Services and Contradictions of Institutionalisation of Market Relationship: the Case of Lithuania.


R. Kočiūnas. Existential Experience and Group Psychotherapy.

G. Gudaitė. Personality Changes: Conditions, Processes and Assessment.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS DEFENDED IN 2009


I. Žukauskaitė. Factors of the New Employees’ Organizational Socialization: the Role of the Mentor.
CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED IN 2009


Periodical seminars „Consilium Educationis”, Vilnius.

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Lecturers: Dr. J. Čiurlionis, Dr. K. Sabolius, V. Pivorius.


RESEARCH INTERESTS

General trends in the development of philosophy and specific manifestations of these trends at the turn of the Millennia

Changes in the role of philosophy during the transition from the classical to postmodern informational civilization, focusing on the changes in the methods and modes of philosophical reflection

History of positivist philosophy, focusing on relations between positivist and pragmatist philosophy

The problem of value-neutrality of science in philosophy of science, sociology of science and analytical metethics

The fundamental structure of Western metaphysics

Historical change of the fundamental structure of Western metaphysics

The impact of metaphysics on the rise of modern natural science

Metaphysical elements in modern science
Philosophical reflection of everyday world

Philosophy of cinema

Practical philosophy with special consideration given to ecological ethics

The problem of dialogue in the hermeneutical philosophy

The ontology of language

Language as fundamental philosophical problem

Philosophical poetics in contemporary philosophy

Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein

The place of philosophy in the process of globalization

Methodical problems in the teaching of philosophy at secondary and higher schools

Local and global culture

Philosophy of Martin Heidegger

The place of local cultures in the process of globalization

Natural and artificial language

**RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2009**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**


All the members of the Department of Philosophy dealt with problems related to the main theme of research. Special attention was paid to the notions of globalitarism and globalopolis. These notions are used to trace the essential changes undergone by the local cultural forms and, in the first place, by philosophy itself. These changes are linked with the transition from local to global thinking that presupposes the powerful flow of information which has a formidable impact on the consciousness of man. The situation was in a most thorough way analysed in “The Destiny of Philosophy”. The monograph written by A. Šliogeris and A. Mickūnas is intended to be published not only in Europe but the USA as well. The impact of globalization upon language is examined in some papers of M. Gutauskas, J. Saldukaitytė and, L. Junutytė. In addition, some autonomous subthemes are also being investigated in the Department. S.Jankauskas looks into the reception of traditional philosophy in the globalitarian universe. The role of art in technological society is investigated in A. Šliogeris’ monograph “The Thing and Art“. Very close to the same
subtheme, are the philosophical studies of imagination accomplished by K Sabolius. The Department also continued the studies of the subtheme, which has almost become traditional. This subtheme presupposes a virtual dialogue with prominent philosophers of the West who are considering the same problem of the impact of globalization upon culture. In this dialogue, attention is focused on the theory of simulation and its ramifications as analysed by J. Baudrillard and G. Deleuze. The above mentioned results testify that investigations continue and the main theme of the Department is being developed in a comprehensive and effective way.

**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

**COOPERATION**

Novosibirsk Institute of Economics, Psychology and Law (Russia)

European Humanitarian University, Vilnius

**OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Prof. E. Nekrašas** –

- editorial board member of the journals *Prolemos (Problems)*, *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy. Sociology)*, *Lithuanian Foreign Policy Review*;
- editorial board member of the journal *Politologija (Political Science)*;
- corresponding member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences;
- chairman of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society.

**Prof. A. Šliogeris** –

- editorial board member of the journals *Prolemos (Problems)*, *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy. Sociology)*;
- member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

**Doc. L. Jakavonytė** –

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Philosophy in classical and modern civilizations

Modern – postmodern controversy

Information society studies

Analytical philosophy and hermeneutics

Logic

Postmodern philosophy

Social philosophy

Contemporary Christian philosophy

Ethics

Religion studies

Philosophy of history

**RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2009**

Projects Supported by University Budget

The main research titles accomplished in 2009: history of world philosophy and Lithuanian philosophy: conceptual analysis of the occidental reception of Confucian moral philosophy, investigation into the early history of Christian philosophy, historical development and the current stage of Lithuanian philosophy; research on communication in Knowledge Society: inquiry into the fundamental principles of the ongoing interdisciplinary human and social sciences research in Lithuania; research on contemporary analytic philosophy of science and fundamental issues of moral philosophy.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation


Other Programmes and Projects


MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Institute of Philosophy at the Nikolaus Copernicus University, Torun (Poland)

Jesuit Faculty of Philosophy, Cracow (Poland)

Polish Academy of Art and Sciences (Poland)

Novosibirsk Institute of Economics, Psychology and Law (Russia)

European Humanitarian University, Vilnius

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES


- director of Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University;

- member of the Council of the Institute of Philosophy, Culture and Arts;

- editorial board member of the journal Sociologija (Sociology);
• editorial board member of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*.

**Doc. K. Dubnikas –**

• expert of the Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education.

**Doc. N. Radavičienė –**

• editor-in-chief of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*;

• member of Academic Commission of Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University;

• member of Lithuanian Association of Philosophers, member of the Council;

• member of the Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University;

• vice-chairman of the Commission for Academic Ethics, Vilnius University.

**Dr. J. Dagys –**

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Lecturers: D. Butkienė, Dr. M. Dovydaitienė, K. Dragūničius, Dr. V. Navickas, Dr. V. Pakalniškienė.


RESEARCH INTERESTS

Influence of Colour Contrast, Adaptation and Location of Stimuli in Visual Field on Colour Perception (on Colour Constancy)

Selection and Registration of Psychophysical Parameters for Estimation of Effectiveness of Human Being Activity

Procedural justice in criminal and civil proceedings

Development of asocial personality

The problems of psychological functioning of students and teachers in the system of Higher Education of Lithuania

Development of language and thinking

Intelligence testing with children

Psychopathology of early relationships

Addiction psychology: early detection and intervention
Cognitive Development and Social Cognition in Adolescence

Career Psychology

Emotion and Behavioural Problems of Lithuanian Schoolchildren

**RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2009**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**


In 2009 we examined the peculiarities of perceived procedural justice in four countries: Lithuania, Russia, Germany and Cyprus. All subjects filled up a 5 scale procedural justice questionnaire and socio-demographic questions. We used Lithuanian, Russian and English version of the questionnaire. 438 subjects participated in the survey: 155 Lithuanians, 83 Russians, 98 Germans and 102 Cyprians. Our subjects were high school students’ with an age ranging from 18 to 55. Preliminary analysis of data have shown significant differences in perceived procedural justice among the different countries’ subjects (for example, in regard to Lithuania, Russia and Cyprus, subjects in Germany had more confidence in police officers, courts and judges, were more satisfied with their work and their critical attitude was lower). Also we tested some psychometric characteristics of the procedural justice questionnaire.


Influence of adaptation upon the perceived orientation of visual object was under experimental investigation. It has been shown that there are four orientations which do not change under prolonged viewing and they are subjectively stable under small random changes in orientation of adapting objects. Besides there are four other orientations which also do not change under adaptation but they are sensitive to small random changes in orientations of adapting object. The obtained results are in good agreement with the properties predicted by the model described earlier. Two papers were published on the base of the obtained experimental data (JOSA, A, 2009, July; Psichologija, 2009. 39).


The conscious and unconscious responses of the facial muscles were analyzed under presentation of pictures with different pain expressions. For that the dispersion analysis was used. SPSS package was adapted to estimate the differences in muscle responses under seeing of different pain expressions in course of different reference period of time. It is shown that the greater is the mimic pain expression carried out the larger are the responses
of the *corrugator supercilii* muscles. Moreover, the analyze shown that the unconscious muscles responses depend on the level of facial pain expression: in some specific time cross section the size of the muscle responses increase while the pain expression is severely stressed.


The research study „Wellbeing and risk factors of gifted and talented schoolchildren“ was carried out by group researchers (Gintilienė Gražina, Girdzijauskienė Sigita, Butkienė Dovilė) according to the agreement with the National Center of Special Education and Psychology. The data based on the results of the gifted (WISC –III IQ 130 and more or more 95 percentile on Raven’s CPM ) 37 preschoolers, 56 primary schoolchildren and 5 gymnasium students revealed emotional problems of intellectually gifted children. Teachers (from kindergartens and primary schools) reported more emotional problems of gifted children than their parents did. The overall score of gifted preschoolers for emotional symptoms was significantly higher than the same score of the representative sample of the Lithuanian 6 year children. On SDQ Emotional scale items primary school teachers (10,2-20,3 %) ratings indicating difficulties of gifted children were more prevalent in comparison with the teachers responses for the representative sample of the Lithuanian 7-10 years children (5,7-10,5%). The variety of factors, including context of school, family environment and friendship in relation to well-being of primary gifted schoolchildren as well as of the gymnasium students was analyzed. The research findings indicated that the supportive school and family environment, advanced skills teachers, and good relationship with friends affects a gifted subjective well-being.

**Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation**


**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

**COOPERATION**

Child Development Centre (Lithuania)

Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)
UK Manchester UMIST (UK)

**OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Prof. A. Bagdonas** –

- Member of Lithuanian Neurobiological Association;
- Member of General Education Council of Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science.

**Doc. F. Laugalys** –

- Editorial Board Executive Secretary of the Journal *Psychologija (Psychology)*, [www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psychologija](http://www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psychologija);
- Member of ISSBD; [www.issbd.org](http://www.issbd.org).

**Prof. G. Valickas** –

- Editor-in-chief of the Journal *Psychologija (Psychology)* [www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psychologija](http://www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psychologija);
- Member of the Senate of Vilnius University;
- Vice-chairman of the Committee of Science of Vilnius University;
- Expert of the Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
- Member of the Board of Criminological Studies Centre of Vilnius University.

**Doc. B. Pociūtė** –

- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Psychologija (Psychology)* [www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psychologija](http://www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psychologija);
- Member of ISSBD; [www.issbd.org](http://www.issbd.org);
- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt](http://www.lps.vu.lt);

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- Member of the Scientific Committee of EMCDDA [www.emcdda.europa.eu](http://www.emcdda.europa.eu);
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Ugdymo psichologija* (Educational Psychology) [www.vpu.lt/](http://www.vpu.lt/).

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- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Ugdymo psichologija* (Educational Psychology) [www.vpu.lt/](http://www.vpu.lt/).

**Doc. R. Bliumas** –
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**Doc. G. Gintilienė** –
- Member of ISSBD, [www.issbd.org/](http://www.issbd.org/);
- Member of the International Study Group on Special Education Needs;
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- Member of Certification Commission of School Psychologists under the Ministry of Education and Science;

**Dr. D. Ėčuolienė** –
- Member of Society for Research of Child Development (SRCD), [www.srcd.org/](http://www.srcd.org/);
- President of the Family Counseling Society;
- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt/](http://www.lps.vu.lt/).

**Doc. S. Girdzijauskienė** –
- Member of the International Study Group on Special Education Needs;
- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt](http://www.lps.vu.lt).

**Doc. R. Jusienė** –
- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt](http://www.lps.vu.lt);
• Member of ISSBD, [www.issbd.org](http://www.issbd.org);

• Member of European Society for Developmental Psychology [www.esdp.info](http://www.esdp.info).

Prof. H. Vaitkevičius –

• Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt](http://www.lps.vu.lt);

• Member of the Committee on Scientific Affairs of EFPA, [www.efpa.be](http://www.efpa.be);

• Member of Professors’ Council of Latvian University;

• Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Psichologija (Psychology)* [www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psychologija](http://www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psychologija);

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Senior assistant: Dr. P. Skruibis.


RESEARCH INTERESTS

Investigation of the DSH (deliberate self-harm) and effects of long lasting traumatisation
Research in existential-phenomenological psychology and psychotherapy in cross cultural context

Developmental psychopathology

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2009

Projects Supported by University Budget


Validation of the research methods for the investigation of the impact of psychosocial stress and posttraumatic growth. Evaluation of the impact of family stress on children and adults.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation


**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

**COOPERATION**

Oslo University (Norway)

Umea University (Sweden)

University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

University of Trondheim (Norway)

University of Medicine of Kaunas (Lithuania)

University of Pécs (Ungarn)

**OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

Prof. D. Gailienė –

- full Member of the International Academy for Suicide Research (IASR), [www.uni-wuerzburg.de/IASR/](http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/IASR/);
- Consulting Editor of the Journal *Archives of Suicide Research*;
- Associate Editor of the Journal *European Psychologist*, [www.hhpub.com/journals/ep/journals.html](http://www.hhpub.com/journals/ep/journals.html);
- Associate Editor of the Journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*; [www.leidykla.vu.lt](http://www.leidykla.vu.lt);
- Member of the Lithuanian Committee of Medical Bioethics, [www.bioetika.sam.lt](http://www.bioetika.sam.lt);
- Member of International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP), [www.med.uio.no/iasp/](http://www.med.uio.no/iasp/);
- Member of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Suizidprophylaxe (DGSP), [www.suizidprophylaxe.de/](http://www.suizidprophylaxe.de/);
- Member of American Suicidological Association (ASA);
- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt/](http://www.lps.vu.lt/);
- Member of European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), [www.estss.org](http://www.estss.org).
Prof. R. Kočiūnas –

- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt/](http://www.lps.vu.lt/);
- Member of Society for Existential Analysis (Great Britain);
- General Secretary of East European Association for Existential Therapy, [www.exist-assotiation.eu](http://www.exist-assotiation.eu);
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Psychologija (Psychology)*, [www.leidykla.vu.lt](http://www.leidykla.vu.lt);
- Editorial Board Member of the *Journal of Baltic Psychology* (Latvia);
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Existential Analysis* (Great Britain), [www.existentialanalysis.co.uk](http://www.existentialanalysis.co.uk);
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Psychotherapy* (Russia);
- Editorial Board Member of the *Journal of Mental Medicine and Ecology* (Russia);
- Editorial Board Member of the International Journal *Existential Tradition: Philosophy, Psychology, Psychotherapy*;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Counselling Psychology and Psychotherapy (Russia);
- Editorial Board Member of the International Journal *Existenta: Psychology and Psychotherapy*, [www.existradi.ru](http://www.existradi.ru);
- Representative from Lithuania in the Psychotherapy Committee of European Federation of Psychological Associations.

**Doc. R. Bieliauskaitė –**

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt](http://www.lps.vu.lt);
- Member of the Lithuanian Society of Individual Psychology;
- Member of the Board of Experts of the Inspector of Journalists’ Ethics.

**Doc. D. Bagdžiūnienė –**

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt](http://www.lps.vu.lt/).

**Doc. R. Sargautytė –**

- Member of the Lithuanian Pain Society (LSD);
- Member of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), www.iasp-pain.org/defsopen.html;

- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt/;

- Member of Steering Committee CEESBM (Central and Eastern Europe Society for Behavioural Medicine).

**Doc. G. Gudaitė –**

- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt/;

- Individual and Full Member of the International Association of Analytical Psychology, www.iaap.org/;

- Member of the Lithuanian Association of AP;

- Board Member of the Lithuanian Society of Psychotherapy;

- Board Member of Lithuanian Association of Gestalt Therapy.

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- Board member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt/;

- Member of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), www.estss.org/.

**Doc. R. Barkauskienė –**

- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt/;

- National Representative at EFPA Standing Committee of Ethics;

- Member of the International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities, www.iarld.com;

- Member of International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, www.issbd.org;

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RESEARCH INTERESTS AND TRENDS

Analysis of theoretical discourses (social constructivism, theories of (post)modernity, critical theory, criminological discourses)

Sociology of education

Sociology of deviations and crime

Rural and urban sociology

Sociology of communities and rural community development

Sociology of science

Sociology of youth

Theoretical and empirical issues in the research on family

Corruption and anti-corruption activity

Policy analysis of social inclusion
Technologies of social innovations (participatory action research, social partnerships, digital communities)

Role of mass media in contemporary society

Post communist social transformation in Lithuania in the comparative perspective

Social theory of Max Weber

Methodology of comparative historical sociological research

Rational choice approach in sociology

Comparative historical sociological imperiology

**RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2009**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**

**Social Discourses and Action.** Prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2006–2011.

The field research on social inequality (participating in the FP6 project EUROEQUAL STREP) was accomplished. Research of the post-communist transformation in Lithuania from the viewpoint of comparative historical sociology was accomplished. The imperial features of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania were investigated from the comparative historical sociological aspect.

Research in the field of the history of sociology and analysis of the met theoretical discourse has been preceded. The members of the department were participating in the research programs analyzing the phenomenon of the corruption. Research work in the rural and communities sociology was continued with special attention to the activities of the EQUAL development communities and the activities of LEADER+ local action groups in developing and implementing social innovations in the area of social policy.

**International Science Programmes and Projects**


**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

**COOPERATION**

Sociology Department, Uppsala University (Sweden)

Department of Sociology, University of Jyväskylä (Finland)
Department of Sociology, Eastern Caroline University (USA)

Swedish School of Social Science (Sweden)

University of Helsinki (Finland)

Political Science and Sociology, National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland)

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**OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Prof. A. Matulionis** –

- member-expert of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences;
- member-expert of the Latvian Academy of Sciences;
- editorial board member of the journal *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology)*;
- editorial board member of the journal *Socialiniai mokslai (Social Sciences)*;
- editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology)*;
- member of the International Sociological Association (ISA).

**Prof. Z. Norkus** –

- editorial board member of the journal *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology)*;
- deputy Dean for Research of the Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University;
- editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology)*;
- editorial board member of the journal *Santalka*;
- editorial board member of the *Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia*.

**Prof. A. Dobryninas** –

- member of steering committee of European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control;
- editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology)*;
- editorial board member of the *Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia*.

**Prof. A. Poviliūnas** –

- SUSTAIN network, [http://sockom.helsinki.fi/forum/eng/SUSTAIN-network.htm](http://sockom.helsinki.fi/forum/eng/SUSTAIN-network.htm);
- Lithuanian expert of the group of non governmental experts in fight against poverty and social exclusion, European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG;

- editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology)*.

**Doc. I. Juozeliūniene** –

- member of the Family Research Committee (RC 06) of the International Sociological Association (ISA);

- member of the Nordic Family Research Network (NFRN).

**Prof. A. Valantiejus** –

- editor-in-chief of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology)*;

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Transformations of education policy in Lithuania

Monitoring of education policy and system

Education objectives and benchmarks of European Union and national adaptations

Research of curriculum development and management

Educational management in Lithuania

Sustainability in education

Studies of Lithuanian educational heritage

Dialogue between cultures in education
Striving to define preconditions for optimization of contemporary school learners and students' intercultural education, the theoretical and empirical researches in this field were further conducted in 2009. The sample of 600 senior school learners from general education secondary schools and gymnasiums was researched to highlight changes in learners' intercultural education under conditions of intensive globalization. The research aimed to highlight attitudes of contemporary school learners to peculiarities of change in national, common cultural and religious values; changes in emotional experiences related to these values and changes in tendencies of behaviour that practically externalizes these values. The value-based orientations of higher education students and tendencies in dynamics of factors determining such orientations were also among focuses of the research.

Some data of theoretical and empirical research were included into the monograph "Lietuvos švietimo politikos transformacijos" (2009) (Transformations in Lithuanian Education Policy) collectively prepared in the Department, other results will serve as basis for the teaching aid “Vertybių kaita ir ugdomas” (Change in Values and Education) which is being prepared now. The data of the research conducted in 2009 were disseminated in republican and international conferences. The conferences in Lithuanian include: “The Change in Education between 1988-2008” (presentations: “Change in Values: Education Strategies and Reality”, V. Aramavičiūtė; “Overcoming of Social Reproduction as Key Challenge to Changes in Lithuanian Education”, L. Duoblienė; “Who Cares about Justice in Education?”, G. Purvaneckienė and G. Ėiužaitė), “Culture and Media: Global and Local Aspects” (“Teaching Media in Lithuania: Artistic or Critical Literacy?”, L. Duoblienė) and the conference “Achievement and Visions. Twenty Years for Studies of Sociology in Lithuania” (“Changing Attitude of Lithuanian Citizens to Family”, G. Purvaneckienė). The list of international conferences abroad comprises: the conference held in Linz (Austria)“Erasmus Programme IP (ACEP)” (the presentation: “National Content of Education in the 21st Century: Lithuania's Perspective”, L. Duoblienė), the conference held in Daugavpils “Sustainable Development, Culture, Education” (“Change in Content of Lithuanian General Education Content under Conditions of Globalisation” L. Duoblienė and T. Bulajaeva), in Riga “Pedagogy in the Changing Historical Conditions in the 20th Century in the Baltic
The research in this theme was conducted in 2005-2009. Summarizing the results of the final year of 2009 it can be said that the research was aimed at analysis of changes in Lithuanian education policy and management while implementing the EU and Lithuanian strategic goals. The results of research were presented at many national and international conferences. The reports were made by Duoblienė L. „Socialinės reprodukcijos įveika kaip pagrindinis iššūkis Lietuvos švietimo kaitai” [Overcome of Social Reproduction as Main Challenge of Lithuanian Educational Change] at the conference „Educational Change in the years of 1988-2008”, Vilnius, 2009; in Erasmus programme IP (ACEP) in Linz (Austria) there were two reports presented by L. Duoblienė „Nacionalinis ugdymo turinys XXI amžiuje: Lietuvos perspektyva” [National Curriculum in the 21st Century: Lithuanian Perspective] and by T. Bulajeva „Lietuvos kalbų mokymo politika” [Language Education Policies in Lithuania]; report by Duoblienė L. „Kultūra ir medijos: globalūs ir lokalūs aspektai” [Culture and Media: Global and Local Aspects] at the international conference „Media Education in Lithuania: Artistically or Critical literacy?” in Vilnius, 2009; at 7th International JTET Conference „Sustainable Development, Culture, Education”) there was the report made by Bulajeva T. and Duoblienė L. „Challenges of Contemporary Lithuanian School Curriculum: Real Sustainability or Literal Legitimacy. (Daugavpils University (Latvia), 2009); Bulajeva T. made the report Changes in Contemporary Higher Education: Lithuanian Experience at the international conference „Science and Education of the Epoch of New Revival in the Global Scientific-Educational System“ in Ashgabat (Turkmenistan), September 9-11, 2009. By the end of 2009 the work on the monograph „Lietuvos švietimo politikos transformacijos” (T. Bulajeva ir L. Duoblienė).[Education Policy Transformations in Lithuania, eds. by T. Bulajeva and L. Duobliene] written by the group of authors was finished and accepted for publishing.

**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

**COOPERATION**

Bristol University (UK)

Linz Pedagogical Academy (Austria) university?
OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. R. Želvys –

- expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
- editorial board member of the journals *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*, *Pedagogika (Pedagogics)*, *Socialiniai Mokslai. Edukologija (Social Sciences. Educology)*.

Prof. V. Aramavičiūtė –

- editor-in-chief of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*;
- board member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science;
- member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science.

Doc. G. Purvaneckienė –

- member of the Editorial Board of the Journal *Lyčių studijos ir tyrimai* (ISSN 1822-6310) (Gender Studies and Research)

V. Būdienė –

- member of the National Education Forum, [http://www.forumas.smm.lt/dok-isak.html](http://www.forumas.smm.lt/dok-isak.html);
- member of expert committees of International Education Monitoring Projects, [www.edupolicy.net/](http://www.edupolicy.net/);
- board member of examinations and student assessment at MOES, [www.smm.lt](http://www.smm.lt);
- board member of the Central Asian Education Cooperation Network;
- editorial board member of the international newsletter *Education Policy*, [www.edupolicy.net/](http://www.edupolicy.net/);
- expert of the Open Society Institute (OSI – Hungary);
- member of the working group for planning of teacher training reform at MOES;
- executive board member of Modern Didactics Centre, [www.vpu.lt/sdc/](http://www.vpu.lt/sdc/).

**Doc. L. Duoblienė –**

- member of the International Association of Philosophy Teachers;
- member of the Lithuanian Association of Philosophy Teachers;
- expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
- expert of the Commission for Social and Moral Education at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- deputy editor-in-chief of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*;
- editorial board member of the journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture).*

**Dr. I. Stonkuvienė –**

- member of the Baltic Association of Educational Historians.

**Doc. T. Bulajeva –**

- expert of the Commission for Pedagogical and Educational Staff Training and Professional Development at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- member of General Education Examination and Student Performance Assessment Board at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- editorial board member of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*;
- expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education.

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Lecturers: Dr. V. Lepeškienė (part-time), Dr. L. Gvaldaitė, Dr. B. Švedaitė-Sakalaukė, Dr. I. Gajdosikienė (part-time), Ž. Barkauskaitė-Lukšienė, E. Dunajevas, V. Jakutienė, Dr. E. Šumskenė, A. Navickas, M. Petrokaitė, D. Petružytė, A. Vareikytė.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development of social services in Lithuania

Analysis of social policy, social security, pensions

Social support for people at risk

Social rehabilitation and integration

Social inclusion

Violence in family

Drug and alcohol abuse consequences

Social and cultural integration of disabled

Ethnic minorities

Intercultural learning and communication
History of social work

Employment

Labour market policy

Vocational training

Mediation

Palliative social care

Evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and services

Risk factors of young people’s successful socialization and integration into labour market

Youth policy

**RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2009**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**


Articles, conference papers/presentations were delivered about the development of family policy in Lithuania, the economics status of elderly people in Lithuania, development of services in Western countries, the right to social work in Lithuania (specificity of social work), families’ social capital, social assistance at schools (the instruments).


Main focus of research was oriented to the research of welfare state and social policy in during the global economic crisis. Articles, conference papers/presentations were delivered about labour market developments in Lithuania during the economic crisis, social consequences of economics downturn, minimum income net and anti-poverty measures.

**Other Programmes and Projects**


**Image of disabled in Lithuania – view from the Scandinavian perspective.** Contract No. NGO08-06. The coordinator: E. Šumskienė.

**Mental health NGOs coalition building.** Contract No. 1EEE/NOR/NVO-195. The coordinator: E. Šumskienė.

**Improvement of services for delinquent children in Lithuania using Norwegian experience.** Contract No. 1NOR/TES-003. The coordinator: E. Šumskienė.

**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

**COOPERATION**

Applied University of Leipzig (Germany)

Dresden Higher Protestant SW School (Germany)

Hanover Higher SW School (Germany)

Cardiff Institute of Wales University (UK)

University of Wales, Newport (UK)

School of Social Work, Lund University (Sweden)

School of Social Work, Odense (Denmark)

Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen, Department of Social Work (Belgium)
University of Tartu (Estonia)

Oslo University College, Faculty of Social Sciences (Norway)

Umea University (Sweden)

Sheffield Hallam University (UK)

University of Applied Sciences, Northwestern (Switzerland)

University of Lapland (Finland)

University of Applied Sciences Jena (Germany)

School of Social Work, Bern (Switzerland)

Hanze University Groningen, University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands)

Bergen University College (Norway)

Seinaejoki University of Applied Sciences, School of Healthcare and Social Work (Sweden)

Higher school of social work and social pedagogics "Attistiba" (Latvia)

Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy)

XIOS Hogeschool Limburg (Belgium)

University of Lodz (Poland)

University of Jyväskylä (Finland)

Heinrich - Heine University of Duesseldorf (Germany)

University of Hildesheim (Germany)

University of Erfurt (Germany)

University of Siegen (Germany)

University of Zaragoza, Escuela de Estudios Sociales (Spain)

University of Turku (Finland)

**OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

**Dr. J. Aidukaitė –**

- member of EspaNet (European social policy network)
- member of International Sociological Association
• member of Global Social Policy
• member of Lithuanian Sociological Association

Dr. V. Gevorgianienė –
• member of the experts committee (languages and art) at the Ministry of Education and Science,
• member of experts’ committee at the Special Education and Psychology Centre, Vilnius
• member of EASSW executive committee

Dr. J. Kašalynienė –
• member of the experts committee for social education at the Ministry of Education and Science;
• council member of the Lithuanian Scouting Association, [www.scout.lt/](http://www.scout.lt/);
• expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
• Representative of Vydunas Youth Foundation (USA) in Lithuania.

Prof. R. Lazutka –
• member of the Council of the Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University;
• chairman of the Council of the Institute for Social Research (Lithuania);
• member of Experts Committee of the International Council for Social Welfare European Region (Utrecht);
• council member of the Lithuanian Association of Social Welfare;
• editorial board member of the journal Socialinis darbas (Social Work);
• expert of the Social Sciences Committee of the Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation;
• member of the Science Council of Lithuania.

Dr. V. Lepeškienė –
• lecturer of the Institute of Humanistic and Existential Psychology.

Dr. B. Švedaitė-Sakalauskė –
• council member of the Social Centre at the Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis’ parish;
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**A. Vareikytė –**
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**Doc. M. Rubaževičienė –**
• President of Hungarian Cultural Society of Lithuania;
• council member of West-European Association of Hungarians’ Organization;
• member of Council of National Minorities of Lithuania.

**Doc. (HP) L. Žalimienė –**
• member of the European Association for Evolutionary Economy (EAEPE);
• head of the executive Group of the National Research Programme “Social challenges to national security” in Research Council of Lithuania.
• expert of the Lithuanian Centre of Quality Assessment for Higher Education.

**Dr. B. Gruževskis –**
• council member of the Institute for Social Research (Lithuania);
• national expert for Lithuania in the European Employment Observatory (European Commission).
• member of the Council of the Faculty of Economy, Vilnius University;
• editorial board member of the journal *Socialinis darbas (Social Work)*;
• editorial board member of the journal *Human Resources Management (Zarządzanie Zasobami Ludzkimi), Academy of Sciences of Poland*.

**Dr. L. Gvaldaitė –**
• member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science;
• member of Vilnius Archdiocese Council for charitable affairs;
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Creation, adaptation and standardization of methods of psychological assessment

Psychometrics

Psychosocial functioning of disabled people and their families

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2009

Projects Supported by University Budget


In 2009 Laboratory of Special Psychology have finished processing of data of the standardization tests for assessment of intelligence of adult people (WASI and WAIS-III). The technical manuals of both tests were prepared for printing. The standardization of personality questionnaires NEO PI-R and NEO-FFI was started. Bandura’s book was translated.

COOPERATION

Pearson Education (Former American Psychological Corporation Harcourt Assessment) (USA)

Pedagogical Psychological Services of Lithuania (Lithuania)

Services for Assessment of Disability and Employability (Lithuania)

Ministry of Social Security and Labour (Lithuania)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. A. Bagdonas -

- council member for the Council of General Education at the Ministry of Education and Science;
• editorial boards member of the periodicals *Psychologija, Gerontologija* and *Specialusis ugdymas*;

• editor-in-chief of periodical *STEPP*. 