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89 teachers (19 habilitated doctors and 56 doctors), 1 research fellow, 81 doctoral students.

MAIN RESEARCH TRENDS OF THE FACULTY

Role and Nature of Philosophy in Classical and Postmodern Civilization

History of World Philosophy and Lithuanian Philosophy

Society, Community and Individual: Change of Life Quality Values

Bioinformation and Behavioral Systems

PROCEDURE OF HABILITATION IN 2008

Romas Lazutka. Transformation of Social Welfare in Democratic Lithuania.

Arūnas Poviliūnas. The Application of the Participatory Action Research in the Rural Development.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS MAINTAINED IN 2008

K. Sabolius. The Concept of Imagination in Phenomenological Philosophy.

J. Lavrinec. The Narrative Models of Subjectivity.

A. Dainys. The Given of Language in the Philosophy of Wittgenstein and Heidegger.

L. Šopauskas. Semantics of Categorical Sentence in Port Royal Logic and William Hamilton's Work.

V. Grenda. Humean and Antihumean Arguments in Contemporary Theories of Causation.

G. Čiuladienė. Adolescent Conflicts and the Pedagogical Strategies for Resolving Them

I. Tinfavičienė. Paradigm Change in the Lithuanian Higher University Sector: The Case of Master's Degree Studies in Educational Science.

P. Skruibis. The Relationship Between Attitudes Towards Suicide and Suicidal Tendencies.

V. Kalpokienė. Relation Between Ego Functions of Adolescents with Conduct Disorders and Coping with Adolescence Crisis.

R. Povilaitis. Relationship Between Schoolchildren Participating in Bullying and their Psychosocial Functioning.

D. Liutikas. Traditional and Modern Pilgrimage as Expression of Values and Identity in Lithuanian Society.

A. Gavėnaitė. The Conception and Functions of Punishment in Positivist and Critical Criminological Traditions.

V. Pakalniškienė. Harsh or Inept Parenting, Youth Characteristics and Later Adjustment.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED IN 2008

Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Psychology. III Annual Meeting. Vilnius, September 21-23, 2008.

24 th International Congress of Individual Psychology. Tenderness Aggressiveness: the Challenge of Our Times. Vilnius, July 31- August 3, 2008.

The International Scientific Conference „Mental health in infancy and preschool age: assessment, prevention and intervention“. Vilnius, October 23-24, 2008.

The International Scientific Conference „Interdisciplinary Criminological Studies: Experience and Prospects“. Vilnius, May 8-9, 2008.

Crossing the Borders of Fields and Disciplines: 5th Conference of Young Scientists in Psychology. Vilnius, May 10, 2008.

Conference for the 50th Anniversary of the Lithuanian Psychological Association. Psychology in Lithuania: expectations and reality. Vilnius, February 29 – March 1, 2008.

Periodical seminars „Consilium Educationis“, Vilnius.

Seminar of Analytic Philosophy. On a regular basis, twice a month.

Presentation of a multimedia DVD „Klasikinės ir šiuolaikinės filosofijos problemos“. Vilnius, February 28, 2008.

Interdisciplinary discussion „Philosophy: visual and verbal language“. Vilnius, February 29, 2008.

Round table of Vilnius University and European Humanities University students
„Philosophy: Neutral Science and/or a Tool of Social Critique?“ Vilnius, March 01, 2008.

Public lectures by prof. Roger T. Ames and prof. Henry Rosemont Jr. „The Contemporary Significance of Confucian Role Based Moral Philosophy“. Vilnius, October 2008.

Multidisciplinary Conference: „Situation of Person’s Assessment in Lithuania: Cultural-Ethical, Methodological and Financial Aspects“. Vilnius, July 2008.

Conference „Scientific Images in Contemporary Philosophy“. Vilnius, May 9, 2008.

Conference „Sense in Philosophy and Sense of Philosophy“. Vilnius, May 23-24, 2008.

The International Scientific Conference „Ways and Detours of Phenomenology in the French, Lithuanian and Latvian Philosophy“. Vilnius, November 6-8, 2008.

The International Scientific Conference „Urban Change in Eastern and Central Europe: Social, Cultural and Architectural Transformations“. Vilnius, December 11-14, 2008.

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Docents: Dr. M. Gutauskas, Dr. L. Jakavonytė, Dr. S. Jankauskas, Dr. A. Mickevičius, Dr. N. Milerius, Dr. A. Plėšnys.

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

Doctoral students: K. Sabolius, J. Lavrinec, A. Bukevičiūtė, L. Junutytė, J. Saldukaiytė, M. Stoškus, V. Daraškevičiūtė, E. Bražėnaitė, L. Kazlauskaitė, G. Tamkus.

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 2008

Projects Supported by University Budget

The Role of Philosophy in the Process of Globalization of Local Cultures. Prof. A. Šliogeris. 2004-2008.

The research has been accomplished in several directions by separate groups of scholars. The focus was on the impact of the media upon national conscience and globalisation indicators of individual conscience. Papers by J. Barevičiūtė, L. Jekentaitė, N. Milerius, A. Šliogeris deal with this kind of problems and have been published in "Problemos" (ISI academic journal) and other reviewed publications. It has been established that modern media, especially television, in Lithuania and elsewhere often has a destructive effect and endangers the national identity. Therefore, the globalisation of individual conscience should not be viewed in a homogeneous way, i.e. exclusively as a positive or desirable factor. Globalisation tends to include dangers that need to be comprehended very clearly and sensibly and responded to even on the level of the State policy. The interrelation between the classical philosophy, the methodological structures of the modern science and the current ecological situation is analysed in the papers of other researchers – S. Jankauskas, M. Gutauskas, Č. Kalenda, et al. This ecological situation tends to challenge not only the national but international mentality as well, thus it is possible that the imminent ecological catastrophe is closely related with a certain anthropological catastrophe already in progress. Final accent of this Project is monograph of prof. A.Šliogeris „Names of Nihil“ in

English (Rodopi, Amsterdam-New York, 2008), where the globalization process is analysed as aspect of nihilism, inborn to human nature, but now fatally reinforced by limitless consumption and globalitarian political and economical regimes.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

The Novosibirsk Institute of Economics, Psychology and Law (Russia)

European Humanitarian University, Minsk (Belarus)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. Č. Kalenda –

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

Prof. E. Nekrašas –

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

Prof. A. Šliogeris –

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

Doc. L. Jakavonytė –

- member of the board of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society
http://www.geocities.com/lj_lt/VU.html.

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Lecturers: Dr. J. Dagys, M. Kubilius.

Doctoral students: V. Grenda, A. Grigaravičiūtė, K. Kirtiklis, V. Dranseika, I. Giraitė, R. Bikauskaitė, A. Mackonis, M. Ruzas, Ž. Svigaris, V. Silius, I. Vasilionytė.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy in classical and modern civilizations

Modern – postmodern controversy

Information society studies

Analytic philosophy and hermeneutics

Logic

Postmodern philosophy

Social philosophy

Contemporary Christian philosophy

Ethics

Religion studies

Philosophy of history

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2008

Projects Supported by University Budget

Methodological Analysis of the Development of the Philosophical Discourse. Prof. M. P. Šaulauskas. 2005-2010.

Main research titles accomplished in 2007: historical analysis of the rise and development of philosophy and other theoretical sciences in Lithuania; inquiry into the fundamental principles of the current stance of interdisciplinary human and social sciences research in

Lithuania; research on contemporary reductionist philosophy of mind; investigation into the early history of Christian philosophy.

Other projects

Quality Improvement of the Doctoral and Introduction of the Postdoctoral Studies in Social and Human Sciences: Maintaining National Identity in the Global World.

Contract No ESF/2004/2.5.0-03-404/BPD-175/ParS-12500-596. Prof. M. P. Šaulauskas. 2006-2008.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

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

The Jesuit Faculty of Philosophy, Cracow (Poland)

The Polish Academy of Art and Sciences (Poland)

The Novosibirsk Institute of Economics, Psychology and Law (Russia)

European Humanitarian University, Minsk (Belarus)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. R. Plečkaitis –

- foreign member of Polish Academy of Art and Science;
- expert of Lithuanian Academy of Science;
- member of Science Council of Lithuania;
- vice-editor of the journal *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy. Sociology)*;
- editorial board member of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*.

Prof. M. P. Šaulauskas (<http://www.infovi.vu.lt/mps/index.html>) –

- director of Center for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University;
- member of Council, Institute of Philosophy, Culture and Arts;
- editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology)*;
- editorial board member of the journal *Problemos (Problems)*;

Doc. K. Dubnikas –

- expert of Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education.

Doc. N. Lomanienė –

- executive secretary of journal *Problemos (Problems)*;
- expert of Media, Radio and TV Support Fund;
- consultant of Center of Contemporary Didactics.

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Docents: Dr. R. Bliumas, Dr. L. Bulotaitė, Dr. G. Gintilienė, Dr. S. Girdzijauskienė, Dr. R. Jusienė, Dr. F. Laugalys, Dr. B. Pociūtė.

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

Doctoral students: R. Breidokienė, A. Dzekevičiūtė, J. Stasiukynienė, I. Gabrielavičiūtė, N. Ignatova, A. Kairys, I. Makauskienė, V. Mikuličiūtė, A. Miškinytė, D. Noreika, J. Narmontienė, R. Povilaitis, V. Rutkevičiūtė, I. Salialionė, M. Skėrytė Kazlauskienė, U. Stadnikė, J. Stasiukynienė, Ž. Šarakauskienė, A. Šimelionienė, I. Urbanavičiūtė, K. Voropaj, A. Zbarauskaitė.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Influence of color contrast, adaptation and location of stimuli in visual field on color perception (on color 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

Cross-cultural psychology: research of psychological features of Lithuanian sub ethnical groups

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

Emotion and behavioral problems of Lithuanian schoolchildren

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2008

Projects Supported by University Budget

Psychological Aspects of Legal Relations. Prof. G. Valickas. 2005–2010.

In 2008, the two research works were conducted. The first research examined the peculiarities of procedural justice in suspects, convicts and control group (n = 187). The results show that evaluations of procedural justice are more favorable in control group members than in suspects and convicts. All participants are more compliant with laws than with police officers. Besides, convicts place more reliance in judges and are more favorable in evaluating behavior of judges than in police officers while suspects and control group evaluate them similarly.

The second research examined the perceived procedural justice of high school students (n = 182). It was found that student's perceived procedural justice is fairly high. Furthermore, there was found that procedural justice's components were related with justice perception of exam evaluation: the more lecturer's treatment was satisfied with procedural justice requirements, the better was perceived fairness of exam evaluation.

Information Technologies of Transducers and Neural Nets. Prof. H. Vaitkevičius, Doc. Z. Bliznikas. 2005–2009.

The attractiveness of two color combinations illuminated by light of different spectra but the same color temperature was under investigation. Standard A, D65, D55 and LED light with the same correlated color temperature were used. The Munsell, Farnsworth Munsell 100 Hue Test samples and 28 two colors' plates were used. Attractiveness of colored plate under different lighting depends on their chroma. The changes in the capability to discriminate

color differences are explicitly observed for the older subjects in greenish-yellowish and blue regions.

Investigation of Psychophysiological Mechanism of Human Perception. Dr. A. Švegžda. 2004–2009.

Voluntary and involuntary hand muscle activities under the real of a hand movement and under observation of image of moving hand were under investigation. The muscle activities (EMG) depend upon both the real and observed movement of hand. Involuntary reactions were observed within three intervals: 1,5-1,9 s, 2,3-2,5s and 3,0-3,5 s after the displaying of image of the moving hand.

Psychological Wellbeing of Different Community Groups. Doc. L. Bulotaitė. 2005–2010.

Project „Stress in university teachers and possibilities of coping with it“ was carried out by group of researches (Laima Bulotaitė, Remigijus Bliumas, Birutė Pociūtė).

Stress and job attitude of university teachers in Lithuania were analysed. 255 teachers of different universities (49 percent male and 51 percent female) have been surveyed. The survey has revealed that during the last few years the work load of university teachers has increased significantly in all kind of activities (teaching, research, participation in projects, international collaboration, etc.). For this reasons most of university teachers dedicate their free time to work. A significant difference has been estimated between activities, which are considered prior by university teachers and work, which university administration considers as priority. This discrepancy of opinions may be the reason for job disappointment, disagreement with the administration and even disloyalty to the employer. The biggest stressors for university teachers are higher education system, low motivation of students and big work load. Women teachers are more stressed by different work range than men. The investigation revealed that university teachers are quite satisfied with their job. Non of university teachers indicated being highly discontent with their job, while 15,2 percents stated, that they are very satisfied with their job at the university. The research has detected, that older teachers and those, who work at the university for a longer time, are more satisfied with their jobs than the younger and less experienced colleagues. It was ascertained, that the more stress is felt, the less job satisfaction is experienced. The results of current study were presented at European Congress of Psychology in Berlin. Article in Acta Pedagogica Vilnensis was published.

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

Daphne II. Needs Assessment and Awareness Raising Programme for Bullying in Schools. Contract No JLS/DAP/2005-1-040-YC. Doc. L. Bulotaitė. 2005-2008.

Other projects

Establishment of a Training Centre for Innovations and Experimental Research in Psychology. (Measure 2.5 of the SPD, ESF, 2006-2008). Contract No ESF/2004/2.5.0-03-406/BPD-177/ParS-12500-598. Coordinator doc. L. Bulotaitė. 2006-2008.

Child and adolescent mental health in enlarged EU: development of effective policies and practices. (EC Public Health Programme). Contract No 2005311. Coordinator R. Povilaitis. 2006-2008.

Needs assessment and awareness raising programme for bullying in schools. (Daphne programme II, 2006-2008, Nr. JLS/DAP/2005-1-040/YC). Contract No BS-250400-910. Coordinator R. Povilaitis. 2006-2008.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Child Development Centre (Lithuania)

Law University of Lithuania (Lithuania)

UK Manchester UMIST (UK)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Doc. F. Laugalys –

- editorial board executive secretary of the journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*.

Prof. G. Valickas –

- editor-in-chief of the journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*;
- member of Academic Senate of Vilnius University vice-chairman of Committee of Science of Vilnius University;
- expert of the Lithuanian Center for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
- Member of the board of Criminological studies centre of Vilnius University.

Doc. B. Pociūtė –

- editorial board member of the journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*;
- member of ISSBD;
- board member of the Lithuanian Psychologists Association, www.lps.vu.lt/;

- member of DEAN Network.

Doc. L. Bulotaitė –

- President of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt/ ;
- member of 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, www.fsf.vu.lt/lpa/ ;
- international affiliate of the American Psychological Association, www.apa.org/.

Doc. G. Gintilienė –

- member of ISSBD, www.issbd.org/ ;
- member of 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;
- board member of the general education examination and schoolchildren achievement research under the Ministry of Education and Science.

Dr. D. Čekuolienė –

- member of Society for Research of Child Development (SRCD), www.srcd.org/;
- President of the Family Counseling Society.

Prof. H. Vaitkevičius –

- Committee on Scientific Affairs of EFPA, www.efpa.be/;
- member of Professor's Council of Latvian University;
- editorial board member of the journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*;
- expert of the Lithuanian State Science and Studies Foundation.

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Senior assistants: Dr. R. Rekašiūtė-Balsienė.

Doctoral students: I. Bieliauskienė, V. Domanskaitė-Gota, R. Garckija, M. Giedraitytė, N. Grigutyte, A. Grušauskaitė, I. Laukienė, A. Jurgaitytė-Avižinienė, V. Kalpokienė, J. Lazauskaitė, T. Lazdauskas, M. Tvarijonavičius, A. Matulaitė-Horwood, I. Povilaitienė, V. Poškutė, P. Skruibis, J. Šalaj, I. Starinskaitė, I. Žukauskaitė.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

Developmental psychopathology

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2008

Projects Supported by University Budget

The Impact of the Stress of Social Transformations on Individuals, Families and Social Groups. Prof. D. Gailienė. 2005–2007.

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

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Oslo University (Norway)

Umea University (Sweden)

University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

University of Trondheim (Norway)

University of Medicine of Kaunas (Lithuania)

University of Pécs (Ungarn)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. D. Gailienė –

- full member of the International Academy for Suicide Research (IASR), www.uni-wuerzburg.de/IASR/;
- 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 *Psichologija (Psychology)*;
- member of the Lithuanian Committee of Medical Ethics, 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 Society of Psychologists (LPS), www.lps.vu.lt;
- member of European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), www.estss.org.

Prof. R. Kočiūnas –

- member of International Association of Counseling;
- member of Society for Existential Analysis (Great Britain);
- President of East European Association for Existential Therapy, www.existentialtherapy-easteurope.lt;

- editorial board member of the journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*;
- board member of the Lithuanian Society of Psychotherapy;
- editorial board member of the *Journal of Baltic Psychology* (Latvia);
- editorial board member of the journal *Existential Analysis* (Great Britain);
- 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*;
- leader of the international commission of experts for Evaluation of International Institute of Practical Psychology (Riga, Latvia);
- leader of the international commission of experts for Evaluation of Higher Professional Programme with an Integrated Bachelors Standard of Psychology (International Institute of Practical Psychology, Riga, Latvia).

Doc. R. Bieliauskaitė –

- member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt;
- member of the Lithuanian Society of Individual Psychology;
- member of the board of experts of the Inspector of Journalists' Ethics;
- member of experts group on Social Science and Ethics under the Ministry of Education and Science.

Doc. D. Bagdžiūnienė –

- member of Lithuanian Society of Psychologists (LPS), www.lps.vu.lt/ .

Doc. R. Sargautytė –

- vice-president of the Lithuanian Pain Society (LSD);
- member of International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), www.iasp-pain.org/defsopen.html/ ;
- member of Lithuanian Society of Psychologists (LPS), www.lps.vu.lt/ ;
- member of Steering Committee CEESBM (Central and Eastern Europe Society for Behavioral Medicine).

Doc. G. Gudaitė –

- individual and full member of the International Association of Analytical Psychology, www.iaap.org/ ;
- member of Lithuanian Association of AP;
- board member of Lithuanian Association of Psychotherapy;
- board member of Lithuanian Association of Gestalt Therapy.

Doc. E. Kazlauskas –

- board member of Lithuanian Society of Psychologists (LPS), www.lps.vu.lt/;
- member of European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), www.estss.org/.

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Doctoral students: V. Gegužienė, J. Mataitytė, V. Rosinaitė, R. Žakevičiūtė, N. Chorundžij, V. Ivaškaitė – Tamošiūnė, E. Dunajevs, D. Glodenis.

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 2008

Projects Supported by University Budget

Social Discourses And Action. Prof. Dr. (HP) Arūnas Poviliūnas. 2006-2011.

The field research on social inequality (participating in the FP6 project EUROEQUAL STREP) was accomplished.

The 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 work.

The research in the field of the history of sociology and analysis of the metatheoretical discourse has been proceeded.

The members of the department were participating in the research programs that were analyzing the phenomenon of the corruption.

The research work in the rural and communities sociology was continued with the special attention for the activities of the EQUAL development communities and the activities of

LEADER+ local action groups in the developing and implementing social innovations in the area of social policy.

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

Organizational Mortality of Rural Community Groups in Lithuania. Partners of the Research project "Organizational Mortality of Rural Community Groups in Lithuania", Registration Number: T-08131, Number of Contract: T-11/08, Prof. Dr. (HP) Arūnas Poviliūnas.

The research project aims to reveal the factors of the organizational mortality of rural community organizations. The research project includes the analysis of the activities of the rural community organizations and the public opinion research that aims to reconstruct the public discourse on the issue of rural life. The research of the rural community organizations reveals the fact that they are comparatively stable organizations. The boom of the rural community organizations falls into the period of 2003-2004 year. The majority of them functions successfully and is gradually extending the scope of their activities. It means that the amount of social capital accumulated in the rural areas is increasing.

Rural community centres failed when the rural population did not recognize the potential leaders, when the some rural community groups were competing between themselves for the leadership and when expectations to receive the financial support for rural community organizations were not met. The public opinion research reveals that despite the fact that Lithuanian inhabitants are inclined to think about rural population as hardworking people, the common discourse on rurality is pessimistic.

International Science Programmes and Projects

Social Inequality and Why It Matters for the Economic and Democratic Development of Europe and Its Citizens. Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe in Comparative Perspective (EUROEQUAL). FP 6. Contract No-028920. 2006-2009. Prof. Dr. (HP) Arūnas Poviliūnas. 2006-2009.

Other Programmes and Projects

The Creation of the Professional Standards for Construction, Hotels and Restaurants Sectors under the project "Creation of the National Qualification System". No ESF/2004/2.4.0-K01-069/SUT-192. Prof. Dr. (HP) Arūnas Poviliūnas. 2008.

COOPERATION

Sociology Department (Uppsala University)

Department of Sociology (University of Jyväskylä)

Department of Sociology (Eastern Caroline University)

Swedish School of Social Science, University of Helsinki

Political Science and Sociology, National University of Ireland, Galway

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. A. Matulionis –

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

Prof. Z. Norkus –

- editorial board member of the journal *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology)* (Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Lithuanian Institute of Philosophy and Sociology);
- deputy Dean for Research, Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy;
- editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology)* (Vilnius University, Klaipėda University);
- editorial board member of the journal *Santalka* (Vilnius Technological University);
- member of the Editorial Board of the Universal Lithuanian Encyclopedia.

Prof. A. Dobryninas –

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

Prof. A. Poviliūnas –

- SUSTAIN network <http://sockom.helsinki.fi/forum/eng/SUSTAIN-network.htm>;
- Lithuanian expert of the group of non governmental experts in fight against poverty and social exclusion, European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG;
- editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology)* (Vilnius University, Klaipėda University).

Doc. D. Tureikytė –

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

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. Valantiejus –

- editor-in-chief of the journal *Sociologija (Sociology): Thought and Action* (Vilnius University, Klaipėda University);
- editorial board member of the journal *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology)* (Lithuanian Academy of Sciences).

Doc. R. Ališauskienė –

- director of research company *Baltic Surveys*;
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transformations of education policy in Lithuania

Monitoring of education policy

Education objectives and benchmarks of European Union and national adaptations

Research of curriculum development and management

Educational management in Lithuania

Contemporary trends and development of education management

School management

Monitoring of education system

Sustainability in education

The studies of Lithuanian educational heritage

The dialogue between cultures in education

The problem of personal identity

Globalization and localization in education

Philosophy of education

Higher education

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2008

Projects Supported by University Budget

Intercultural Education in the Perspective of Globalization. Prof. V. Aramavičiūtė. 2005–2009.

The research of national core curricula from the point of critical multiculturalism was done. The theoretical and empirical analysis of pupils' moral values, cultural and intercultural education was explicated in the articles of Lithuanian and international journals. (Prof. habil. dr. V. Aramavičiūtė, Doc. dr. L. Duoblienė, Dr. I. Stonkuvienė, Doc. Dr. T. Bulajeva, Doc. dr. G. Purvaneckienė).

Educational Management in the Context of Sustainable Development. Doc. T. Bulajeva 2005–2009.

Some articles on the theme of education policy and education management for sustainable development were published in Lithuanian and international journals (Doc. Dr. T. Bulajeva, Prof. Habil. Dr. V. Targamadžė).

Governmental Science Programmes and Research Projects Ordered by the Branch Ministries

The Use of the National Core Curricula and Education Standards for Planning and Organizing School Education . Research Project Ordered by Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science. Contract SUT – 290. Doc. L. Duoblienė, doc. T. Bulajeva, lekt. dr. I. Stonkuvienė.

International Science Programmes and Projects

Other projects

Intensive program ACEP (Analysis of Comparative Educational Policies)/ Erasmus. International seminar in Linz. Contract No 2006-LT-E2-MOB-017. Doc. L. Duoblienė. 2008.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Bristol University (UK)

Linz Pedagogical Academy (Austria)

Twente University (Niederland)

Daugavpils University (Latvia)

Latvijas University (Latvia)

Tallinn Pedagogical University (Estonia)

Klaipėda University (Lithuania)

Open Society Institute (Lithuania)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. R. Želvys –

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

Prof. V. Aramavičiūtė –

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

Prof. V. Targamadžė –

- member of Europe University Association.

V. Būdienė –

- member of National Education Forum, <http://www.forumas.smm.lt/dok-isak.html>;
- member of expert committees of International Education Monitoring Projects, www.edupolicy.net/ ;
- board member of examinations and student assessment at MOES, www.smm.lt;

- chair of the board of the International Network of Education Policy Centers, www.edupolicy.net/ ;
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- editorial board member of the international newsletter *Education Policy*, www.edupolicy.net/ ;
- expert of the Open Society Institute (OSI – Hungary);
- member of the working group for planning of teacher training reform at MOES;
- executive board member of Modern Didactics Centre, www.vpu.lt/sdc/.

Doc. L. Duoblienė –

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

Dr. I. Stonkuvienė –

- member of the Baltic Association of Educational Historians.

Doc. T. Bulajeva –

- expert of the Commission for Pedagogical and Educational Staff Training and Professional Development at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- expert of the Commission for Evaluation the Institution Readiness to Implement Non – University Study programmes at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- member of General Education Examination and Student Performance Assessment Board at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- editorial board member of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*;
- expert of the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education.

Doc. G. Purvaneckienė –

- member of the Board of Science Council of Lithuania;
- member of the governmental working group to draft the long time program for rising of teacher's salaries;
- member of the working group (Ministry of Education and Science) to elaborate national project "Promotion of Gender Equality in Science";
- member of the working group (Ministry of Education and Science) to elaborate project of the Program of Education Services for Children with Special Needs;
- member of the governmental working group for facilitation of implementation of the Conception on Creation and Development of the Integrated Centers of Science, Studies and Business (Valleys).

Dr. K. Kaminskas –

- member of the Education Council of Lithuania;
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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

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2008

Projects Supported by University Budget

Social Work and Development of Social Services. Doc. L. Žalimienė. 2006-2008.

Articles, conference papers or presentations are delivered about development of social services for families with children, drugs abusers, occupational rehabilitation of disable people, family policy in Lithuania.

Employment and Social Policy. Doc. R. Lazutka. 2006-2008.

Research of **integration** of disable people in labour market, active labour market measures was conducted, policy proposals were formulated. Research of privatization of social insurance pensions, development of private pension funds and first results of pensions' assets accumulation was started.

Other projects

Community Care Approach: a Strategy for Social Inclusion. Contract No. HU/06/B/F/PP-170015. The coordinator – Debrecen University, Hungary. Dr. V. Gevorgianienė, V. Jakutienė. 2006-2008.

Health and Social Care for Migrants and Minorities. Contract No. 28972-IC-1-2005-1-NL-ERASMUS-PROGUC-4. Coordinators: prof. Romas Lazutka, Dr. Violeta Gevorgianienė. 2006-2008.

Inovation, New Ventures and Entrepreneurship in Social Work Teaching INVEST. Contract No. LLP-ERA-IP-2008-LT-0213. The coordinator: Vilnius University, dr. V. Gevorgianienė, V. Jakutienė. 2008-2009.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Contracts for the SW studies with the Universities of Lapland, Sheffield (UK)

Applied University of Leipzig (Germany)

Dresden Higher Protestant SW School (Germany)

Hanover Higher SW School (Germany)

SW School of Switzerland (Applied University) (Switzerland)

Cardiff Institute of Wales University (UK)

University Wales Newport (UK)

School of Social Work, Lund University (Sweden)

School of Social Work, Odense (Denmark)

Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen Department Sociaal Werk (Belgium)

University of Tartu (Estonia)

Oslo University College (Norway)

Umea University (Sweden)

Sheffield Hallam University (UK)

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University of Lapland (Finland)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Dr. V. Gevorgianienė –

- member of the experts committee (languages and art) at the Ministry of Education and Science,
- member of experts' committee at the Special Education and Psychology centre, Vilnius

Dr. J. Kašalynienė –

- member of the experts committee for Social Education at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- member of the council of Lithuanian Scouting Association, www.scout.lt/;
- expert of Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education.

Prof. R. Lazutka –

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

Dr. V. Lepeškienė –

- Institute of Humanistic and Existential Psychology, lecturer.

Dr. B. Švedaitė-Sakalauskė –

- member of Council of Social Centre at the Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis' parish;
- vice- president of National Association of Supervisors;
- member of Vilnius Archdiocese Council for charitable affairs.

A. Vareikytė –

- member of Board of Lithuanian Red Cross Society

Doc. M. Rubaževičienė –

- President of Hungarian Cultural Society of Lithuania;
- member of Council of West-European Association of Hungarian's Organization;
- member of Council of National Minorities of Lithuania.

Doc. L. Žalimienė –

- member of European Association for Evolutionary Economy (EAEPE);
- member of the supreme Lithuanian social work certification committee;
- expert of Lithuanian Center for Quality Assessment for Higher Education.

Dr. B. Gruževskis –

- member of Council of the Institute for Social Research (Lithuania);
- National expert for Lithuania in the European Employment Observatory (European Commission).
- member of Council of Content of the Faculty of Economy (Vilnius University);
- editorial board member of the journal *Socialinis darbas (Social Work)*;
- editorial board member of the journal *Human Resources Management (Zarządzanie Zasobami Ludzkimi), Academy of Sciences of Poland (Warsaw)*.

Dr. L. Gvaldaitė –

- member of Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science;
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Creation, adaptation and standardization of methods of psychological assessment

Psychometrics

Psychosocial functioning of disabled people and their families

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2008

Projects Supported by University Budget

Multidimensionality of Functioning of Person: Theoretical, Assessmental and Practical Aspects. Prof. A. Bagdonas. 2006-2010.

In the year 2008 Laboratory of Special Psychology have finished standardization tests for assessment of intelligence of adult people (WASI and WAIS-III), Lithuanian Inventory of Professional Interests. For standardization about 800 subjects were assessed. Publishing activity of Laboratory was continued: during the year 2008 one book was published (see list of Main publications) and another one (1062 pages) was prepared for printing.

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 of Council for Content of Education at Ministry of Education and Science;
- member of editorial boards of periodicals *Psichologija*, *Gerontologija* and *Specialusis ugdymas*;
- editor-in-chief of periodical *STEPP*.