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MAIN RESEARCH TRENDS OF THE FACULTY
Historical Genesis, Character and Role of Modern Philosophy
Society, Community and Individual: Change of Life Quality Values
Research in Nervous System and Behavior

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS DEFENDED IN 2010
Ieva Urbanavičiūtė. The Internal and External Factors of Vocational Path Choice.
Asta Zbarauskaitė. Adolescents who Live in Foster Care Institutions Identity Experience: Biographical Narrative Interpretative Analysis.
Neringa Grigutytė. Link Between Sexual Abuse Trauma Coping and Mother Complex in Adolescent Girls.
Vikinta Rosinaitė. Constructing the Concept of Career in Lithuania.
Antanas Kairys. Time Perspective: Its link to Personality Traits, Age, and Gender.
Laura Junutytė. Gilles Deleuze: Conception of Philosophy.
Lina Kalinauskienė. The Possibilities of Intervention of Mother-Infant Attachment Relationship.
CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED IN 2010

Scientific-Practice Conference „Psychological tests and testing: science, studies and practice“. Vilnius, October 21, 2010.

The 7th conference for young scientists in psychology „Research in Psychology: Art or Trade“. Vilnius, May 07, 2010.

International conference „Trauma and personality, community, society“. Vilnius, April 8-9, 2010.


Group relations seminar “Innovation and Authority in Organizations”. In cooperation with Tavistock Institute of Human Relations (UK). Vilnius, September 1-5, 2010.


International study week of the European heritage „Ad Fontes“. Kražiai, August 1-8, 2010.


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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 metaethics

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 2010**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**


Members of the Department were further engaged in the basic directions of research. A particular focus was on the issues of language closely linked with the development of modern technologies and the process of globalization. This problem was comprehensively examined in the monograph “The Positive Mind: its development and impact on modernity and postmodernity” by Prof. E. Nekrašas, the monograph “Space of Dialogue: Phenomenological Approach” by M. Gutauskas and the monograph “The Metaphysics of Potato” by Prof. A. Šliogeris. Developments of the Western culture as expressed in their various aspects – religion, art, science and philosophy – were researched in the papers by S. Jankauskas, N. Milerius, L. Junutytė, V. Daraškevičiūtė, K. Sabolius and J. Saldukaitytė. A special acclaim ought to be paid to the monograph “Analytic Trend of Philosophy” by A. Plėšnys that deals with changes of scientific paradigms.

**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

**COOPERATION**

Novosibirsk Institute of Economics, Psychology and Law (Russia)
European Humanities University, Vilnius

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. E. Nekrašas –

- Editorial Board Member of the Journals Problemos (Problems),

- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Politologija (Political Science,
  http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/en/journals/politologija/politologija-2010-vol-4-60/editorial-board/);

- Corresponding Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences;

- Chairman of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society.

Prof. A. Šliogeris –

- Editorial Board Member of the Journals Problemos (Problems),
  http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3;

- Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

Doc. L. Jakavonytė –

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Lecturers: M. Kubilius.


RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy in classical and modern civilizations

Modern – postmodern controversy

Information society studies

Analytical philosophy and hermeneutics

Logic

Postmodern philosophy

Social and political philosophy

Contemporary Christian philosophy

Ethics

Religion studies

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2010

Projects Supported by University Budget

The main research titles accomplished in 2010: historical development and the current stage of Lithuanian philosophy; conceptual analysis of the concept of communication; research on contemporary analytic philosophy of science and mind as well as on the fundamental issues of analytic moral philosophy.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania


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;

• Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija (Sociology), http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/;

• Editorial Board Member of the Journal Informacijos mokslai (Information Sciences), http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/informacijos-mokslai/;


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 Philosopher’s, member of the Council; 
  
• Member of the Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University; 
  
Doc. J. Dagys – 
  
• Member of the Appeals Committee of the Faculty of Philosophy at Vilnius University; 
  
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Dr. R. Stanikūnas, Dr. A. Švegžda.


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

Self-regulation in early development
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 2010**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**


In 2010 the two research works were conducted and the “Drivers’ perceived procedural justice” questionnaire was developed. The first research examined the peculiarities of drivers’ perceived procedural justice (n = 167). The results show that older and more experienced drivers compared to younger and less experienced evaluated perceived procedural justice more positively. Hostile intent attributions concerning police officer and external causality attributions concerning event were related to less positive evaluation of perceived procedural justice. The results also suggest, that formal and informal decision making were evaluated less positively, compared to other components of procedural justice.

The second research examined neutralizations (interpretation process in the second step of social information processing) of 161 adults who have committed property (theft), violent (murder, injury), mixed (robbery) and illegal disposal (drugs, alcohol) crimes. It was found that groups of offenders who have committed different crimes significantly differed in rates of two neutralizations: denial of harm (p < 0.05) and denial of victim (p < 0.01). The first was more used by men who have committed property crimes, and the second – by those who have committed violent crimes. Offenders who have committed violent crimes more often responsibility of crime attributed to alcohol and men who have committed crimes of illegal disposal – to demand of drugs. Neutralizations were not significantly related to criminal experience of offenders in all crime groups.

**Construction of a Device for Presentation of Flashing Stimuli and the Investigation of Influence of the Frequency of the Flashes Upon the Binocular Rivalry.** Prof. P. H. Vaitkevicius. 2010-2015.

The device (a tachistoscope governed by PC) generating the two independent stimuli. The stimuli were lighted by the day light emitting diodes (LED). Due to the special program the two independent sequences of stimuli were displayed for the left and right eye separately. The
duration of the flash could be changed from 0.1 ms till hours. The accuracy of the stimuli duration is no less than 10 μs.

Under the binocular rivalry situation the frequency of flickering stimuli could be changed from 125 Hz to 25 Hz. At that the stimulus duration could be varied from 8 to 20 ms. It was measured the span of time called as the dominant time (DT) during which the subject saw only one of the two monocular competitive stimuli. The aim of the experiment was to determine whether the DT depends on the frequency and the duration of flickering stimuli. The absolute value of DT was determined by one factor (F_{abs}) (about 90% of all dispersion was explained), which factor loading insignificantly depends on the stimulus duration. But in this situation factor loading versus the stimulus duration has three extremes - at 4.5, 9-10 and 13-15 ms. The mean of DT could be changed daily. Therefore the changes of ΔDT relatively to the mean of DT were calculated. The values of ΔDT were determined by four factors (about 80% of all dispersion was explained). But the extremes of the only third factors loading coincide with those of the factor (F_{abs}) loading.

The results of project were published in two papers, one of them being published in journal with aggregate impact factors 0.44. The data mentioned above were used in the doctoral thesis, that was defended on 2010 December 22.


First year at the university – a challenge for the students, which can influence academic record and future career. The aim of this study was to analyse the stress factors and subjective well-being of first year students of social science at Vilnius University. 138 first year students of psychology and 60 students of social work participated in this study. Methods: specially designed questionnaire intended to reveal socio-demographic characteristic, stress peculiarities, health status of students and Ryff scales of Psychological Well-being.

The results of this study revealed the most stressful areas of first year students life. A significant relation between stress and health status of students was detected. The main factors, influencing psychological well-being of students were identified.

The research study „Well and risk factors of gifted and talented schoolchildren“ was continued by group of researchers (Gintiliene,G., Girdzijauskienė S., Butkienė, Šimelionienė A). The purpose of this study was to explore emotional and behavioral problems among 5 gifted (IST 2000R scores correspond to 90 percentile and more) 16-17 years of secondary school students using SDQ- S version. Gifted children ratings indicated more conduct and peer relationship problems in comparison with Lithuanian norm group. One of the
main factors associated with indicated problems was students’ achievements at school: underachievers perceived more problems than high achievers in school subjects did. Doctoral thesis “Intellectual abilities of blind and partially sighted children” was defended by Ingrīda Gabrīlavačiūtė (scientific supervisor G. Gintiliene). Some of the findings of the investigation of 42 blind and 28 partially sighted revealed importance of home and school factors affecting cognitive abilities of schoolchildren with visual impairment.


This study is longitudinal study of self-regulatory skills and the related psychosocial and biological factors from the prenatal period. The main aim of the study is to analyse the role of the infants’ and toddlers’ close environment (e.g. relations with parents, parenting practices, psychological well being of parents, etc.) for the development of self-regulatory behaviour. The biological factors are considered as the possible risk or protective factors interacting with the psychosocial ones. The participants of the study are 70 volunteer families who decided to take part in the longitudinal study. Families were invited to take part in the study during the pregnancy. The self-reported information on the social environment, relationships in the family, demographic characteristics, maternal depression, infant development, paternal involvement, etc. were measured during the second-third semester of pregnancy, one month after delivery, three months after delivery, and six months after delivery. Also the video observation of the several pairs of mother-infant interaction using the Still-Face method was conducted at age six months. The fourth stage of the longitudinal study is conducted recently. The above mentioned variables as well as two years old children’s emotional and behavioural problems are measured in 2010-2011.

**Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation, Research Council of Lithuania**


**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**
COOPERATION

Child Development Centre (Lithuania)

Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. A. Bagdonas –

- Editorial Board Executive Secretary of the Journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*, www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psichologija;
- Member of Lithuanian Neurobiological Association;
- Member of General Education Council of Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science.

Prof. H. Vaitkevičius –

- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt;
- Member of the Committee on Scientific Affairs of EFPA, www.efpa.be/;
- Member of Professors’ Council of Latvian University;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Psichologija (Psychology)* www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psichologija;
- Expert of the Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation.

Prof. G. Valickas –

- Editor–in-chief of the Journal *Psichologija (Psychology)* www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psichologija;
- 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.

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• Member of the Scientific Committee of EMCDDA www.emcdda.europa.eu/;
• Editorial Board Member of the Journal Ugdymo psychologija (Educational Psychology) www.vpu.lt/.

**Doc. D. Čekuolienė –**

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• President of the Family Counselling Society;
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**Doc. I. Čėsnienė –**

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• Member of the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology, http://psychweb.cisat.jmu.edu/scp/;

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Impact of psychosocial stress and heavy traumatisation on individuals, families and social groups. Psychotherapy and coping processes in existential-phenomenological and psychodynamic context.

Children psychology and psychopathology

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2010

Projects Supported by University Budget


Evaluation of the long-lasting stress response reactions in the transgenerational perspective. Investigation of the psychosocial deprivation on children and families. Presentation of research findings at international conference.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation, Research Council of Lithuania

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Oslo University (Norway)

Umea University (Sweden)

University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

University of Trondheim (Norway)

University of Pecs (Hungary)

Zurich University (Switzerland)

Lithuanian University of Health Sciences

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. D. Gailienė –

• Full Member of the International Academy for Suicide Research (IASR), 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;

• Associate Editor of the Journal Psychologija (Psychology); www.leidykla.vu.lt;

• Member of the Lithuanian Committee of Medical Bioethics, www.bioetika.sam.lt;

• Member of International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP), www.med.uio.no/iasp/;

• Member of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Suizidprophylaxe (DGSP), www.suizidprophylaxe.de/;

• Member of American Suicidological Association (ASA);

• Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, 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);

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;
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Doc. D. Bagdžiūnienė –

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• Member of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), [www.iasp-pain.org/defsopen.html/](http://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.

**Doc. E. Kazlauskas –**

• President of Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.psichologusajunga.lt/;
• Member of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), www.estss.org/
• Member of Society of Ambulatory Assessment http://www.ambulatory-assessment.org/;
• Editorial Board Member of the journal European Journal of Psychotraumatology.

**Doc. R. Barkauskienė –**

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**Ass. P. Skruibis –**

• Board member of Lithuanian Association of Psychologists, www.psichologusajunga.lt;
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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 2010**

Projects Supported by University Budget

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

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. The members of the department were participating in the research of the field of occupational activities. Research work in the rural and communities sociology was continued with special attention to the activities of LEADER+ local action groups in developing and implementing social innovations in the area of social policy.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

**Public Trust in the Criminal Justice Institutions in Lithuania and its Determinants.**

In 2010 the Research group members studied and analyzed relevant to the goal of the Project academic literature and similar researches. Main results of international and national researches are discussed, as well as theoretical principles of legal and social (cultural) foundation of criminal justice institutions. This experience and ideas will be used in the process of designing the research methodology and compiling the questionnaire for the public attitudes to the criminal justice survey.


The main of the project is o develop and foster the sociological discourse in Lithuania.

The research aims at revealing the expressions of the collective (communicative) memory of the post communist Lithuanian society and emigration as well as transformations at the private level, their relations with public discourses of cultural memory and life pathways of emigration groups and generations. The research incorporates biographic methodology. The biographies of Lithuanian people and Soviet-time migrants who left from Lithuania for Israel, Poland, and Germany will be explored. The research will also explore into the ways the remembrance of Soviet-time is invoked in the interpretation of choices made or rules adhered to in human lives, into the contexts and ways historical events are interpreted (particularly, traumatic events of the beginning of Soviet time – experience common for all sample groups), into the role the Soviet time memories play and into the cultural codes used in constructing the Soviet-time memory in individual and collective memory discourses of families, generations and diasporas. The proposed research would expand the geography of collective memory surveys and would also be a comparative one in its nature. The research team consists of sociologists and historians. Material obtained during the research will be used as a basis for the formation of biographic archives, which are to continue functioning after the end of the project.


MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Sociology Department, Uppsala University (Sweden)

Department of Sociology, University of Jyväskylä (Finland)

Department of Social Psychology, University of Helsinki (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. Dobryninas –

- Member of Steering Committee of European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija (Sociology), http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/;
- Editorial Board Member of the Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia.

Doc. I. Juozeliūnienė –

- Member of the Family Research Committee (RC 06) of the International Sociological Association (ISA);
- Member of the Nordic Family Research Network (NFRN).

Prof. A. Matulionis –

- Member-Expert of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences;
- Member-Expert of the Latvian Academy of Sciences;
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- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Socialiniai mokslai (Social Sciences);
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija (Sociology), http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/;
- Member of the International Sociological Association (ISA).

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- Deputy Dean for Research of the Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija (Sociology), http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/;
- Editorial board member of the Journal Santalka, http://www.coactivity.vgtu.lt/;
- Editorial Board Member of the Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia.
Prof. A. Poviliūnas –

- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Sociologija (Sociology)*, http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/ ;
- Member of SUSTAIN Network (Helsinki University);
- 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), http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/ ;
- Vice-president of the Lithuanian Association of Sociologists.

Prof. A. Valantiejus –

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transformations of education policy in Lithuania

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

Problem of personal identity
Globalization and localization in education

Philosophy of education

Higher education

Child’s Socialization

Gender differences in education and science

**RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2010**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**

**National and Global education policy.** Prof. L. Duoblienė. 2010–2014.

The theoretical and empirical researches in this field were conducted in 2010. Summarizing the results of the year 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. Some data of theoretical and empirical research were included into the monography of L.Duoblienė “Ideologizuotos švietimo kaitos teritorijos” (Ideologization of territories of educational changes, 2010) G. Purvanecienė, I. Stonkuvienė and others „Moteris fiziniuose ir technologijos moksluose: moksleivė, studentė, moksleninkė“ (Woman in physical and technological sciences: female pupil, female student, female scientist”, 2010), V. Targamadžė „Alternatyvi bendrojo lavinimo mokykla: naratyvo kontūrai“ (Alternative education in gender schools: countours of the narrative, 2010).

The data of the research conducted in 2010 were disseminated in republican and international conferences. The conferences in Lithuania include: “Contemporary challenges to Lithuanian education” (presentations: I.Stonkuvienė “Between History and Pedagogy: Challenges and Traps of Interdisciplinarity“, V. Aramavičiūtė “Attitude to Values as Condition for Democraty Education”), conference “Development of spirituality in education” (presentation V. Aramavičiūtė “Spirituality of upper classes students in the context of globalization”), conference “ECTS national Creation” (T. Bulajeva presentation “ ECTS Application and the main accents in Renewing Study Programmes”), National conference of sociology (L.Duoblienė participation on the panel discussion). The list of international conferences abroad comprises: the conference held in Paris “Sustainable Development, Culture, Education“ (L. Duoblienė presentation “Policy of curriculum formation for sustainable development: Lithuanian perspective”), international conference in Vilnius “Challenges for Science in the context of Globalization” (presentation G.Purvanecienė “Women in Science: No Simple Solutions”). Some problems of science and education were discussed and data presented on the panel discussions in the Lithuanian Ministry of education and science (presentations of L. Duoblienė, V. Aramavičiūtė, I. Stonkuvienė).
Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania


The aim of the project is to evaluate the dependence of national education policy of XXI century on supranational education policy and to define the influence of national education policy on the formation of cultural identity in a multi cultural society. Cultural identity within the framework of this project is understood as identity related to language, nation, religion, social and gender status and relationship with pop culture.

The Project is targeted at analysis of essential questions important for Lithuanian education: (in)dependence of national education policy on supranational education policy; the influence of changing cultural transmission on cultural identity formation; school culture change trajectories and perspectives.

International Science Programmes and Projects

Adoption impact to interpersonal relations. University of East Anglia (UK). Dr. T. Butvilas. 2010-2014. www.uea.ac.uk

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Bristol University (UK)

Linz Pedagogical Academy university (Austria)

Twente University (The Netherlands)

Daugavpils University (Latvia)

University of Latvia (Latvia)

Tallinn Pedagogical University (Estonia)

ERA (USA)

Open Society Institute (Lithuania)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. V. Aramavičiūtė –

• Member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, http://www.lkma.lt/.

Prof. V. Targamadzė

• Lithuanian Philology Data Base Expert since 2008;

• International PISTA, IMSCI Conferences Reviewer (USA, Florida) since 2006;

• 2009-2010 National School Rating agency project “Secondary schools’ self-rating instrument creation and spreading”, expert group leader;

• SKVC external rating expert;

• MOSTA – renewed programs expert;

• Member of Programs committee: International conference „E. learning: science, study and business“ (2010, Vilnius);

• Member of Program Committee of the 9th International Conference on Politics and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications PISTA 2011, USA, Florida);

• Editorial Board Member: Social education magazine (VPU, SKI);


Prof. R. Želvys –

• Expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;


Doc. G. Purvaneckienė –

• Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal Lyčių studijos ir tyrimai (ISSN 1822-6310) (Gender Studies and Research), http://www.lsc.su.lt/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=26:mokslo-leidinys-lyi-studijos-ir-tyrimai&catid=6:leidiniai&Itemid=27;

• Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference „Gender and Interdisciplinary Education for Engineers – GIEE 2011: Does Interdisciplinary Education Improve the Gender Balance and Attract More Young People in Engineering and Technology

Doc. L. Duoblienė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Philosophy Teachers;
- Expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
- Expert of the Research Council of Lithuania;
- Expert of the Commission for Social and Moral Education at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture) http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/religija-ir-kultura/;
- Member of IPO (International Philosophy Olympiad) assessment committee.

Doc. I. Stonkuvienė –

- Member of the Baltic Association of Educational Historians.

Doc. T. Butvilas –

- Board Member of National Childhood Researchers Association (Lithuania);
- Member of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Washington, DC;
- Expert of The Lituanistika Database of The Humanities and Social Sciences in Lithuania;
- GPM Expert under Lot 9 “Culture, Education, Employment and Social” (Macedonia);
- Editor for Social Sciences Branch of International Peer-reviewed Journal IITSBE "Innovative Infotechnologies for Science, Business, and Education";
- Projects’ Expert in Education and Human Resources field at UK Trade and Investment Section (British Embassy Vilnius, since 2010).

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*,
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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
Human Rights

**RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2010**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**


Articles, conference papers/presentations were delivered about moral dilemmas in social work in Lithuania, organisation of social care services in a market environment, child and adolescent mental health problems in Europe, effectiveness of different social help strategies, possibilities of using existential paradigm in social work.


Main focus of research was oriented to the research of impact of economic crisis on labour market developments and living standards of households, social policy measures to combat poverty and evaluation of the national minimum income guarantee scheme in term of it’s reconciliation with work incentives of beneficiaries.

**Other Projects**

**Development of the Concept of European Credit Transfer and Accumulation (ECTS) at the National Level: Harmonization of the Credit and Implementation of the Learning Outcomes Based Study Programme Design.** The Lithuanian National project. Contact No. VP1-2.2-ŠMM-08-V-01-001. Prof. R.Lazutka, Prof. L.Zalimienė, Doc. V. Gevorgianienė, Dr. B.Švedaitė. 2010-2011.

East-West labour migration, industrial relations and labour standards in a Swedish-Baltic context. Collaborative research with Linkoping University financed from the Swedish Institute Visby Fund grant. The coordinator: Jolanta Aidukaite. 2010-2013


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)
Hanse 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)
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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)
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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Dr. J. Aidukaitė –

- Member of EspaNet (European Social Policy Network) (www.espanet.org);
- Member of International Sociological Association (http://www.isa-sociology.org/);
- Member of Global Social Policy (http://www.gaspp.org);
- Member of Lithuanian Sociological Association (http://www.sociology.lt/).

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- Member of Experts’ Committee at the Special Education and Psychology Centre, Vilnius (edita.norvaisiene@sppc.lt);
- Member of EASSW Executive Committee (http://www.eassw.org/Committee/executiveCommittee.html);

Dr. J. Kašalynienė –

- Council Member of the Lithuanian Scouting Association (www.scout.lt);
- Member of Lithuanian Sociological Association (http://www.sociology.lt);
- Representative of Vydnas Youth Foundation (USA) in Lithuania (http://www.vydunofondas.com/).

Dr. (HP) R. Lazutka –

- Member of the Research Council of Lithuania (http://www.lmt.lt/EN/STRUCTURE/HS.php);
- Member of the Council of the Lithuanian Centre for Social Research (http://www.lstc.lt);
- Member of the Council of the Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics (http://www.laei.lt/?mt=mokslo_taryba);
- Council member of the Lithuanian Association of Social Welfare (http://www.laei.lt/?mt=mokslo_taryba);
- Member of Lithuanian Sociological Association (http://www.sociology.lt);
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Socialinis darbas (Social Work) (http://www.mruni.eu/lt/padaliniai/centrai/leidybos_centras/leidiniai/mokslo_darbai/?LID=598);
• Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Ekonomika* (*Economics*) ([http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/ekonomika/](http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/ekonomika/)).

**Dr. V. Lepeškienė** –

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• Lecturer at Academy of Psychology ([www.psichologijosakademija.lt](http://www.psichologijosakademija.lt)).

**Dr. I. E. Laumenskaitė** –

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• Member of Lithuanian Sociological Association ([http://www.sociology.lt](http://www.sociology.lt));

• Editorial Board Member of the Journal “Soter” (Vytautas Magnus University) ([http://www.vdu.lt/Leidiniai/SOTER/#kolegija](http://www.vdu.lt/Leidiniai/SOTER/#kolegija)).

**Dr. B. Švedaitė-Sakalauskė** –

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• Vice-president of the National Association of Supervisors ([www.supervizija.lt](http://www.supervizija.lt));

• Member of Vilnius Archdiocese Council for Charitable Affairs ([http://vilnius.lcn.lt/kurija/](http://vilnius.lcn.lt/kurija/)).

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• Member of Laws Preparation Groups in the Seimas and Government of the Republic of Lithuania ([www.lrs.lt](http://www.lrs.lt));

• Board Member of the Lithuanian Red Cross Society ([http://www.redcross.lt/](http://www.redcross.lt/)).

**Dr. (HP) B. Gruževskis** –
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• National Expert for Lithuania in the European Employment Observatory (European Commission) (http://www.eu-employment-observatory.net/);

• National Expert/Researcher for the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Dublin (http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/about/faq/index.htm);

• Council Member of the Lithuanian Social Research Centre (http://www.dsti.lt/darbuot.html);

• Member of the Council of the Faculty of Economy, Vilnius University (http://www.ef.vu.lt/fakultetas/struktura/komitetai/);

• Editorial Board Member of the Journal Socialinis darbas (Social Work) (http://www.mruni.eu/lt/mokslo_darbai/sd/redaktoriu_kolegija/);

• Editorial Board Member of the Journal Human Resources Management (Zarządzanie Zasobami Ludzkimi), Academy of Sciences of Poland (http://zzl.ipiss.com.pl/);

• Member of the Editorial Board of the Scientific Journal “Issues of Business and Law / Verslo ir teisės aktualijos” (http://www.ttfam.lt/lt/mokso_veikla/leidiniai/mokslo-darbai/verslo-ir-teises-aktualijos/redaktoriu-kolegija/).

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• Vice - director of NGO Sotas (www.sotas.org);

• Member of the Foundation of AVSI (Association of Volunteers in International Service) Network (www.avsi.org).

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- Editorial Board Member of the Journal STEPP Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika;

- Member of the European Association for Evolutionary Economy (EAEPE) (http://eaepe.org:80/user/1994100).
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Creation, adaptation and standardization of methods of psychological assessment

Psychometrics

Psychosocial functioning of disabled people and their families

**RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2010**

**Projects Supported by University Budget**


In the year 2010 Laboratory of Special Psychology have finished standardization of processing of personality questionnaires NEO PI-R and NEO-FFI and report for owner of these tests (Pearson) was prepared and sent. The standardization of Minesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI-2 was started).

**Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania**


**Governmental Science Programmes and Research Projects Ordered by the Branch Ministries**


**MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

**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 -

- Member for the Council of General Education at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Editorial Board Member of the Periodical *Psichologija*,
  [http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/inetleid/psichol/psichol.html](http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/inetleid/psichol/psichol.html);
- Editorial Board Member of the Periodical *Gerontologija*,
- Editorial Board Member of the Periodical *Specialusis ugdymas*,