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95 teachers (26 habilitated doctors and 55 doctors), 96 doctoral students.

MAIN RESEARCH TRENDS OF THE FACULTY

Nature, Role and Historical Genesis of Contemporary Philosophy

Psychological Factors of Society, Community and Personality Development

Educational Policy in Lithuania: Coherency Issues within National and Global

Sociological Analysis of Social Structure and Change

Social Work and Development of Social Welfare

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS DEFENDED IN 2012

Aistė Bartkienė. A Search for Methodological Basis in Theories of Bioethics, Based on Deontology and Utilitarianism.

Vaiva Daraškevičiūtė. The Transformation of the Concept of Aesthetics: B. Croce and H. G. Gadamer.

Ernesta Molotokienė. The Problem of Relation between Perception and Imagination in Husserl's Philosophy.

Aldona Radzevičienė. The Mechanisms of Lines Fragments Orientation and Location in the Depth Perception.

Jelena Šalaj. Experience of Aliveness within Experience of Being: Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis.

Ieva Povilaitienė. Relatives of the First Episode Psychosis Patients: the Relationship between Appraisal of Illness Situation, Social Support, and Psychological Distress Over Time.

Živilė Šarakauskienė. Schoolchildren's Psychological Well-being: Structure and Sociodemographic and Personality Factors.

Aida Šimelionienė. Factors Affecting the Achievements of Intellectually Gifted Children.

Margarita Dobrynina. The Construction of Crime Knowledge in Public Discourse.

Aušra Malinauskaitė. The Dramaturgical Model of Social Interaction: the Case of Former Users of Psychoactive Substances.

Gražina Rapolienė. Is Old Age Stigma? Ageing Identity in Lithuania.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED IN 2012

Symposium of Classical Philosophy "Ad Fontes Philosophia". Vilnius, February 14, March 6, April 3, May 8, June 5, October 23, November 20, December 18.

IX Conference of Young Scientists of Psychology „Freedom of Thoughts and Limitations of Research in Psychology“. Vilnius, April 27, 2012.

III International Annual Vilnius Trauma Psychology Conference. Vilnius, May 23, 2012.

International conference - Third Europlat conference „European Psychology Learning and Teaching conference“. Vilnius, June 28-30, 2012;

Seminar „Managing in Uncertainty in Organizations and Communities: Roles and Risks“. Vilnius, August 22–26, 2012.

International scientific-practical conference „Do I Know Young People? “. Vilnius, September 26–27, 2012.

International conference on childrens mental health. Vilnius, October 26, 2012;

Periodical seminars „Consilium Educationis“. Vilnius, February – December 2012.

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Docents: Dr. M. Gutauskas, Dr. L. Jakavonytė, Dr. (HP) S. Jankauskas, Dr. A. Mickevičius, Dr. N. Milerius.

Lecturers: Dr. J. Čiurlionis, V. Gustas, Dr. K. Sabolius, Dr. M. Stoškus, V. Pivorius.

Doctoral students: J. Bujokas, A. Dovydenas, V. Gustas, J. Kučinskas, E. Rimkus, N. Stasiulis, J. Tuleikytė, L. Valantiežūtė.

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 2012

Projects Supported by University Budget

An Analysis of the Impact of Globalization Processes upon Culture. Prof. A. Šliogeris and Doc. Kęstutis Dubnikas, 2009–2014.

Lecturers, professors and postgraduates of the Department of Philosophy investigated themes that were planned for 2012. Many articles were published, mainly in the journal “Problemos”, on the different topics. Concrete aspects of the problem of relationship between media and culture were tackled by Nerijus Milerius. Phenomenological and hermeneutical aspects were dealt with in the articles of Kristupas Sabolius and Arūnas Mickevičius.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Novosibirsk Institute of Economics, Psychology and Law (Russia)

European Humanities University, Vilnius

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Doc. M. Gutauskas –

- Editorial board member of the journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*;
- Board member of the Lithuanian Association of Phenomenology.

Doc. L. Jakavonytė –

- Board member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society;
- Editorial board member of the international project *The Encyclopaedia of Educational Philosophy and Theory*,
http://www.ffst.hr/ENCYCLOPAEDIA/doku.php?id=on_encyclopaedia.

Doc. A. Mickevičius –

- Manager and board member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society.

Doc. N. Milerius –

- Board member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society.

Prof. E. Nekrašas –

- Editorial board member of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*,
<http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39>;
- Editorial board member of the journal *Politologija (Political Science)*,
<http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/en/journals/politologija/politologija-2010-vol-4-60/editorial-board/>;
- Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, <http://lma.lt/>;
- Chairman of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society.

Prof. A. Plėšnys –

- Editorial board member of the journal *Soter*, <http://biblioteka.vdu.lt/en/sp-soter.htm>;
- Member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, <http://lkma.lt/>.

Prof. A. Šliogeris –

- Editorial board member of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39>;
- Editorial board member of the journal *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy. Sociology)*, <http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/>;
- Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, <http://lma.lt/>;

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Docents: Dr. J. Dagys, Dr. K. Dubnikas, Dr. N. Kardelis, Dr. N. Radavičienė, Dr. L. Šabajevaitė.

Lecturers: V. Dranseika, M. Kubilius, Dr. D. Viliūnas.

Postdoctoral students: Dr. G. Kabelka, Dr. K. Kirtiklis.

Doctoral students: R. Bikauskaitė, V. Dranseika, M. Gilaitis, I. Giraitė, L. Jokubaitis, G. Kurlavičiūtė, M. Markuckas, T. N. Mickevičius, M. Ruzas, V. Silius, I. Straukaitė, Ž. Svigaris, I. Vasilionytė, J. Žalgirytė.

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 2012

Projects Supported by University Budget

Methodological Research on the Historical and Contemporary Development of Philosophical Discourse. Prof. M. P. Šaulauskas. 2011–2015.

The main research titles accomplished in 2012: history and contemporary appropriation of ancient Greek and China philosophy; recent development and the current stance of Lithuanian philosophy; ongoing controversies on the methodological status of the theory of communication; fundamental issues of contemporary analytics: philosophy of science, philosophy of mind as well as morals and aesthetics; theoretical and historical underpinnings of nowadays political philosophy.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

Publishing of the journal *Problemos*. Contract No LIT-2-56/LSS-250000-380. Doc. N. Radavičienė. 2010-2012.

Reductionism in Contemporary Philosophy. Contract No MIP-023/2011/LSS-250000-1222. Dr. J. Dagys. 2011-2012.

Translation of classical works in philosophy into Lithuanian: student workshop. Contract No LIT-6-16/LSS-250000-1544. Dr. K. Kirtiklis. 2012.

Postdoctoral fellowship „The Outline of the Philosophy of Communication Studies“. Contract No 64/MTDS-250000-2030. K. Kirtiklis. 2011-2012.

Postdoctoral Fellowship „Post-soviet Transformation of Lithuanian Philosophy from the Viewpoint of Sociology of Knowledge“. Contract No 61/MTDS-250000-2034. G. Kabelka. 2011-2012.

Other projects

NORDPLUS Network in Philosophy. Partner of Vilnius University. Coordinator: University of Iceland. V. Dranseika. 2010-2012.

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

Doc. J. Dagys –

- Member of the Appeals Committee of the Faculty of Philosophy at Vilnius University;
- Executive secretary of the editorial board of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*,
<http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39>.

V. Dranseika –

- Member of the International Association of Bioethics, <http://bioethics-international.org>;
- Member of the Nordic Network for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare,
http://www.imh.liu.se/avd_halsa_samhalle/nnpmmme/hem?l=en;
- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society;
- Member of the Lithuanian Society for History and Philosophy of Science,
<http://www.bahps.org/contact-information>.

Doc. K. Dubnikas –

- Expert of the Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education,
<http://www.skvc.lt>.

Dr. K. Kirtiklis –

- Member of the Lithuanian Social Science Forum, <http://www.socforumas.lt/?lang=en>.

Doc. N. Radavičienė –

- Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39>;
- Member of the Academic Commission of Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University;
- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society, member of the council;
- Member of the Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University, <http://www.infovi.vu.lt/>.

Prof. M. P. Šaulauskas –

- Director of the Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University, <http://www.infovi.vu.lt/mps/index.html>;
- 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/>;
- Editorial board member of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39>.

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Lecturers: D. Butkienė, Dr. M. Dovydaitienė, K. Dragūnevičius, Dr. A. Kairys, Dr. V. Navickas, Dr. D. Noreika, Dr. K. Vanagaitė.

Doctoral students: G. Ambrulaitienė, R. Breidokienė, D. Jančiūrė, I. Juodkūnė, J. Kaliatkaitė, A. Lošakevičius, I. Makauskienė, V. Mikuličiūtė, J. Narmontienė, L. Rakickienė, V. Rimienė, I. Salialionė, U. Stadnikė, J. Stasiukynienė, K. Voropaj, O. Zamalijeva.

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 2012

Projects Supported by University Budget

The investigation of the static and dynamic features involved in the cognitive processes.

Vyr. m.d. R.Stanikūnas. 2011-2015.

The temporal sensitivity of flashing light of human visual system was investigated. The two separate lights flashing at different temporal intervals were presented under colored background. Subject's task was to evaluate which light flashed first or both lights flashed together. First part of experiment was devoted to analyze dependency between temporal resolution and lightness difference between stimuli. Two red stimuli with different lightness were tested under achromatic background. Second part of experiment was devoted to analyze dependency between temporal resolution and background color. The three primary LED's (red, green and blue) were used as flash lights. The background extending full visual field was illuminated by one of the primary LED's or D65 illuminant composed of three primary LED's. Results show, that for some subjects two flashed stimuli with different lightness shows better temporal resolution than flashed equal lightness stimulus. For other there is no significant effect between stimuli lightness and temporal resolution. The background colour has an effect on temporal resolution of two spatially separated flashing stimuli. At this point of the research it is difficult to derive a relationship, because of high attention impact on decision making.

Early development of self-regulation: the study of biological and psychosocial factors. Doc.

R. Jusienė. 2009-2012.

This longitudinal research aims to analyze prospectively the predictors of self-regulation in early childhood. The participants are more than 70 children and their parents. During the 2009-2011 years the 6 assessment stages were implemented (during the prenatal period, 1 month after birth,

at infants' age 3, 6 and 12 months, and at age 2 years old). Different biomedical and psychosocial factors were considered; also children's emotional and behavioral problems and developmental milestones, and parental self-efficacy were assessed. In 2012 the 7th stage of research was implemented. The children's emotional and behavioral problems, the children's temperament, the parenting behavior strategies were assessed. Two papers for master degree and two bachelors' thesis (under the supervision of R.Jusiene) reporting the data analysis are recently prepared.

Psychological factors and outcomes of social interaction. Prof. G. Valickas. 2011-2015.

In 2012 the two research works were conducted. The first research examined the congruence between functioning of Lithuanian criminal justice and the requirements of procedural justice as well as people's attitudes towards the law, law enforcement institutions and officers. During the implementation of research work, the criminal court trials were observed (n = 57), prisoners (n = 73), victims of crime (n = 70), drivers (n = 361) and other citizens (n = 416) of our country were interviewed. The results revealed that there are some positive changes in law enforcement officers' (particularly judges') behaviour. In comparison with previous (2004 year) results, law enforcement officers' behaviour is more congruent with the requirements of procedural justice. However, the changes are not sufficient. Still there are quite big differences between existing and desirable behaviour of officers. Respondents' evaluations are ambivalent and express both favourable and unfavourable attitudes towards law and law enforcement officers. It was found, that people trust in law enforcement institutions more than in officers; moreover behaviour of judges is evaluated as more positive than behaviour of policemen. These evaluations of the behaviour of law enforcement officers are related to the personal experience of respondents.

The second research was devoted to further standardization of Lithuanian Well-Being Scale (LPGS). First of all on the sample of students the structure of LPGS was determined. In total, 461 university students took part in the study (68.8 % female, 31% male, 0.2% non-identified; M = 22.6 years). After conducting exploratory factor analysis and parallel analysis, 91 item was retained and the following subscales were distinguished: Global satisfaction with life and oneself as a person, Negative emotionality, Purposefulness in life, Satisfaction with interpersonal relationships, Satisfaction with family relationships, Satisfaction with the living standards, Satisfaction with physical health, Perceived control, Satisfaction with life in Lithuania. In this study, the LPGS has proven to have adequate psychometric properties. The above-mentioned nine subscales account for 53.7 percent of total variance. The internal consistency test has revealed average to very high subscale reliability, Cronbach alphas ranging from 0.67 (Satisfaction with life in Lithuania) to 0.95 (Global satisfaction with life and oneself as a person).

After determination of LPGS structure the relations of its subscales with sociodemographic variables (age, gender, marital status, place of residence, subjective evaluations of one's financial status, and religiousness) in a sample drawn from Lithuanian adult population (528 subjects). Statistically significant gender differences were found in three out of nine psychological well-being subscales. Females seem to be more satisfied with their interpersonal relationships and their family relationships, whereas males demonstrate higher scores in perceived control. Respondent age was found to be positively correlated with purposefulness, satisfaction with interpersonal relationships and satisfaction with life in Lithuania. It is negatively correlated with satisfaction with one's physical health. Moreover, a between-group comparison (using a two-way ANOVA) has revealed that, compared to males, females in 18–22, 23–29 and 30–49 age groups tend to be more satisfied with their family relationships; whereas in the >50 age group the results are reversed – males in this age group demonstrate higher satisfaction with their family relationships. Marital status seems to be an important factor as well. Respondents living with a partner (married or cohabiting) report higher scores in the majority of psychological well-being domains than respondents that indicated to be single, separated or widowed. Furthermore, as seen from the regression analysis, marital status is a relatively important predictor of psychological well-being. Compared between different places of residence, respondents living in central locations (e.g. regional centre) report higher psychological well-being than those residing in the periphery. It was a rather important predictor of well-being as well. Subjective evaluation of one's financial status was found to be the most important correlate – it is correlated with all psychological well-being domains. In turn, the regression analysis has shown that, all the socio-demographic variables put together, subjective evaluation of one's financial status is the best predictor of psychological wellbeing, i.e. the better the evaluation of one's financial status, the higher the psychological well-being.

Psychological well-being of students: learning, behavior and health problems. Doc. Dr. L. Bulotaitė. 2011-2015.

The aim of this study – to analyse well-being, stress and subjective health status of students.

Methods. 213 students of social sciences participated in the research. 86,9 % – female, 13,1 % – male. 131 – I st year students, 82 – IV th year students. Specially designed questionnaire and Ryff scales of Psychological Well-being were used.

Results. Well-being of students was connected to stress in different life areas. Results revealed, that when stress fullness of different life areas of students increases, the wellbeing scores decrease. The strongest correlation was between well-being and stress, connected to

independence of students. The lowest impact on students well-being was caused by such stressful events, as student life, changed relations with parents and selected study programme. The overall psychological well-being scores of students increased from freshman to senior years. Psychological well-being of students was also connected to health status of students. There was negative correlation between different symptoms, which students experience at least once per week, and different aspects of psychological wellbeing. The more students were satisfied with the selected study programme, the higher was their psychological wellbeing estimation.

Test adaptation and standardization. Doc. dr. G. Gintilienė. 2011-2015.

Lithuanian sample of 3455 children aged 11 to 17.5 was tested using Raven's Standard Progressive Matrices Plus (SPM+) and also 1087 children from 14 to 17.5 years were tested using Advanced Progressive Matrices (APM). Data from this study was used to assess scaleability and validity of the tests. Split-half internal consistency and Kuder – Richardson correlations were used to determine test reliability. The construct validity of SPM+ and APM was supported by Item- Response Theory based analysis and also by correlation analysis between age and mean raw scores. The criterion-related validity was confirmed by relationship of tests scores and children's school achievement (marks in Lithuanian language and mathematics).

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

Personality, Health and Socio-Demographic Dimensions of Psychological Well-Being of Lithuanian Population. Contract No. SIN-11/2010/ LSS-250000-959. Prof. A. Bagdonas. 2010-2013.

Influence of differences in monocular features on binocularly perceived location of object in space. Contract No. MIP-015/2011/ LSS-250000-1220. Prof. H. Vaitkevičius. 2011-2013.

Modulated light influence on color perception. Contract No MIP-013/2012/ LSS-250000-426. Dr. R. Stanikūnas. 2012-2014.

Early Development of Self-regulatory Skills. Contract No MIP-014/2012/ LSS-250000-427. Dr. R. Jusienė. 2012-2014.

D. Matuzevičius Post doc internship „Research on factors influencing stereo vision“. Contract No. 004/13/MTDS-250000-396. Mentor prof. P. H. Vaitkevičius. 2012-2014.

Projects Supported by European Social Fund Agency

Identification of Gifted School Children: Adaptation and Use of Psychological Tests.
Contract No VP1-2.3-ŠMM-06-K-01-004. Dr. I. Žukauskaitė. 2011-2013.

**Purposive Requalification of Psychologists without Full Professional Qualification
According to the Bachelor and Master Study Programs in Psychology of Vilnius University**
– VUPSIS. Contract No VP1-2.3.-ŠMM-04-V-02-001/Pars-13700-2068. Prof. A. Bagdonas.
2011-2013.

**Infrastructure and Basic Equipment Development for Vilnius University’s Philology,
Social Sciences and Communication Sciences Studies.** Project No VP3-2.2-ŠMM-18-V-02-
009. Dr. R. Stanikūnas. 2011-2013.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Child Development Centre (Lithuania)

Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)

UK Manchester UMIST (UK)

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. 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.

Doc. F. Laugalys –

- Member of ISSBD; www.issbd.org .

Doc. B. Pociūtė –

- Member of ISSBD; www.issbd.org ;
- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;

Doc. L. Bulotaitė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
- Member of the Scientific Committee of EMCDDA, www.emcdda.europa.eu/;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Ugdymo psichologija* (Educational Psychology), www.vpu.lt/.

Doc. R. Bliumas –

- Member of the of Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
- International Affiliate of the American Psychological Association, www.apa.org/.

Doc. G. Gintilienė –

- Member of ISSBD, www.issbd.org/;
- Member of the International Study Group on Special Education Needs;
- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt/;
- Member of Certification Commission of School Psychologists under the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Affiliate Member International School Psychology Association, www.ispaweb.org/ .

Doc. D. Čekuolienė –

- Member of Society for Research of Child Development (SRCD), www.srcd.org/ ;
- President of the Family Counseling Society;
- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>.

Doc. I. Čėsnienė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>
- Member of the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology, <http://psychweb.cisat.jmu.edu/spcp/>
- Member of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, <http://www.iafmhs.org/>
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal "Socialinių mokslų studijos" ("Societal Studies"), http://www.mruni.eu/lt/mokslo_darbai/sms/apie_leidini/

Doc. S. Girdzijauskienė –

- Member of the International Study Group on Special Education Needs;
- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>.
- Member of ISSBD, www.issbd.org ;

Doc. R. Jusienė –

- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/> ;
- Member of ISSBD, www.issbd.org ;
- Member of European Society for Developmental Psychology, www.esdp.info.

Dr. A. Kairys –

- Editorial Board Executive Secretary of the Journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*, www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psichologija;

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>.

Dr. Vilmantė Pakalniškienė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
- Member of European Association for Research on Adolescence, www.earaonline.org;
- Member of ISSBD, www.issbd.org .

Dr. K. Vanagaitė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Criminology.

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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 2012

Projects Supported by University Budget

Psychological disfunction and experience of extreme stress: psychosocial background, psychodynamics and coping. Prof. D. Gailienė. 2011-2015.

Results of investigation of transgenerational affects of trauma and psychosocial stress in families analysed and published. Data on psychological after math of suicide on family members are collected; data on affects of psychotherapeutic help were analysed.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

Organizational Citizenship Behaviour in the Context of Work Motivation in Lithuanian Organizations. Contract No SIN-05/2012/ LSS-250000-619. Dr. D. Bagdžiūnienė. 2012-2013.

Psychosocial factors of psychological well-being in the context of psychotraumatology. Contract No SIN-01/2012/ LSS-250000-621. Dr. E. Kazlauskas. 2012-2013.

Psychological Effects and Coping of Extreme Trauma and Social Transformations. Contract No Nr. VP1-3.1-ŠMM-07-K-02-023/ LSS-250000-2257. Prof. D. Gailienė. 2012-2015.

Psychological Difficulties Dynamics in Childhood: Personality traits, Attachment and Mentalization. Contract No MIP-016/2012/ LSS-250000-428. Dr. R. Barkauskienė. 2012-2014.

Psychological Job Insecurity: Its Dimensions and Individual and Organizational Outcomes. Contract No MIP-015/2012/ LSS-250000-429. Dr. Dalia Bagdžiūnienė. 2012-2014.

Vilnius BEPP Efficacy Study: Comparison with Internet-based Psychotraumatology program. Contract No MIP-011/2012/ LSS-250000-425. Dr. E. Kazlauskas. 2012-2014.

Effectiveness in Psychotherapy: Analysis of Personality Change and the Underlying Factors. Contract No MIP-107/2012/ LSS-250000-2150. Prof. G. Gudaitė. 2012-2014.

Projects Supported by European Social Fund Agency

Psychological Effects and Coping of Extreme Trauma and Social Transformations. Contract No VP1-3.1-ŠMM-07-K-02-023. Prof. D. Gailienė. 2012-2015.

International Science Programmes and Projects

EUROPLAT: European Psychology Learning and Teaching. Contract No. 155981-LLP-1-2009-UK-ERASMUS-ENWA. Prof. D. Gailienė. 2009-2012.

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 Pecs (Ungarn)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. D. Gailienė –

- Consulting Editor of the Journal *Archives of Suicide Research*
<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/aboutThisJournal?show=editorialBoard&journalCode=usui20>;
- Associate Editor of the Journal *European Psychologist*,
www.hhpub.com/journals/ep/journals.html;
- International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP), <http://www.iasp.info/>
- Associate Editor of the Journal *Psichologija (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 Association of Suicidology (AAS); <http://www.suicidology.org/home>;
- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt>;
- Member of European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), www.estss.org.

Prof. G. Gudaitė –

- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.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.

Prof. R. Kočiūnas –

- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
- Member of Society for Existential Analysis (Great Britain); <http://www.existentialanalysis.org.uk/>
- General Secretary of East European Association for Existential Therapy, www.exist-association.eu ;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*, www.leidykla.vu.lt ;
- Editorial Board Member of the *Journal of Baltic Psychology* (Latvia); <http://www.lu.lv/apgads/izdevumi/elektroniskie-izdevumi/zurnali-un-periodiskie-izdevumi/baltic-journal-of-psychology/>
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Existential Analysis* (Great Britain), 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 *Existential: Psychology and Psychotherapy*, www.existradi.ru ;

- Representative from Lithuania in the Psychotherapy Committee of European Federation of Psychological Associations; <http://www.efpa.eu/>

Doc. R. Bieliauskaitė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.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, <http://www.psichologusajunga.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, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
- Member of Steering Committee CEESBM (Central and Eastern Europe Society for Behavioural Medicine (CEESBM)); <http://www.ceebm-net.hu/>.

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Doc. R. Barkauskienė –

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- National Representative at EFPA Standing Committee of Ethics;
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- Member of International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, www.issbd.org/;

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- Representative from Lithuania in the Psychotherapy Committee of European Federation of Psychological Associations; <http://www.efpa.eu/>.

Dr. I. Žukauskaitė –

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- Board Member of Baltic Area Alliance Board at European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology;
- Member of International Society for Justice Research, www.isjr.org;
- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.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 professions

Sociology of youth

Theoretical and empirical issues in the research on family

Corruption and anti-corruption activity

Policy analysis of social inclusion

Social economy

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 2012

Projects Supported by University Budget

Sociological Discourses, Social Control and Time Structures. Prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2012–2016.

Research of the post-communist transformation in Lithuania from the viewpoint of comparative historical sociology was accomplished. Research in the field of the history of sociology and analysis of the theoretical discourse was continued. The issues of migration and family life were analyzed. The members of the department were participating in the research programmes of criminology and deviance. 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. The Lithuanian social policy and social policy discourse were critically analyzed, the impact of crisis on social policy was evaluated. The investigations of phenomenological sociology were accomplished.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

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

Contract No SIN-07/2010/ LSS-250000-957. Prof. A. Dobryninas. 2010-2012.

Fostering of the of Lithuanian Sociology's Tradition in the Journal „Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmai“ (Sociology. Thought and Action). Contract No LIT-2-70/ LSS-250000-426. Prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2010-2012.

Remembrance of Soviet times in life stories: relationship between public and private discourses. Contract No VAT-18/2010/ LSS-250000-1246. Prof. D. Leinartė, dr. L. Žilinskienė. 2010-2012.

Emigration and Family: Challenges, Family Resources, Ways of Coping with Difficulties. Contract No VAT-39/2012/ LSS-250000-643. Prof. I. Juozeliūnienė. 2012-2014.

Homicide in Lithuania: Criminological Research. Contract No SIN-11/2012/ 5T-3/ BS-250000-699. Prof. A. Dobryninas.

Postdoctoral internship “Deteriorisation of Ethnic and National Identity: the Cases of Periphery and Migration” Postdoctoral student D. Daukšas. Supervisor A. Valantiejus. Contract No VP1-3.1-ŠMM-01-V-01-001.

Projects Supported by European Social Fund Agency

Reception of Criminal Justice in Society. Contract No VP1-3.1-ŠMM-07-K-01-049. Prof. A. Dobryninas. 2011-2014.

Two Decades of Independence: Kaunas (1918-1940) and Vilnius (1990-2012) Republics of Lithuania from the Viewpoint of Comparative Historical Sociology. Contract No VP1-3.1-ŠMM-07-K-01-010. Prof. Z. Norkus. 2011-2014.

The Research of the Field of Professional Activities. Contract No VP1-2.2-ŠMM-08-V-01-001. Prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2009-2012.

Internationalization in the Studies of Sociology and Criminology. Contract No VP1-2.2.-ŠMM-07-K-02-053/LSS-250000-2507. Prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2011-2013.

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)

Oslo University College (Norway)

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;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal “Kriminologijos studijos”.

Prof. 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;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology), <http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/> ;

- 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).

Prof. Z. Norkus –

- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology),
<http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/> ;
- 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/> ;
- Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, <http://lma.lt/>
- Editorial Board Member of the Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia;
- Member of the Executive Council of the Lithuanian Sociological Society;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Lietuvos istorijos studijos (Studies of Lithuania's History).

Prof. A. Poviliūnas –

- Member of the Committee of Humanities and Social Sciences of Research Council of Lithuania, <http://www.lmt.lt/en/structure-and-contacts.html> ;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija: Mintis ir veiksmas (Sociology: Thought and Action), <http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/> ;
- Member of SUSTAIN Network (Helsinki University),
<http://sockom.helsinki.fi/forum/SUSTAIN/network.html>;
- 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, <http://www.peer-review-social-inclusion.eu/network-of-independent-experts>;

- Vice-president of the Lithuanian Association of Sociologists,
<http://www.sociology.lt/EN/50/About-the-LSA.htm> ;
- Head of the Doctoral Studies Committee of Sociology, Vilnius University.

Prof. A. Valantiejus –

- Editor-in-chief of the Journal Sociologija: Mintis ir veiksmai (Sociology: Thought and Action), <http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/> ;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology),
<http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/>.

Dr. L. Žilinskienė –

- Editor-in-Chief of the Journal “Kriminologijos studijos”.

Doc. R. Žiliukaitė

- National programme director, European Value Survey,
<http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu/evs/about-evs/organisation/newcouncil/> ;
- Programme Director, Civil Society Institute, <http://www.civitas.lt/en/?pid=25>.

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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

Education culture

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2012

Projects Supported by University Budget

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

The main aim of the research in 2012 was the 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 presented in the monograph *“Education as Enculturation”* (to be published in 2013) by Irena Stonkuvienė.

In the year of 2012 several research papers written by Lilija Duoblienė, Vanda Aramavičiūtė, Tomas Butvilas, Irena Stonkuvienė, Giedrė Purvaneckienė, Vilija Targamadze and analyzing issues of education policy and culture were published in Lithuanian, foreign and international educational journals. The co-authored book, dedicated to prominent Lithuanian educator Professor Leonas Jovaiša was completed, edited and submitted for publishing.

The staff of the Education Department presented their research findings at different conferences held in Lithuania. Lilija Duoblienė made a presentation “New School Culture: Rethinking Teachers’ Identity” at the national scientific-practical conference *Teacher Training in the XXI century: changes and perspectives* (2012, Šiauliai).

Irena Stonkuvienė presented the paper on „The Coherence of Ethno-Cultural and Intercultural Education“ at the national scientific conference *Intercultural Competences in Lithuanian School* (2012, Vilnius). Her second paper “The Trends of Gender Roles in the Changing Lithuania” was presented at the national scientific conference *The Woman and the Army* (2012, Vilnius) and the third one „The Trends of Gender Roles in the Lithuanian Education System” was presented at the National scientific conference *The Educational Challenges of Globalization: the Army and the Society* (2012, Vilnius) organized by Lithuanian Military Academy of General Jonas Žemaitis.

Giedrė Purvaneckienė participated at the national conference “Education of intercultural competences in Lithuanian school” (Vilnius, 2012) where she made a presentation “Why intercultural education is needed in schools: results of survey among pupils of Vilnius schools”.

Members of the staff have presented their research finding at some international conferences. All the international visits were supported by University of Vilnius.

Lilija Duoblienė attended international conference *Social construction of the reality: chances and risks for human communication* (Yerevan, Armenia 2012), where she made a presentation „Time and Space in Education: rethinking cultural transmission in Lithuania“.

Irena Stonkuvienė attended two international conferences: 1) the International Scientific Conference *New Trends on Global Education 2* (Kyrenia, North Cyprus, 2012) in which she made a presentation „*Education in Culture and Education for Culture*“; 2) the International Scientific Conference *Internationalization in Education (18th – 20th centuries)* (Geneve, Switzerland, 2012), where she presented her research findings on „Transmission of Traditions and Generation Conflict: Processes of Enculturation in Lithuania in the 20th Century“ .

Tatjana Bulajeva attended the INTED *International Technology, Education and Development Conference*, (Valencia(Spain), 2012), where the presentation „Language Education Policy and Cultural Transmission in Lithuanian Context “ was made.

Vilija Targamadzė attended the 6th International Multi-Conference on Society, Cybernetics and Informatics: IMSCI Florida 2012 and presented a paper on „ Problem-based Learning – the Possibility of Networking Schools, Universities, and Communities /Case of Lithuania/.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

Research Study on Project and Problem Based Learning Approach Use in the Final Year Thesis. Contract No MIP-009/2011/ LSS-250000-1221. Prof. V. Targamadzè. 2011-2012.

Education as Enculturation. Contract No LIT-4-16/LSS-250000-829. Dr. I. Stonkuvienė. 2011-2012.

International Science Programmes and Projects

TEMPUS. „Development and Introduction of Multilingual Teacher Education Programs at Universities of Georgia and Ukraine (DIMTEGU)”. Contract No 530360-TEMPUS-1-2012-1-GE-TEMPUS-JPCR. The coordinator of the project is Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia). VU – partner (coordinator prof. V. Targamadzè). 2012-2015.

Children's Rights Erasmus Academic Network. Application number 527696-LLP-1-2012-1-DE-ERASMUS-ENW. The coordinator of the project is Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. VU – partner (coordinator assoc. Prof. T. Butvilas). 2012-2015.

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)

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. V. Aramavičiūtė –

- Editor-in-chief of the Journal Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=36> ;
- Member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, <http://www.lkma.lt/> .
- Expert of The Lituanistika Database of The Humanities and Social Sciences in Lithuania;

Prof. V. Targamadzė –

- Lithuanian Philology Data Base Expert since 2008;
- International PISTA, IMSCI Conferences Reviewer (USA, Florida) since 2006;
- MOSTA – renewed programs expert;
- Member of Program Committee of the 10 th International Conference on Politics and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications PISTA 2012, USA, Florida);
- Editorial Board Member: Social education magazine (LEU, SKI);
- Editorial Board Member: Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia (VU), <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=36> ;
- Member of VU Philosophy Faculty Board ;
- Member of Lithuanian education university attestation committee since 2006.

Prof. R. Želvys –

- Expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
- Editorial Board Member of the journals Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=36> , Pedagogics, Social Sciences. Educology.

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;

Prof. L. Duoblienė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Philosophy Teachers;
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- Expert of the Research Council of Lithuania;
- 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*,
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- Member of the editorial board of the journal *Religion and Culture*;

Doc. I. Stonkuvienė –

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- Executive Secretary of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*,
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- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *IJGE: International Journal of Global Education*;
www.ijge.net/ojs/index.php/ijge
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *International Journal of New Trends in Arts, Sports & Science Education (IJTASE)* <http://www.ijtase.net/ojs/index.php/IJTASE/article/view/155/194>

Expert of The Lituanistika Database of The Humanities and Social Sciences in Lithuania;

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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).
- Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education: external rating expert.

Doc. T. Bulajeva –

- Expert of the Commission for Pedagogical and Educational Staff Training and Professional Development at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Expert of the Research Council of Lithuania (evaluation of international research projects);
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*,
<http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=36>;
- Expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education (external assessment of study programmes);
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development of social services in Lithuania

Analysis of social policy, social security, pensions

Social support for vulnerable people

Social rehabilitation and integration

Social inclusion

Community development and empowerment

Social prevention and work in dealing with family problems

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

Promoting factors of youth participation

Human Rights

Stigma, stereotypes and discrimination

Mental health

Developmental cooperation and education in social work

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2012

Projects Supported by University Budget

Searching for Effective Social Work Strategies How to Organize Social Services under Conditions of Welfare Pluralism. Prof. L. Žalimienė. 2011–2014.

Research in 2012 was focusing on social work empowerment strategies, analysing dilemmas of social assistance policy in Lithuania, problems of social cohesion in Lithuanian countryside.

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