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96 teachers (23 habilitated doctors and 61 doctors), 94 doctoral students.

MAIN RESEARCH TRENDS OF THE FACULTY

Historical Genesis, Character and Role of Modern Philosophy

Society, Community and Individual: Change of Life Quality Values

Research in Nervous System and Behavior

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS DEFENDED IN 2011

Adolfas Mackonis. Inference to the Best Explanation: the Limits of Truth-Conduciveness.

Jolanta Saldukaitytė. Thinking of Difference in M. Heidegger and E. Levinas.

Mindaugas Stoškus. Relation between Political Philosophy and Political Science: Anglysis of Leo Strauss's Arguments.

Tomas Lazdauskas. Children's psychological adjustment and its dynamics in the context of children-parents separation.

Marija Giedraitytė. The psychosocial functioning of children from migrant families during the middle childhood.

Audronė Miškinytė. The Relationship of Body Image Attitudes to Personality Traits and Subjective Quality of Life.

Viktorija Tarozienė. Social Information Processing and Criminal Behavior.

Jurgita Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė. Perceived overall Justice of Organization: its Antecedents and Role in Organization.

Janete Zygmantas. Adult Newcomers' Difficulties in Learning Lithuanian: an Ethnographic Case Study

Jurga Mataitytė-Diržienė. Representation of People with Mental Disorders in the Lithuanian Media.

Eugenijus Dunajevs. Development of Personal Social Services in Post-Communist Lithuania.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED IN 2011

Scientific practical conference „Clinical psychological assessment in Lithuania: problems and possibilities“. Vilnius, January 27, 2011.

Seminar „Imagination exercises to overcome the pain and tension “. Vilnius, February 17, 2011.

Seminar „Phenomenological research in psychology (2): Interpretational phenomenological analysis (J. A. Smith)“. Vilnius, February 22-25, 2011.

Republican conference dedicated to the 100 year anniversary of International Society of Individual Psychology. Vilnius, March 19, 2011.

1st scientific and practical conference of organizational psychology „Psychologist in organization: experiences and challenges“. Vilnius, April 2, 2011.

Conference „Trauma psychology: effective ways of helping“. Vilnius, April 6, 2011.

Congress of Lithuanian Psychologist. Kaunas, May 6-7, 2011.

The 8th conference for young scientists in psychology „Research in Psychology: questions and answers“. Vilnius, May 13, 2011.

Workshop „Family Reconstruction“. Vilnius, June 18-19, 2011.

International scientific and practical conference “Psychological and psychotherapeutic help for children: scientific research and practice”. Vilnius, October 21-22, 2011.

European Values Workshop. Vilnius, 30 June – 1 July, 2011.

11th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology "Rethinking Crime and Punishment in Europe". Vilnius, September 21-24, 2011 <http://www.eurocrim2011.com/>

Group Relations Conference “Effective Collaboration - Roles, Motivations and Risks”. In cooperation with Tavistock Institute of Human Relations (UK). Vilnius, August 20-24, 2011.

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

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

Doctoral students: A. Bukevičiūtė, J. Saldukaiytė, M. Stoškus, V. Daraškevičiūtė, E. Molotokiekė, E. Rimkus, N. Stasiulis, J. Kučinskas, J. Tuleikytė, J. Bujokas, V. Gustas.

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 2011

Projects Supported by University Budget

An Analysis of the Impact of Globalization Processes upon Culture. Prof. A. Šliogeris.
2009–2014.

Lecturers, professors and postgraduates of the Department of Philosophy investigated themes that were planned for 2011. The investigations focused on the changes of cultural and philosophical pro-images in the globalist world. Concrete problems and aspects of the planned themes were dealt with in the monographs of Prof. A. Šliogeris “The Lithuanian Margins” and “The Fate of Philosophy” and in scientific papers of N. Milerius, S. Jankauskas K. Sabolius and

M. Stoškus that were published mostly in the journal “Problemos“. In conclusion, the planned tasks were fulfilled.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

The Lithuanian Mentality in the Context of Western Culture. Contract No LIT-4-32/ LSS-250000-880. Prof. A. Šliogeris. 2011.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Novosibirsk Institute of Economics, Psychology and Law (Russia)

European Humanities University, Vilnius

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. E. Nekrašas –

- Editorial Board Member of the Journals *Problemos (Problems)*, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39> , *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy. Sociology)* <http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/> , *Lithuanian Foreign Policy Review*;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Politologija (Political Science)*, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/en/journals/politologija/politologija-2010-vol-4-60/editorial-board/>);
- Corresponding Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences;
- Chairman of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society.

Prof. A. Šliogeris –

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

Doc. L. Jakavonytė –

- Board Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society,
http://www.geocities.com/lj_lt/VU.html .

Doc. N. Milerius

- Board Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society.

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

Lecturers: M. Kubilius.

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

Doctoral students: A. Grigaravičiūtė, V. Dranseika, I. Giraitė, R. Bikauskaitė, A. Mackonis, M. Ruzas, Ž. Svigaris, V. Silius, I. Vasilionytė, L. Kemzūra, J. Žalgirytė, L. Jokubaitis, M. Gilaitis, G. Kurlavičiūtė.

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 2011

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 2011: historical development and prospects of the philosophical underpinnings of academic culture; conceptual analysis of the concept of the unfolding information society; research on contemporary analytic philosophy of science and mind as well as on the fundamental issues in analytic moral 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.

Translation of classical works in philosophy into Lithuanian: student workshop. Contract No LIT-4-27/ LSS-250000-881. Dr. K. Kirtiklis. 2011.

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

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

- Director of Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Sociologija (Sociology)*,
<http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/> ;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Informacijos mokslai (Information Sciences)*,
<http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/informacijos-mokslai/> ;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Problemos (Problems)*,
<http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39> .

Doc. K. Dubnikas –

- Expert of the Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education.

Doc. N. Radavičienė –

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

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> .

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

Doctoral students: G. Ambrulaitienė, R. Breidokienė, A. Radzevičienė, D. Jančiūrė, I. Juodkūnė, J. Kaliatkaitė, A. Lošakevičius, I. Makauskienė, V. Mikuličiūtė, J. Narmontienė, L. Rakickienė, V. Rimienė, I. Salialionė, U. Stadnikė, J. Stasiukynienė, Ž. Šarakauskienė, A. Šimelionienė, 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 2011

Projects Supported by University Budget

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

Prof. H. Vaitkevičius. 2011-2015.

Taking into account the plan for 2011, the planned work addresses the construction of the formal model of the binocular vision and the experimental investigation of the monocular properties of the theoretical model. According to the proposed model a perceived direction and disparity (or depth) of the object in 3-D space are determined by a ratio of responses of two binocular neurons or by the orientation of 2-D vectors (it is similar to how the huge numbers of colors being coded by the ratio of the responses of the three cones). Moreover, the two neurons, which code the binocular direction, also sum up the responses of the monocular neurons which responses are described by either cosine or sine functions of monocular visual angles. The orientations of these binocular vectors also depend on the lengths of the monocular vectors mentioned above. Hence, the binocular perceived location of the object in space should depend not only on the local sign of the monocular images but also depend on the difference in the brightness contrast of the monocular images. As the result of this analysis, the following properties were predicted:

- While the object is located on the line, where condition $\alpha = -\beta$ is satisfied, the difference in the brightness contrast of monocular images should not impact the perceived depth of the object.

-In turn, while the object is located on the horopter, its perceived direction should not depend on the difference in the brightness contrasts of the monocular images as well.

In order to check the validity of these predictions the special experiments were carried out. It was found that the perceived location of the object in space depend on the differences in the brightness contrasts of their monocular images. As it was predicted the impact of the contrast differences mentioned above depends on the location of the object in space.

The results of the investigation were presented at European conference on visual perception (2) and at European Conference on eye movement (1) = France.

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. The assessment of two-years-old children's emotional and behavioural problems and developmental milestones, and survey of the social environment and measurement of the parental self-efficacy was done in January-April 2011. Some results of the research were presented in three bachelor's theses which were defended in June 2011.

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

In 2011 the two research works were conducted. The first research examined the congruence between functioning of Lithuanian criminal justice and the requirements of procedural justice. During the first stage of the research work we reviewed the up-to-date studies of procedural justice and have prepared for the research: a) the initial variant of the "Attitudes' towards the law, law enforcement institutions and officers" questionnaire was developed; b) the technique of the convicted persons and crime victims' interviewing was developed; c) the researches were trained to observe the court trial and to use the cognitive interview during questioning the convicted persons and crime victims. To assess the conformity of the judges' behaviour to the requirements of procedural justice, we observed the 56 criminal court trials at the 1-st, 2-nd and 3-rd city court of Vilnius.

The second research examined predictors of schoolchildren's psychological well-being. The dimensions of older schoolchildren's (n=655) psychological well-being (Autonomy, Environmental mastery, Personal growth, Positive relations with others, Purpose in life and Self-acceptance) were measured. With the help of multiple linear regression it was found that psychological well-being didn't depend from family composition, living place, attendance of extracurricular activities. It was difficult to draw an unambiguous conclusions concerning psychological well-being's independence from gender, age and economical resources. On the

other hand, internal locus of control predicted higher psychological well-being, higher learning success significantly predicted Autonomy, Personal growth and Purpose in life. Personality variables (Extraversion, Conscientiousness, Emotional stability, Neuroticism) predicted schoolchildren's psychological well-being stronger than socio-demographic ones.

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

The aim of this study was to analyze the stress factors and subjective well-being of first year students of social science at Vilnius University. 138 first year students of psychology and 60 students of social work participated in this study. Methods: specially designed questionnaire intended to reveal socio-demographic characteristic, stress peculiarities, health status of students and Ryff scales of Psychological Well-being. The results of this study revealed the most stressful areas of first year student's life. A significant relation between stress and health status of students was detected. The main factors, influencing psychological well-being of students were identified.

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

Two standardization research studies on Raven CPM were conducted. The objective of first study was to examine the psychometric properties of CPM among 55 – 84 years old people in Lithuania. Quota sample of 102 people was collected in a way to meet Lithuanian elderly population proportion according to gender and educational level. The objective the second study was to examine the psychometric properties of the CPM among 4 – 5 years old children in Lithuania. The sample of 214 children attending and not attending kindergartens was collected in a way to meet Lithuanian young children population proportion according to gender and place of residence. The main findings that the CPM appears to be a reliable and valid instrument for use in measurement of reasoning abilities of Lithuanian population of children from 4 years old as well as for the elderly population. However the raw scores of children increase with the age and for elderly people age groups these scores decrease with the age.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

Study of the mental and physical health in infancy and early childhood. Contract No. MIP-147/2010. Doc. R.Jusiene. 2010-2011.

Temporal mechanisms of human color perception. Contract No. MIP-23/2010/LSS-250000-939. Dr. R.Stanikunas. 2010-2011.

Procedural justice in Lithuanian criminal, civil, and administrative law. Contract No. SIN-10/2010/LSS-250000-958. Prof. G.Valickas. 2010-2011.

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.

Ordered Research Projects

Identification of Gifted School Children: Adaptation and Use of Psychological Tests. (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. (VP1-2.3.-ŠMM-04-V-02-001/Pars-13700-2068). Prof. A. Bagdonas. 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 –

- Editorial Board Executive Secretary of the Journal *Psichologija (Psycholog)*, www.leidykla.eu/mokslo-darbai/psichologija ;
- 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 (SRCDD), www.srcd.org/ ;
- President of the Family Counseling Society;
- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>.

Doc. I. Čėsniienė –

- 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 –

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Doc. R. Jusienė –

- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/> ;
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- 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 2011

Projects Supported by University Budget

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

Evaluation of the effects of extreme traumatisation on families and on the second generation.

Investigation of the self-destructive behaviour under the psychosocial deprivation

In 2011 results of the effects of extreme stress were analysed and presented in 9 scientific presentations at international conferences and 3 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

Ambulatory assessment in psychotraumatology. No. MIP-19/2010/LSS-250000-1082. Assoc. prof. E. Kazlauskas. 2010-2011.

International Science Programmes and Projects

[Erasmus Multilateral Networks EUROPLAT](#). Prof. D. Gailienė, 2009-2012 m.

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 –

- 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)*, www.leidykla.vu.lt ;
- Member of the Lithuanian Committee of Medical Bioethics, www.bioetika.sam.lt;

- Member of International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP), www.med.uio.no/iasp/;
- Member of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Suizidprophylaxe (DGSP), www.suizidprophylaxe.de/;
- Member of American Suicidological Association (ASA);
- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, <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);
- 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);
- 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 *Existentialia: Psychology and Psychotherapy*, www.existradi.ru ;
- Representative from Lithuania in the Psychotherapy Committee of European Federation of Psychological Associations.

Doc. R. Bieliauskaitė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
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- Member of the Board of Experts of the Inspector of Journalists' Ethics.

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

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- 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).

Doc. E. Kazlauskas –

- Board member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
- Member of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS), www.estss.org/.

Doc. R. Barkauskienė –

- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association, <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
- National Representative at EFPA Standing Committee of Ethics;
- Member of the International Academy for Research in Learning Disabilities, www.iarld.com;
- Member of International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, www.issbd.org;
- Member of Lithuanian Dyslexia Association.

Dr. I. Žukauskaitė –

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- Member of the European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology, www.eawop.org;
- 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/;
- Chair of Organizational Psychology Committee at Lithuanian Psychological Association;
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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 2011

Projects Supported by University Budget

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

Research of the post-communist transformation in Lithuania from the viewpoint of comparative historical sociology was accomplished. The imperial features of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania were investigated from the comparative historical sociological aspect. Research in the field of the history of sociology and analysis of the theoretical discourse was continued. The members of the department were participating in the research programs analyzing the phenomenon of the corruption. The members of the department were participating in the research of the field of occupational activities. Research work in the rural and communities sociology was continued. The Lithuanian social policy and social policy discourse were critically analyzed, the impact of crisis on social policy was evaluated. The efforts of Roma inclusion were critically discussed.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

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

The main aims of criminal justice are: to guarantee social order by penal means of social control, to preserve safety, and to secure fundamental human rights in society. New local and global challenges for public safety encourage professional, political and public discussions on the issue of criminal justice. Initiators of the project are going to propose complex interdisciplinary research on the reception of criminal justice in society. The research will cover the following aspects: peculiarities of the compiling of professional discourse on criminal justice; the impact of mass media on the image of criminal justice in society; the role of political ideologies on priorities and principles of penal policy. The study is based on the methodology of social research that is close to the ideas of phenomenological sociology, which emphasizes the importance of epistemological stratification in the process of understanding of social events and facts. The main expected outcomes of the research: description and analysis of above-mentioned discourses and their interactions, and on the basis of these results - creating criminal justice institutions assessment and evaluation methods.

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.

This research project, started in June 2011, pursues the purpose to disclose the similarities and differences in the pathways, sequences and patterns of demographic, economic, social, political, and cultural change in the interwar and post-communist Lithuania and to explain them by means of comparison with most similar cases from the same region and historical periods).

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

Building Democracy and Capitalism in Lithuania: Pathways and Outcomes in International Comparison. Contract No LIT-2-12/ LSS-250000-381. Prof. Z. Norkus. 2010-2011.

The project is the translation into English and publication of the book by Prof. Zenonas Norkus from Vilnius university „Kokia demokratija, koks kapitalizmas? Pokomunistinė transformacija Lietuvoje lyginamosios istorinės sociologijos požiūriu“ [Which Democracy, Which Capitalism? Post-communist Transformation in Lithuania from the Viewpoint of Comparative Historical Sociology] (Vilnius: Vilnius University Press, 2008). To publish the essentially abridged, reworked, and updated text, Vilnius university announced the public procurement competition that was won by the publishing house „Apostrofa“. According to contract between Vilnius university and „Apostrofa“, the publishing house translated, edited and published this text as book „On Baltic Slovenia and Adriatic Lithuania. A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Patterns in Post-Communist Transformation“. Vilnius: Apostrofa/CEU Press. 2012) The international distribution of the book is subcontracted by „Apostrofa“ to publishing house Central European University Press in Budapest.

Projects Supported by European Social Fund Agency

The Research of the Field of Professional Activities. Prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2009-2012.

The research project was accomplished in the framework of the project „Development of the Concept of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) at the National Level: Harmonisation of the Credit and Implementation of the Learning Outcomes Based Study Programme Design “ (Project No VP1-2.2-ŠMM-08-V-01-001(http://www.esparama.lt/2007-2013/lt/statistikaonline/igyvproj?pro_id=6168&sparams=16223&page=5&pgsz=10). The aim of the research to elaborate the methodology of the of the analysis of the field of occupations and to analyze the field of professional activities of the postgraduates of the 8 selected study programmes.

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.

Doc. I. Juozeliūnienė –

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

Prof. A. Matulionis –

- Member-Expert of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences;
- Member-Expert of the Latvian Academy of Sciences;
- 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/> ;

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

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

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2011

Projects Supported by University Budget

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

The theoretical and empirical researches in this field were conducted in 2011. Summarizing the results of the year it can be said that the research was aimed at analysis of changes in Lithuanian education policy and management while implementing the EU and Lithuanian strategic goals. Some data of theoretical and empirical research were included into the finalization monographies of L. Duoblienė *Ideological territories of education change*, 2011.

G. Purvaneckienė, I. Stonkuvienė and others *Woman in physical and technological sciences: female pupil, female student, female scientist*, 2011. Articles of V. Aramavičiūtė, T. Bulajeva, T. Butvilas, I. Stonkuvienė, L. Duobliene, G. Purvaneckiene , V. Targamadze were written based on education policy.

The data of the research conducted in 2010 „Identity, cultural transmission and national education“ and data of the research in the new research field conducted in 2011 (project „Research study on project and problem based learning approach use in the final year thesis“, V. Targamadze) were disseminated in republican and international conferences.

The most important event in 2011 was International conference „Transformations of education policy: national, transnational and supranational discourse“ organized by Department of Education on 11-12 d. of November in Vilnius university,. In this conference staff of Department of Education presents the topics on the problems of education policy in the Lithuania and in the World, moderated sections work and plenary session.

The staff take part in the conferences in Lithuania: Conference *Education of Attitude to Values and Methods Inovative of Policy*. Šiauliai, 2011. Topic of presentation “Tendencies of Change in Youth Values within the Context of Globalisation. (V. Aramavičiūtė). International scientific conference *Safe Childhood in a Global World*. Vilnius, 2011. Oral presentation delivered on "Children Communication in Virtual Space: Peculiarities and Tendencies" (T. Butvilas), Scientific Conference *Civic Identity - the Connection Link of Society members*. Klaipėda, 2011. Presentation „Transmitted and/or recreated Lithuanianism: attitude of different generations to national identity“ (I. Stonkuvienė), The 6th National scientific-practical conference *Social Education: Social and educational policy for social mobility of children from rural areas/schools*. Šiauliai, 2011. Presentation „National and global education policy: instant teacher” (L. Duoblienė).

International Scientific Conference *New Trends on Global Education*, Kyrenia, North Cyprus, 2011. Presentation "In Search for Cultural Identity: Strategies of Ethno-Cultural Education in Lithuanian General Education Schools" (I. Stonkuvienė). *ICERI 2011* (International conference of education, research and innovation). Spain, 2011. Presentation „The role of media for cultural transmission: adults’ skepticism and students’ criticism“ (L. Duobliene). International conference *Accountability, Financing and School Autonomy: Ukraine and Central and Eastern Europe*. Kiev, 2011. Presentation „Education financing reform in Lithuania – for whose benefit?“. (G. Purvaneckiene). International symposium *Police procedures against gender-based violence“*. Valensija, 2011. Presentation “Guidelines of good practises for police intervention in gender-based violence” (G. Purvaneckiene). Research practical conference *Bilateral Lithuanian Youth Centre and Tbilisi National Youth Palace project, related to climate change problem*. Tbilisi, 2011. Presentation “Development of sustainable development competences through alternative learning” (V. Targamadze).

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. Targamadze. 2011-2012.

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

The aims of project – write and publish a monograph. The monograph " Education as Enculturation " (preliminary title) attempts to analyse the theoretical and methodological problems of the cultural–normative image of personality, transfer of culture, cultural tradition, formation of cultural identity and other problems arising out of the collision between education and culture from the positions of cross-disciplinary sciences of educology and cultural anthropology. The theoretical insights are grounded on the results of long-term (1995–2003; 2010) qualitative research. The analysis of the narratives of the members of different generations helps to discover the unique experience of the participants in education as well as to reveal the peculiar characteristics of education in traditional and contemporary Lithuanian culture and to describe the continuity and change of enculturation.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

COOPERATION

Bristol University (UK)

Linz Pedagogical Academy university (Austria)

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Daugavpils University (Latvia)

University of Latvia (Latvia)

Tallinn Pedagogical University (Estonia)

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Middlesex University (London)

Kyiv University (Ukraine)

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/> .

Prof. V. Targamadžė –

- Lithuanian Philology Data Base Expert since 2008;
- International PISTA, IMSCI Conferences Reviewer (USA, Florida) since 2006;
- SKVC external rating expert;
- MOSTA – renewed programs expert;
- Member of Programms committee: International conference „E. learning: science, study and business“ (2010, Vilnius);
- Member of Program Committee of the 9 th International Conference on Politics and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications PISTA 2011, USA, Florida);
- Editorial Board Member: Social education magazine (VPU, SKI);
- Editorial Board Member: *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia* (VU),
<http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=36> ;
- Member of Program Committee of the conference ALTA'2011, 2011- 10 27.

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;

- Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference „Gender and Interdisciplinary Education for Engineers – GIEE 2011: Does Interdisciplinary Education Improve the Gender Balance and Attract More Young People in Engineering and Technology Higher Education?“, Paris (France), June 23-24th, 2011, <http://www.fp7-helena.org/CONFERENCE2011/scientificcommittee.htm> .

Prof. L. Duoblienė –

- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Philosophy Teachers;
- Expert of the National Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
- Expert of the Research Council of Lithuania;
- Expert of the Commission for Social and Moral Education at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Deputy Editor-in-chief of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=36>;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/religija-ir-kultura/> ;
- Member of IPO (International Philosophy Olympiad) assessment committee.

Doc. I. Stonkuvienė –

- Member of the Baltic Association of Educational Historians.

Doc. T. Butvilas –

- Board Member of National Childhood Researchers Association (Lithuania);
- Member of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Washington, DC;
- Expert of The Lituanistika Database of The Humanities and Social Sciences in Lithuania;
- GPM Expert under Lot 9 “Culture, Education, Employment and Social” (Macedonia);
- Editor for Social Sciences Branch of International Peer-reviewed Journal IITSBE "Innovative Infotechnologies for Science, Business, and Education";

- Projects' Expert in Education and Human Resources field at UK Trade and Investment Section (British Embassy Vilnius, since 2010).

Doc. T. Bulajeva –

- Expert of the Commission for Pedagogical and Educational Staff Training and Professional Development at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Member of General Education Examination and Student Performance Assessment Board at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*,
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development of social services in Lithuania

Analysis of social policy, social security, pensions

Social support for people at risk

Social rehabilitation and integration

Social inclusion

Violence in family

Drug and alcohol abuse consequences

Social and cultural integration of disabled

Ethnic minorities

Intercultural learning and communication

History of social work

Employment

Labour market policy

Vocational training

Mediation

Palliative social care

Evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and services

Risk factors of young people's successful socialization

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 2011

Projects Supported by University Budget

Searching for Effective Social Work Strategies Organising Social Services under Circumstances of Welfare Pluralism. Prof. L. Žalimienė. 2011–2014.

Research in 2011 was focusing on empowerment strategies of families groups and communities, on family support policy paradigms changes under the circumstances of economical crisis, problems of using discriminatory language in social policy.

Modernization of Labour Market and Social Welfare Systems. Prof. R. Lazutka. 2009–2014.

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

Other Projects

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

European Master in Social Work. Contract No 503611-LLP-1-2009-1-NL-ERASMUS-ECDSP. Prof. R.Lazutka, Prof. L.Žalimienė, Doc. J.Kašalynienė, doc. J.Aidukaitė, dr. E. Šumskienė. 2009-2011.

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

Innovation, 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. 2010-2011.

Erasmus IP „Multi-disciplinary perspective on working with youth people in Europe". Contact No. 2009/IP/2/28878 The coordinator: Dr. J. Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė. 2009-2012.

„Employees on the Move, Social Work in action” (EMSWA). Contract No. Coordinators: Dr. V. Gevorgianienė, V. Jakutienė. 2011-2012.

The Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work. Coordinators: doc. dr. J. Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė. 2009-2011.

Developing HIV/AIDS and Mental Health Programs in new EU countries (Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria) - MAIDS. Contract No 2008 12 26. The coordinator: E. Šumskienė. 2009-2011.

Development of Modern Mental Health Care Services for Children and their Family Members Affected by War. Contract No. 183-11-VBPDD. The coordinator: E. Šumskienė. 2011.

Development Education in Mental Health. Contract No. PS-33. The coordinator: E. Šumskienė. 2011.

Developing the Capacity of NGOs to Mainstream Mental Health Issues in the Republic of Belarus. Contract No.:21.03.01. The expert: E. Šumskienė. 2011.

COOPERATION

Applied University of Leipzig (Germany)

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