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187 teachers (incl. 141 holding research degree), and 338 invited teachers. There are 135 persons, with research fellows (incl. 118 holding research degrees) and 93 doctoral students.

INSTITUTES OF THE FACULTY

Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies

Institute of Educational Sciences

Institute of Philosophy

Institute of Psychology

Institute of Sociology and Social Work

RESEARCH AREAS

Educational policy in Lithuania: coherency issues within national and global ranges

Sociological analysis of social structure and change

Psychological factors of society, community and personality development

Research on social policy, innovative paradigms and models of social work and social services in response to societal changes and the aims to create a welfare society

Cultural studies of Asia

Anthropological studies of Asia

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS MAINTAINED IN 2021

Simona Balčaitė. Gated communities in Lithuania: the problem of territorial integration.

Ruslanas Baranovas. The problem of determination in Kant, Hegel and Ferraris' new realism.

Simas Čelutka. The autonomy of politics as an ethical project. A study of H. Arendt's, M. Oakeshott's and C. Schmitt's conceptions.

Goda Gegieckaitė. Risk factors of prolonged grief after the loss of a loved one.

Rasa Genienė. Development and provision of social services to persons with psychosocial disabilities in the perspective of social care reform.

Daina Habdankaitė. Ontologies of the Future in Contemporary Philosophy: Stiegler and Mailloux.

Aivaras Jefanovas. Cohabitation in shared landscapes in Arctic Yakutia: social relations between reindeer herders/hunters and wolves.

Domantas Markevičius. Philosophy through history as the critique of atheism and secularization in the thought of Augusto Del Noce.

Gintė Martinkėnė. The child in a transnational family: organization of care, family relationships and the child's experiences.

Aistė Noreikaitė. The challenge of R. Dworkin's practical philosophy: the problem of a grounding of morality.

Živilė Pabijutaitė. Classical and contemporary models of indeterministic temporal logic: the approach of semantical compatibilism.

Greta Skubiejūtė. Single-mother families in the context of family policy.

Tadas Snuviškis. On the realist and anti-realist interpretations of Vaišeṣika: from contemporary scholarship to Ancient Indian and premodern East Asian sources.

Tadas Šarūnas. Pleasures and pains of a changing city: housing choices and symbolic violence in central Vilnius.

Dovilė Šorytė. Children's pro-environmental behaviour and its prognostic factors in primary school age.

MAIN CONFERENCES ORGANIZED IN 2021

International academic conversations' series "Conversations in Anthropology" (throughout 2021) (online)

International seminar "Defining the Post-Secular Condition", February, 25–26, 2021.

International conference " Trauma and Mental Health during the Global Pandemic ", July 17-18, 2021.

International conference „Religion, Politics and Uncertainty: Shifting Boundaries“, November 12-13, 2021

International Doctoral School on Education Research, December 8-10, 2021.

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Ancuta, K. and D. Valančiūnas (eds.). *South Asian Gothic: haunted cultures, histories, and media*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2021. (Gothic Literary Studies). Access: <https://www.uwp.co.uk/book/south-asian-gothic/>

Sahoo, A. K., Clini, C. and D. Valančiūnas (eds.). South Asian diasporas and (Imaginary) homelands: mediated exchanges and representations in the 21st century; special issue of *South Asian Diaspora*. Vol. 13, No.1: Abingdon: Routledge Journals, Taylor & Francis, 2021. Access: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rsad20/13/1>

Dagys, J.; Pabijutaitė, Ž.; Giedra, H. Representing Buridan's divided modal propositions in first-order logic // History and philosophy of logic. Abingdon : Taylor & Francis. ISSN 0144-5340. eISSN 1464-5149. 2021, first published online, p. [1-11]. DOI:

10.1080/01445340.2021.1976042. [DB: The Philosopher's Index; Zentralblatt MATH (zbMATH); Scopus; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 0,667] [Citav. rod.: 0.750 (2020, SCIE)] [M.kr.: N 009,H 001]

Prof. E. Kazlauskas was elected President of ESTSS (European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies)

Zilinskiene, L., Ilic, M. (2021). Time, Generation, Memory (Introduction) in (eds) Laima Zilinskiene and Melanie Ilic, *Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences. Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe.*

Z. Norkus. The medal of Lithuanian Academy of Science for research in comparative historical sociology

Žalimienė L., Gevorgianienė V., Petružytė D., Seniutis M., Gvaldaitė L., Šumskienė E., Charenkova J. Navigating the Context of Uncertainty in Child Protection Practice. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. DOI: [10.1080/15548732.2021.1997874](https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2021.1997874)

Norkus, Z.; Ambrulevičiūtė, A. (2021) "Claiming a Great Ancient Imperial past as an identity element of a small modern nation. The case of Lithuania", in Jürgen Barkhoff and Joep Leerssen (Eds). *National stereotyping, identity politics, European crises*. Leiden; Boston : Brill, 2021. p. 31-50. <https://brill.com/view/title/57145>

Baranova, J., Duoblienė, L. *Multimodal education: philosophy and practice*. Washington: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2021. 334 p. (Cultural heritage and contemporary change. Series IVA, Eastern and Central European philosophical studies; vol. 58). ISBN 9781565183490.

Duoblienė, L. Zaleskienė, I., Kairė, S. (2021). *Social responsibility through the lens of agenda for cultural literacy learning: analyses of national education policy documentation // Dialogue for intercultural understanding: placing cultural literacy at the heart of learning / editors: Fiona Maine, Maria Vrikki*. Cham: Springer, 2021. ISBN 9783030717773. eISBN 9783030717780. p. 27-45. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-71778-0.

Stupurienė G., Juškevičienė A., Jevsikova T., Dagienė V., Meškauskienė A. *Girls' summer school for physical computing: methodology and acceptance issues // Informatics in schools. Rethinking computing education: international conference on informatics in schools: situation, evolution, and perspectives, ISSEP 2021 / Barendsen E., Chytas C. (eds)*. Cham: Springer, 2021. ISBN 9783030902278. eISBN 9783030902285. p. 95-108. (Lecture Notes in Computer Science, ISSN 0302-9743, eISSN 1611-3349; vol. 13057). DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-90228-5_8.

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STAFF

Professors: Prof. (HP) Dr. A. Beinorius, Prof. Dr. D. Brandišauskas (part-time), Prof. Dr. V. de Munck.

Associate professors: Dr. K. Garalytė, Dr. V. Jaskūnas (part-time), Dr. R. Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson (part-time), Dr. L. Poškaitė, Dr. K. Šliavaitė (part-time), Dr. D. Švambarytė, Dr. D. Valančiūnas.

Associate professor in partnership: H. Ph. N. Diab.

Assistant professors: Dr. E. Jančenkas (part-time), Dr. K. Jonutyte (part-time), Dr. V. Korobov.

Teaching assistants: K. Dolinina (part-time), F. Belafatti (part-time), G. Sereikaitė (part-time), Š. Rinkevičius (part-time), B. Astrauskas (part-time), Irma Kondrataitė (part-time).

Lecturers: M. Ignotas, J. Ignotienė, M. Larbi, A. Litvinas (part-time), I. Nagytė (part-time), N. Statkienė, V. Vidūnas, T. Voicechovič, N. G. Vosyliūtė (part-time), V. Bačianskas (part-time), Han Wang (part-time).

Guest lecturers: Assoc. Prof. Dr. K. Andrijauskas, Prof. Dr. V. Čiubrinskas, Assist. Prof. Dr. M. Lebednykaitė, Assist. Prof. Dr. K. Simonson, J. Razumaitė, M. Orechova, J. Kašeliionytė-Radet, Assoc. Prof. Dr. G. Miškinienė, Assist. Prof. Dr. D. Veličkienė, D. Yumru,

Doctoral students: B. Astrauskas, Š. Rinkevičius, D. Sabaliauskienė, I. Kondrataitė, U. B. Starkutė, J. Stankus, G. Sereikaitė, D. Valaitė, D. Lobzang.

Researchers: Dr. Vytis Silius, Vilius Dranseika, Dr. Renatas Berniūnas

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Traditional sciences and knowledge systems in Asia

Religion and philosophy in Asia

Asian languages and literature

Sociocultural anthropology of Asia

Visual and performative culture in Asia

Asian politics and international relations

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

Research theme: Cultural Studies of Asia (leader Prof. Dr. Audrius Beinorius)

Ancuta, Katarzyna (ed.); Valančiūnas, Deimantas (ed.). South Asian Gothic: haunted cultures, histories, and media / edited by Katarzyna Ancuta and Deimantas Valančiūnas. Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2021. 288 p. (Gothic Literary Studies). ISBN 9781786838001. eISBN 9781786838018. Prieiga per internetą: <<https://www.uwp.co.uk/book/south-asian-gothic/>>. [Indėlis: 0,500] [M.kr.: H 006]

Sahoo, Ajaya K. (ed.); Clini, Clelia (ed.); Valančiūnas, Deimantas (ed.). South Asian diaspora. Vol. 13, Iss. 1: South Asian diasporas and (Imaginary) homelands: mediated exchanges and

representations in the 21st century/editor: Ajaya K. Sahoo; guest editors: Celia Clini, Deimantas Valančiūnas. Abingdon: Routledge Journals, Taylor & Francis, 2021. 120 p. Prieiga per internetą: <<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rsad20/13/1>>.

Berniūnas, Renatas; Silius, Vytis; Dranseika, Vilius. Moralization East and West: Moralizing different transgressions among Chinese, Americans, and Lithuanians // *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*. Hoboken: Wiley. ISSN 1367-2223. eISSN 1467-839X. 2021, first online, p. 1-13. DOI: 10.1111/ajsp.12479. [DB: PsycInfo; SocINDEX with Full Text; Scopus; Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 0,300] [Citav. rod.: 1.424 (2020, SSCI)] [M.kr.: H 006,S 006]

Beinorius, Audrius (vert.). Įžengimas į nušvitimo kelią // *Metai*. Vilnius: Lietuvos rašytojų sąjunga. eISSN 0134-3211. 2021, Nr. 7, p. 96-111. Prieiga per internetą: <<https://www.zurnalasmetai.lt/?p=16033>>. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 006]

Hannikainen, Ivar R.; Tobia, Kevin P.; de Almeida, Guilherme da F. C. F.; Donelson, Raff; Dranseika, Vilius; Kneer, Markus; Strohmaier, Niek; Bystranowski, Piotr; Dolinina, Kristina; Janik, Bartosz; Keo, Sothie; Lauraitytė, Eglė; Liefgreen, Alice; Prochnicki, Maciej; Rosas, Alejandro; Struchiner, Noel. Are there cross-cultural legal principles? Modal reasoning uncovers procedural constraints on law // *Cognitive science*. Hoboken: Wiley. ISSN 0364-0213. eISSN 1551-6709. 2021, vol. 45, Iss. 8, art. no. e13024, p. [1-14]. DOI: 10.1111/cogs.13024. [DB: Scopus; Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 0,062] [Citav. rod.: 2.561 (2020, SSCI)] [M.kr.: S 001, H 006, H 001]

Research theme: Anthropological Studies of Asia (leader prof. dr. Donatas Brandišauskas)

Brandišauskas, Donatas. Rock art animism in Siberian taiga: Contemporary rituality and materiality of Evenki hunters and reindeer herders // *Rock art research*. Melbourne: Archaeological Publ. ISSN 0813-0426. 2021, vol. 38, Iss. 2, p. 169-182. [DB: MLA: Modern Language Association International Bibliography; IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences; Scopus; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 006]

De Munck, Victor Celestin; Kronenfeld, David B.; Manoharan, Christopher. A prototype analysis of the cultural and evolutionary construction of romantic love as a synthesis of love and sex // *Journal of cognition and culture*. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers. ISSN 1567-7095. eISSN 1568-5373. 2021, vol. 21, p. 25-48. DOI: 10.1163/15685373-12340095. [DB: PsycInfo; Scopus; Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 0,334] [M.kr.: H 006]

Jonutytė, Kristina. Donations inversed: material flows from Sangha to laity in post-Soviet Buryatia // *Monks, money, and morality: the balancing act of contemporary Buddhism / Christoph Brumann, Saskia Abrahms-Kavunenko and Beata świtek (eds)*. London; New York; Oxford; New Delhi; Sydney: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021. ISBN 9781350213753. eISBN 9781350213777. p. 93-107. DOI: 10.5040/9781350213791.ch00-5. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: S 005, H 006]

Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson, Rasa. Acting in the underground: life as a Hare Krishna devotee in the Soviet Republic of Lithuania (1979–1989) // *The secret police and the religious underground in communist and post-communist Eastern Europe/ edited by James A. Kapaló, Kinga Povedák*.

London: Routledge, 2021. eISBN 9780429331466. p. 176-191. DOI: 10.4324/9780429331466. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 006]

Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson, Rasa. The concepts and ideas of 'spirituality' within worldviews of alternative religiosities in the post- communist region: Vissarionites and Anastasians // Journal of religion in Europe. Leiden: BRILL. ISSN 1874-8910. eISSN 1874-8929. 2021, vol. 3, no, 3-4, special issue, p. 241-264. DOI:10.1163/18748929-20211515. [DB: Scopus; Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 006]

International Research Projects

Between Choice and Determinism: Cultural Variations in Experiencing and Conceptualizing Free Will, Luck, and Randomness (Transcultural Approach: India, China, Mongolia, Thailand, USA, Lithuania). The project was co-funded from the EU Structural Funds (Nr. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-01-0111), 2018-2022. Team: Prof. Audrius Beinorius (team-leader), Dr. Vytis Silius, Dr. Renatas Berniūnas, lect. Vilius Dranseika.

The task of the project is to carry out a transcultural textual-historiographical and empirical-anthropological study in order to reveal the connection between the theoretical-intellectual traditions and everyday conceptions of free will, destiny, choice, and luck in different cultural contexts of contemporary Europe and Asia. How the free will issue is conceptualized in various traditions and how it is approached experientially on a popular level. Previous similar studies did not take into account the cross-cultural element, did not evaluate the influence of non-Western intellectual traditions on everyday practice and conceptualization. The current project proposes a critical assessment of the possibility to generalize the results of research that was conducted in Western cultures. This way, we seek to include different systems of knowledge and action from different civilizational fields (India, China, Mongolia, US, Lithuania) into a fruitful intellectual dialogue and to make comparisons on an empirical level by applying the methodologies of Cognitive studies.

Beinorius, Audrius; Berniūnas, Renatas; Dranseika, Vilius; Silius, Vytis; Rimkevičius, Paulius. "The weirdness of belief in free will"// Consciousness and cognition. San Diego, CA: Academic Press. ISSN 1053-8100. eISSN 1090-2376. 2020, vol. 87, art. no. 103054, p. [1-15]. DOI: 10.1016/j.concog.2020.103054

Silius, Vytis. "Diversifying academic philosophy: the post-comparative turn and transculturalism", Asian studies: Confucianism in Vietnam. Ljubljana: University of Ljubljana. 2020, vol. 8, iss. 2, p. 257-280. Open access. ISSN: 2232-5131; eISSN: 2350-4226; DOI: 10.4312/as.2020.8.2.257-280

Locally funded projects

Human and predators' relations: interactions with animals and industries in East Siberia, Vilnius University research project. 2020-2021. Research leader: Prof. D. Brandišauskas. This project deals with the ethnographic analysis showing how humans and predators interact in the context of environmental change in East Siberia and the Far East. It will show how the indigenous people's life in the taiga is based not only on equal cooperation between humans and other non-human beings but also shaped by the processes of resource exploration, state policies, and changing agency of predators.

National Research Projects

National Research Projects: Researcher Groups projects

Love relationships in contemporary Lithuania and their effect on marriage, fertility and family choices (Research Council of Lithuania P-MIP-21-258). 2021–2024. Research leader: Prof. Victor de Munck. Researcher: Dr. J. Charenkova).

The purpose of the project is to answer the question "are monogamy, marriage and family no longer normative features of the human life cycle?" This project investigates the interaction between three theories explaining this question in a way that has not yet been studied. Theory 1: Lesthaeghe and Van Kaa (1986) used the term second demographic transition to describe the shift by western nations to sub-replacement fertility rates and decreasing marriage rates. This shift was said to be caused by three factors: (1) technological advances in contraception; (2) increase in female socio-economic status, and (3) Maslow's hierarchy of needs in which Westerners now seek self-actualization or "individualization" rather than meeting basic subsistence needs. Theory 2: Giddens (1992) presciently argued that romantic love and its affiliation with marriage and family was changing to "confluent love," a purely agent-based love, where pleasure was the goal. Ilouz (2012; 2019), Regenerus (2018), and Slater (2016) are among the many that amplified and provided evidential support for Giddens' perspective. Theory 3: May (2010) concluded that while sexual norms vary across time and place, the features of intimate romantic love remain a "constant." Thus polyamory and the confluent love are fashionable, but will not replace love, marriage and family as portals through which humans pass. This study relies on quantitative and qualitative methods to illuminate an anthropological perspective on how the three theories interact. We will start with a "bottom-up" inductive approach to discover what styles of love relations people choose and why they do so. The research will describe the different styles and the values, ideology and behavioural patterns associated with these different relational forms. From these descriptions, we will use top-down approaches to test hypothesis about each of these styles focusing in particular on aspects that facilitate or resist the decision to marry or have children.

Victor de Munck (2021). A Prototype Analysis of the Cultural and Evolutionary Construction of Romantic Love as a Synthesis of Love and Sex. *Journal of Cognition and Culture* 21 (2021) 25–48.

Human and predators' interactions: relations with animals in the context of changing environment (Research Council of Lithuania P-MIP-21-49). 2021-2024. Research leader: Prof. D. Brandišauskas.

The main aim of this proposal is to conduct ethnographic field research and contribute to the theoretical discussions of human/animal relations in the scope of "ontological turn" that occurred in anthropology as well as other sociocultural sciences over the last decade. Participant observation will be conducted in different indigenous communities of East Siberia, interacting with wild and domestic animals on their daily level. The research will mainly focus on human interactions with predators and will aim to reveal how these interactions shape economic, ecological, political, or religious practices and experiences. In the case studies, there will also be discussed how we can analyze the "point of view" of animals in the study of their relationships with humans and what methodological approaches can allow an ethnography of animals.

National Research Projects: Postdoctoral Fellowship Projects

Emigration of people of Lithuanian origin to South America and their integration into the societies of São Paulo, Buenos Aires, and Montevideo according to the KSAK model (Research Council of Lithuania 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0161). 2020 – 2022. Postdoctoral fellow dr. V. Bartochevis, research supervisor prof. V. Čiubrinskas)

Isolation or assimilation is a common phenomenon in the process of interaction between immigrants and the host society, but people of Lithuanian descent have managed to avoid it in host societies in São Paulo, Buenos Aires and Montevideo. People of Lithuanian origin, without renouncing their identity, have integrated and become a valuable part of the host societies, contributing to the development and prosperity of those countries both economically and socially and culturally. This is a part of the history of Lithuania, and at the same time Europe, with South America, which is still very little studied. The goal is to analyse the integration of people of Lithuanian descent into the societies of São Paulo, Buenos Aires and Montevideo through the KSAK model.

Urban religion and spatiality in multi-ethnic post-socialist Ulan-Ude (Research Council of Lithuania 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0059). 2021 – 2023. Postdoctoral fellow dr. K. Jonutytė, research supervisor prof. D. Brandišauskas)

This social anthropology research project explores the dynamics of the interrelation between religion and urban space in the Republic of Buryatia (Russian Federation). Buryatia is significant as a multi-ethnic region in Southeast Siberia, which is strongly affected by centre-periphery tensions, resource extraction and changing geopolitics, as well as rapid urbanisation and the revival of religion (mainly Buddhism but also Christianity and shamanism). The project will explore how these processes shape local society in the changing multi-ethnic urban space as well as how the urban space itself influences identity and sociality. It will pay special attention to the cultural-religious revival of Buryat Buddhists, which has significant social and political consequences on local, state-, and international levels. These questions will be explored through the prism of religion, bearing in mind its link with ethnicity and politics as its role in postsocialist multiethnic contexts is growing. The project will use theories of urban religion and spatiality, and it will aim to make a contribution to this field. The researcher will conduct ethnographic fieldwork in Ulan-Ude, the capital of Buryatia. It will consist of participant observation, interviews, as well as analysis of various sources and of urban space. The postdoctoral researcher will aim at preparing a monograph on urban religion and spatiality in Ulan-Ude and submitting it to an international publisher. She will also prepare and submit an academic article, give two presentations at international conferences as well as a seminar presentation, and will write a popular article. She will conduct a research stay at the University of Cambridge (the UK), at the Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit.

Dealing with traumata: Involvement of spiritual beings in Christianity (Research Council of Lithuania 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0116). 2021 – 2023. Postdoctoral fellow dr. E. Liutkevičius, research supervisor prof. D. Brandišauskas)

The objective of this ethnographic research project is to examine the relationship between human and spiritual beings within Christianity by studying how religious communities seek to heal people suffering from alcohol and drug abuse. The researcher will have a particular focus on the personal and social stages of trauma, along with the experienced healing strategies and practises. The researcher was alerted to the issue of religious rehabilitation during his previous research conducted among Ukrainian Baptists. From previously drug addicted believers he learned about their perception of the active role the Holy Spirit takes during the healing, just as he learned that they understood that Satan and demons often are involved. This not only affects their healing process, but spiritual beings start interacting and participating in people's day-to-day lives in such a way that this affects their perception of reality and the meaning they attribute

to daily activities. The goal is to conduct an ethnographic research project within the discipline of Anthropology of Christianity, and investigate the interrelations between humans and spirits and how these are expressed during healing processes, that seek to help people recover from drug and alcohol abuse.

MAIN R&D&I (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION) PARTNERS

- The Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore
- The Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre
- Vytautas Magnus University
- Lithuanian Culture Research Institute
- Loughborough University
- Chulalongkorn University
- Northern Illinois University
- The Aga Khan University
- University of Delhi
- Nepal Sanskrit University
- Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
- University of Tartu
- Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (the Kunstkamera)
- Russian Academy of Sciences
- North-Eastern Federal University in Yakutsk
- Amur State University
- The University of Tromsø
- Cultures, Environments, Arctic, Representations, Climate (CEARC)
- Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. Audrius Beinorius

- editorial board member of the journal *Studia Orientalia Tartuensia* <https://www.tyk.ee/sot>
- editorial board member of the *International Journal of Indo-Baltic Culture and Studies* <http://ibj.dsvv.ac.in/editorial-board/>
- editorial board member of the journal *История философии / History of Philosophy* https://iphras.ru/hp_board.htm
- editorial board member of the journal *Liaudies kultūra* <https://www.lnkc.lt/go.php/lit/Liaudies-kultura/28>
- editorial board member of the journal *Sovijus* http://www.sovijus.lt/wordpress/?page_id=1622
- member of International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)
- member of European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR);
- member of International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS);
- member of American Academy of Religions (AAR);
- member of European Society for Astronomy in Culture (SEAC);
- member of European Association for Contemporary Indian Studies (EACIS);
- member of Central and Eastern European Network for Indian Studies (CEENIS);
- member of Baltic Alliance of Asian Studies (BAAS);

Prof. Donatas Brandišauskas

- editorial board member of the journal *Lithuanian Journal of Anthropology*
<http://www.anthropology.lt/editorial.html>
- board member of Lithuanian Association of Anthropologists
- member of International Society for Hunter Gatherer Research (ISHGR)
- member of Canadian Association of Anthropologists

Prof. Victor de Munck

- editor of *Journal of Globalization Studies*
<https://journals.indexcopernicus.com/search/details?id=31857>
- managing editor of *Structure and Dynamics* (e-journal)
https://escholarship.org/uc/imbs_socdyn_sdeas/editorialboard
- editorial board member of *EthnoAnthropoZoom* Editorial Team | [EthnoAnthropoZoom/ЕтноАнтропозум](https://www.ethnoanthropozoom.org/) (ukim.mk)
- member of American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- board member of Lithuanian Association of Anthropologists (LAA)
- executive board member of Society for Anthropological Sciences (SAS)
- head of the organising committee of the international conference "Old Discipline, New Trajectories: Theories, Methods and Practises in Anthropology" (June 16-18, 2022 | Vilnius, Lithuania)

Dr. Kristina Jonutyte

- president and founding member of Lithuanian Association of Anthropologists (LAA)
- member of European Association for Social Anthropologists (EASA)
- member of Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions (LSSR)
- member of European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR)
- member of International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)

Assoc. Prof. Kristina Garalyte

- member of European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS)
- member of International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)
- member of European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR)
- member of Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions (LRD)
- board member of Lithuanian Association of Anthropologists (LAA)
- member of the Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies (BAAS)

Irma Kondrataitė

- member of Lithuanian Association of Anthropologists (LAA)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. L. Poškaitė

- editorial board member of the journal *Sinología hispánica. China Studies Review*:
<http://revpubli.unileon.es/ojs/index.php/sinologia/about/editorialTeam>
- member of European Association of Chinese Studies (EACS)
- member of Academie du Midi
- member of Baltic Research Center for East Asian Studies (AsiaRes)
- member of Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions (LRD)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. R. Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson

- editorial board member of the journal *Cultural and Religious Studies*: <http://www.davidpublisher.org/index.php/Home/Journal/detail?journalid=42&jx=CRS&cont=editorial>
- editorial board member of the journal *Open Theology*: <https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/opth>
- member of Lithuanian Society of Young Researchers
- president of Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religion – LSSR
- member of International Association for the History of Religions– IAHR
- member of International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association – ISORECEA
- member of European Association for the Study of Religion – EASR; chairman of European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) Audit Committee
- member of European Association of Social Anthropologists – EASA
- member of International Society for Ethnology and Folklore – SIEF
- member of Working Group of Ethnology of Religion, SIEF
- member of SIEF Working Group: Body, Affects, Senses, and Emotions
- member of Lithuanian Association of Anthropologists

Assoc. Prof. Kristina Šliavaitytė

- member of European Sociology Association (ESA)
- member of Lithuanian Association of Anthropologists (LAA)
- member of Lithuanian Association of Sociologists (LAS)

Assoc. Prof. Dalia Švambarytė

- editorial board member of book series "Viduramžių biblioteka" (http://www.ilti.lt/lt/viduramziu_biblioteka)

Assoc. Prof. Dr. D. Valančiūnas

- member of European Society for the Study of English (ESSE)
- member of Lithuanian Association for the Studies of Religions (LRD)
- member of European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS)
- member of International Gothic Association (IGA)
- member of Memory Studies Association (MSA)

Lect. Vytis Vidūnas

- member of Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies (BAAS)

Dr. Vytis Silius

- board of editors Journal of European Association of Chinese Studies
- member of European Association for Chinese Philosophy (EACP)
- member of European Association of Chinese Studies (EACS)
- board member of Baltic Alliance of Asian Studies (BAAS)
- member of Baltic Research Centre for East Asian Studies (AsiaRes)
- member of Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions (LRD)
- member of European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR)
- member of International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)

MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FOR R&D ACTIVITIES

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deimantas Valančiūnas received Vilnius University Rector's award for research achievements in 2021

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dalia Švambarytė received Japanese government's award "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette" for her contribution in promoting academic exchanges and mutual understanding between Japan and Lithuania (the award was officially announced on November 3, 2020 and actually given on June 18, 2021).

MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION CASES OF RESEARCHERS IN WORKING GROUPS OR COMMISSIONS SET UP BY STATE AUTHORITIES, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES

Donatas Brandišauskas. Expert at Lithuanian Research Council and Lithuanian Council of Culture

Kristina Jonutytė. Expert at Lithuanian Council of Culture

Vytis Vidūnas. Member of the Onomastics Sub-Commission at the State Commission of the Lithuanian Language (<http://www.vlkk.lt/en/commission/organisation-chart>)

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Audrius Beinorius. Teaching seminars "Indian Culture and Cultural Communication "for "Executive network Vadovų Klubas "(Vilnius) – 2021.10.22, "Beantley "(Vilnius) – 2021.02.10; Company "Tsunami "– 2021.05.15

Donatas Brandišauskas. Teaching seminars on the collectivity in Taiga and human animal relations in Arctic Siberia for companies "Tsunami", "Baltmeta", "Amber Grid", "Bentley", "IF" and "CVO & Simplika"

Vytis Vidūnas. Tutor for PhD programme at Nepal Sanskrit University (NSU, Kathmandu, Nepal)

Vytis Vidūnas. Expert in the project "The Archive of the Oral History of Lithuanian Romanis "(by Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania and The Centre of Romani Society), the article "The language of Lithuanian Romanis (*litóvska romá*) and Sanskrit: a research perspective "was given for edition in 2021.

Fabio Belafatti. External consultant at DebunKEU.org

BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

Audrius Beinorius "KĀLA: Classical Indian Philosophy on Perception of Time "(keynote lecture), 5th International interdisciplinary Conference on Time Perspectives, 12-16 July 2021 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0r_s4fd6K8

Victor de Munck "From Courtship to Contingent Intimacies in Lithuania: Love Nomads and Porous Dyads "in the panel "Love Apocalypse "in the annual American Anthropological Association conference, Baltimore, 17-21 November 2021.

Donatas Brandiškauskas. "Enemies or relatives? Human and wolves' interactions among indigenous people of East Siberia ", International conference: Humans and animals- paradoxes of mutual relationships (Russia/Italy), St Petersburg, Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera), Russian Academy of Sciences (University Embankment3, St Petersburg, Russia), November 29 – December 2 2021.

Rasa Pranskevičiūtė. "Contemporary New Age Field in Lithuania: Overview of the Anastasia Movement in 2005-2021 ", The 18th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) Resilient Religion, Pisa (Italy), August 30 30- September 3 2021.

Kristina Jonutytė. "Why do local spirits leave the city? Urban Buddhism in Ulan-Ude". The 18th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) Resilient Religion, Pisa (Italy), August 30 30- September 3 2021.

Kristina Garalytė "Beef as Anti-Caste Utopia ", 26th European Conference for South Asian Studies, Vienna, July 26-29, 2021.

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Public online lecture by prof. dr. Audrius Beinorius on the death rituals and the concept of transcendence in Indian culture (2021-11-11). Organisers: Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies at Vilnius University together with Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania. Access: https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=422989202640262 (Public lecture)

Dr. Kristina Jonutytė and Ugnė Barbora Starkutė on the conception of indigeneity in Lithuanian culture (2021-11-06). Access: <https://nara.lt/lt/articles-lt/kas-ne-taip-su-prigimtaine-kultura-antropologiu-reakcija-i-paroda-ciabuviu-istorijos> (Commentary)

An interview with Jurgita Ignotienė about Japanese *haiku* (2021-09-18). Access: <https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/kultura/12/1497661/haiku-specialiste-kuo-labiau-esi-suvarzytas-tuo-stipriau-pasireiskia-kurybiskumas> (Interview)

Assoc. Prof. Loreta Poškaitė talking about the specificity of China from the historical and contemporary perspectives (2021-09-01). Access: <https://www.ziniuradijas.lt/laidos/atviras-pokalbis/pasimoke-uzsienyje-kinai-i-tevyne-grizta-ne-is-patriotiniu-jausmu?video=1&fbclid=IwAR3aaXfDRRM48Q6k3DpSxjMeF73BTXc0Emphsw9Eyh49zyo-hjT-BQAnzKME> (Discussion)

Assist. Prof. Ernestas Jančėnas on the Taliban's takeover of Afganistan (2021-08-20). Access: <https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/pasulyje/6/1470728/kas-laukia-afganistano-valdant-talibanui-griezta-tvarka-pamintos-moteru-teises-ir-ziaurios-bausmes?fbclid=IwAR2C122GehhXzud7IQkq49NNIcYsL6zDLb7HNz8zFta6iPiJlgd5007nUeg> (Commentary)

Prof. dr. D. Brandišauskas talked about his research on the Eveni ethnic group in Arctic Siberia (2021-04-24). Access: <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000148170/pasivaiksciojimai-antropologas-donatas-brandisaukas-moteru-situacija-tarp-evenku-paneigia-mita-kad-tik-vyras-yra-seimos-aprupintojas> (TV interview)

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Research fellows: Dr. I. Šatkauskas (part-time), dr. J. Saldukaiytė (part-time), dr. G. Mažeikis (part-time), dr. D. Pollefeyt (part-time), dr. E. C Sferrazza Papa (part-time).

Doctoral students: P. Dumbliauskas, J. Grigas, A. Pocius, K. Rybačiauskaitė, E. Skrebė, M. Šulskus, G. Tatarūnaitė, E. Bolšakovas.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Premises of phenomenological and hermeneutical philosophy and possibilities of its development

Philosophical reflection of everyday world

Philosophy of cinema

Philosophical investigations of imagination

Basic problems of phenomenology

Religion and the challenges of the contemporary world

Philosophy of religion

Nihilism, secularization, postsecularization

Religion and visualization

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Monograph. Gutauskas, M. *Žmogus ir gyvūnas: antropologinis skirtumas fenomenologinėje hermeneutinėje filosofijoje [Human and Animal. The Anthropological Difference in the Phenomenological Hermeneutical Philosophy]*. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2021.

296 p. ISBN 9786090706275. eISBN 9786090706282. DOI: 10.15388/vup-book-0012. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001].

Monograph. Andina, T.; Baranovas, R.; Cecchi, D.; Dagys, J.; Danowski, D.; Habdabkaitė, D.; Harman, G.; Ferraris, M.; Malabou, C.; Montani, P.; Sabolius, K.; Šatkauskas, I.; Šerpytė, R.; Viveiros de Castro, E. *Apie tikrovę [On the Real]* / edited by Kristupas Sabolius; translators: Laurynas Adomaitis, Ruslanas Baranovas, Dainius Būrė, Brigita Gelžinytė, Ignas Šatkauskas. Vilnius : Lapas, 2021. 477 p. ISBN 9786098198348. [Indėlis: 0,497] [M.kr.: H 001].

Monograph. Gutauskas, M.; Daraškevičiūtė, V.; Cuzzo, G.; Bacevičiūtė, D. *Gamtos transformacijos: modernybė ir antropocenas : monografija [Transformations of Nature: Modernity and the Anthropocene]*. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2021. 336 p. ISBN 9786090706701. eISBN 9786090706718. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001].

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

Contemporary research on the tradition of continental philosophy and religious studies. Prof. R. Šerpytė, 2019–2024. During the year 2021, three articles were published.

Main publications:

1. Grigas, J. Ambivalencija S. Kierkegaard'o nerimo (Angest) sampratoje = Ambivalence in the Kierkegaardian conception of Angest. *Problemos*. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-1126. eISSN 2424-6158. 2021, t. 99, p. 148–160. DOI: 10.15388/Problemos.99.11. [DB: The Philosopher's Index; Scopus; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]
2. Sabolius, K. Minds and Milieus // *Shared habitats: a cultural inquiry into living spaces and their inhabitants* / Ursula Damm, Mindaugas Gapsevicius (eds.). Bielefeld : transcript Verlag, 2021. ISBN 9783837656473. eISBN 9783839456477. p. 69-85. DOI: 10.14361/9783839456477-005. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]
3. Šerpytė, R. On the question of the face of reality: addressing the "Myths" of the new realism and postmodernity // *Open borders: encounters between Italian philosophy and continental thought* / edited by Silvia Benso and Antonio Calcagno. Albany, NY : SUNY Press, 2021, chapter no. 17. ISBN 9781438482194. eISBN 9781438482217. p. 341-352. Prieiga per internetą: <<http://www.sunypress.edu/p-7027-open-borders.aspx>>. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]

National Research Projects

Research Council of Lithuania. Student's scientific research during semester. Topic: „The concept of time of Henry Bergson in Gilles Deleuze's philosophy of cinema“. The project is supported by the structural funds of the European union under Grant No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712- 22-0164, dot. nr. DOTSUT-414, 2020.11.03-2021.04.30. Main coordinator – Jūratė Rubavičienė and prof. Rita Šerpytė, student – Gintarė Butkauskaitė.

In 2021, in the framework of this project, student made the presentation on the topic “H. Bergson's Notion of time in Deleuze's Philosophy of Cinema” in English.

Research Council of Lithuania. The Everyday and the Representation of War Trauma in Late Modernity (no. S-MOD-17-1/LSS-250000-273). Assoc. Prof N. Milerius, 2017–2019. In 2021, in the framework of this project, one article was published.

Main publication:

1. Narušytė, A. The architecture of lingering war in everyday life: photography and the double time of military apparatus, *photographies*, 14:2, 241-242, 2021. DOI: 10.1080/17540763.2021.1903532

Research Council of Lithuania. Transformations of Nature in Late Modernity: Ontological and Anthropological Dimensions (No. S-MOD-17-5). Assoc. Prof. Mintautas Gutauskas. 2017–2019.

The aim of this project is to examine, using hermeneutical-phenomenological approach, the transformations of the relationship with nature and representations of nature as well as the human/animal distinction in Modernity. In 2021, on the basis of the project investigations, two monographs were published:

1. Monograph. Gutauskas, M. *Žmogus ir gyvūnas: antropologinis skirtumas fenomenologinėje hermeneutinėje filosofijoje [Human and Animal. The Anthropological Difference in the Phenomenological Hermeneutical Philosophy]*. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2021. 296 p. ISBN 9786090706275. eISBN 9786090706282. DOI: 10.15388/vup-book-0012. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001].
2. Monograph. Gutauskas, M.; Daraškevičiūtė, V.; Cuzzo, G.; Bacevičiūtė, D. *Gamtos transformacijos: modernybė ir antropocenas : monografija [Transformations of Nature: Modernity and the Anthropocene]*. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2021. 336 p. ISBN 9786090706701. eISBN 9786090706718. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001].

Research Council of Lithuania. The Future of Humanity: New Scenarios of Imagination (DOTSUT-229 (09.3.3-LMT-K-712-01-0078). Prof. Kristupas Sabolius, 2017–2021. Project is funded by EU Structural Funds programme's priority axis 9 "Educating the society and strengthening the potential of human resources", objective 9.3.3 "Strengthen the skills and capacities of public sector researches for engaging high level R&D activities".

In 2021, in the framework of this project, one journal issue was edited, one collective monograph and four articles were published.

Main publications:

1. Monograph. Andina, T.; Baranovas, R.; Cecchi, D.; Dagys, J.; Danowski, D.; Habdankaitė, D.; Harman, G.; Ferraris, M.; Malabou, C.; Montani, P.; Sabolius, K.; Šatkauskas, I.; Šerpytė, R.; Viveiros de Castro, E. *Apie tikrovę [On the Real] / Sudarė Kristupas Sabolius; vertėjai: Laurynas Adomaitis, Ruslanas Baranovas, Dainius Būrė, Brigita Gelžinytė, Ignas Šatkauskas*. Vilnius : Lapas, 2021. 477 p. ISBN 9786098198348. [Indėlis: 0,497] [M.kr.: H 001].
2. Habdankaitė, D. (red.); Sisto, D. (red.). *Trópos. Rivista di ermeneutica e critica filosofica*. (2021) 2020, Anno XIII, Numero 1: *The future as a problem. Between philosophy and cultural studies* / Edited by Daina Habdankaitė, Davide Sisto. Roma: Aracne Editrice, (2021) 2020. 300 p. ISBN 9791259941442. Prieiga per internetą: <<https://www.aracneeditrice.eu/free-download/9791259941442.pdf>>. [DB: Philosophy Research Index; ERIH Plus] [Indėlis: 0,500] [M.kr.: H 001]
3. Habdankaitė, D. Rethinking human: transcendental idealism technologized, *Trópos. Rivista di ermeneutica e critica filosofica: The future as a problem. Between philosophy and cultural studies* / edited by Daina Habdankaitė, Davide Sisto. Roma : Aracne Editrice, 2020. ISBN 9791259941442. ISSN 2036-542X. 2020, no. 1, p. 43-56. Prieiga per

- interneta: <<https://www.aracneeditrice.eu/free-download/9791259941442.pdf>>. [DB: ERIH Plus; Philosophy Research Index] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]
4. Sabolius, K. Anapus funkcijos: vaizduotė kaip semideterminacija = Beyond function: imagination as semi-determination, *Problemos*. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-1126. eISSN 2424-6158. 2021, t. 99, p. 63-79. DOI: 10.15388/Problemos.99.5. [DB: The Philosopher's Index; Scopus; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]
 5. Sabolius, K. Beyond one image of future, *Trópos. Rivista di ermeneutica e critica filosofica: The future as a problem. Between philosophy and cultural studies* / edited by Daina Habdankaitė, Davide Sisto. Roma : Aracne Editrice, 2020. ISBN 9791259941442. ISSN 2036-542X. (2021) 2020, no. 1, p. 29-41. Prieiga per internetą: <<https://www.aracneeditrice.eu/free-download/9791259941442.pdf>>. [DB: ERIH Plus; Philosophy Research Index] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]
 6. Šatkauskas, I. Virtuality of myth and ontology of the future: Harman, Viveiros de Castro, *Trópos. Rivista di ermeneutica e critica filosofica: The future as a problem. Between philosophy and cultural studies* / edited by Daina Habdankaitė, Davide Sisto. Roma : Aracne Editrice, (2021) 2020. ISBN 9791259941442. ISSN 2036-542X. 2020, no. 1, p. 203-228. Prieiga per internetą: <<https://www.aracneeditrice.eu/free-download/9791259941442.pdf>>. [DB: ERIH Plus; Philosophy Research Index] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]

Research Council of Lithuania (LMTLT). Project “Modernity and Holocaust in Lithuania: philosophical analysis of moral dilemmas” (No S-MOD-21-8). Dr. Jolanta Saldukaitytė, 2021-2022.

The idea of historical progress underpins the modern conception of history. What does such a conception have in common with the problem of the Holocaust? Bauman discerns a link between the two in his book *Modernity and the Holocaust*. Every genocide event challenges the community of a country to reflect on the problem of moral values in history, and raises questions concerning the relationship between different nations, between the individual and the nation or state, between the present and eternity, as well as the social responsibility for historical events. The project investigates the possibility to consider the relationship between the Holocaust and modernity in Lithuania from the perspective of Western moral philosophy. In an international philosophical discourse, the Holocaust is considered from different perspectives: philosophy of history, political or moral philosophy, philosophy of education. As regards the philosophy of history, the Holocaust raises the problem of moral values in history, as a question of political philosophy it poses the problem of criminal and political guilt. As a question of moral philosophy, it raises the question of moral and metaphysical guilt, and responsibility. The novelty of this project is an attempt to reflect the relation between modernity and the Holocaust in Lithuania from all possible perspectives of practical philosophy, stressing the theme “Vilnius Gaon’s conception of the wisdom of silence (teshuva) and Levinasian question: “Do I not kill by being?” It takes into consideration insight by historian T. Snyder that the image of the Auschwitz, meant to remind us of humanity’s inhumanity, by an ironic displacement, enables its forgetfulness, and lets us distance ourselves from what happened in our streets to our neighbors, and oftentimes by our neighbors. The question then is not only what or how it happened but what does ‘what and how it happened’ mean for us, what does it reveal about humanity, including our own.

In 2021, three articles was submitted and accepted for publication:

1. Mažeikis, G. The End of the Road: Shoah and Gulag. E. Levinas and T. Adorno, *Problemos* (2022). Vilniaus universitetas. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-1126

2. Pollefeyt, D. The Violence of Being. The Holocaust in the Philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas, *Problemos* (2022) Vilniaus universitetas. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-1126
3. Saldukaitytė, J. Responsibility in the Face of Violence“, *Religions* (2022). Basel : MDPI AG. <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions>

Research Council of Lithuania. Project “The Problem of Perspective in Phenomenology and Amerindian Perspectivism” 2020–2022 (09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0065), postdoctoral fellowship programme. Supervisor prof. Kristupas Sabolius, postdoctoral researcher dr. Ignas Šatkauskas. Project is funded by EU Structural Funds.

The aim of the project is a comparative analysis of the notion of perspective in phenomenology and in Amerindian perspectivism. The main point of divergence between these positions is in the treatment of the problem of the world-horizon. Phenomenology assumes the unity of the world, while Amerindian perspectivism theorizes multiple worlds, which results in an inversion of the phenomenological notion of perspective: multiple worlds and unitary perspective of subjectivity.

In 2021, the manuscript of the first post-doctoral research paper “Divergences and Convergences of Perspective: Amerindian Perspectivism and Phenomenology” was finished.

Research Council of Lithuania. Project „The Problem of Experience in Classical German Philosophy“ 2021–2023 (09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0135), postdoctoral fellowship programme. Supervisor prof. Rita Šerpytytė, postdoctoral researcher dr. Brigita Gelžinytė. Project is funded by EU Structural Funds.

The project aims to explore the problem of experience and reason in classical German philosophy. The content of this research lies in Schelling-Hegel controversy regarding the possibility of reason’s self-determination, as they approach this issue from different opposing understandings of what they call “the experience of consciousness” (Erfahrung des Bewußtseins). In search for a “synthetic” view to this controversy, this project investigates and employs the connection between noetic activity found in Aristotle’s „Metaphysics“ and the notion of ‘hexis’ characterizing latter’s modality. The novelty of the project lies in disclosing the essential role of experience in German idealism, as well as in the attempt to introduce modal dimensions to the discussions of the performativity of reason.

Research Council of Lithuania. Project “Ontology of Law” 2021-2024 (P-MIP-21-51), project leader prof. R. Šerpytytė.

The project “Ontology of Law” is intended for the ontological research of Law, revealing and substantiating the fundamental connection between Being and Law. This relation with Being will be revealed not in the perspective dictated by the concepts of modern thinking, when the focus is on the search for foundations of positive law, positive norms, but on the origin of Law beyond positive law and positive norms, the origin of the phenomenon of Law itself, revealing the ontological meaning of Law, considering positive laws as a result of a certain thinking of Being. The aim of the project is to answer the question “What *is* Law?” by a systematic study of the concepts that raised the question of Law ontologically, showing that the “real” basis of Law is negative.

In 2021, in the framework of this project, three articles by R. Šerpytytė, P. Dumbliauskas, and E., Sferrazza Papa for publication in national scientific journals were prepared (they will appear in 2022) and two academic events were organised:

1. A research visit of R. Šerpytytė, P. Dumbliauskas, and E., Sferrazza Papa to the University of Salerno and the University of Rome “La Sapienza” (Italy) to present the project to foreign partners and discuss research issues;

2. Discussion and presentation of the project “Ontology of the Law”. Vilnius University, 16–17 December (Šerpytytė, R. “Why Ontology of Law?”, Sferrazza Papa, E. “Political aspects of the project “Ontology of Law””, Dumbliauskas, P. “Juridical aspects of “Ontology of Law” and Law in philosophy of Hegel”, Bacevičiūtė, D. „Ethical aspects of „Ontology of Law““. <https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/4469-diskusija-istatymo-ontologija>

International Research Projects

The international research project ONLENER – Ontology. Language. Hermeneutics (under the guidance of Dr. Maria Teresa Oñate Zubia). Prof. Rita Šerpytytė is a member of the international group of investigation ONLENER at the National Distance Education University (UNED) in Spain.

http://portal.uned.es/portal/page?_pageid=93,8843313&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&idContenido=5

In 2021, the research was focused on the problems of contemporary hermeneutics.

International research project Seminario de las Tres Culturas, coordinated by the University of Seville (Spain) (under the guidance of Prof. Jacinto Choza, University of Seville, Spain). Prof. Rita Šerpytytė is a participant of this project since 2014.

In 2021, in the framework of this project, one seminar was organised, and one paper was presented:

1. The international seminar *Intercultural Dialogue and Human Freedom. XXII Seminar of the Three Cultures* (May 17-19, 2021) was organised on-line by University of Malaga, University of Sevilla and Seminar of The Three Cultures <http://congreso.us.es/tresculturas/SeminarioTC/ComiteCient.html>
2. Šerpytytė, R. “Nihilism between East and West”, *Intercultural Dialogue and Human Freedom. XXII Seminar of the Three Cultures*. May 17-19, 2021. Organised on-line by University of Malaga, University of Sevilla and Seminar of The Three Cultures.
3. http://congreso.us.es/tresculturas/SeminarioTC/SeminarioTC/Programa.html?fbclid=IwAR3cxE5cgUCXR04N-LYc2T6GTr_7A33JbUcZoQEndF9rEaUWRCp6sIZIJTc

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University of Salerno (Italy)

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Prof. Rita Šerpytytė

- Member and national representative (correspondent) of International Association for Philosophy Teachers (Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie, enregistrée à Bruxelles), <http://www.aipph.de>
- Editorial Board Member of the scholarly journal *HYBRIS: Revista de Filosofia (HYBRIS: Journal of Philosophy)* (since 2014)
<http://revistas.cenaltel.cl/index.php/hybris/about/editorialTeam>
- Editor-in-Chief of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*, <http://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/religija-ir-kultura>
- Editorial board member of the journal *Экзистенциальная традиция: философия, психология, психотерапия (Existential Tradition: Philosophy, Psychology, Psychotherapy)*, <http://journal.existradi.ru/>
- Member of the organizing committee and jury of Lithuanian Philosophy Olympiad; <https://olimpiados.lt/straipsniai/skelbiamas-kvieciamuju-i-lietuvos-mokiniu-filosofijos-olimpiados-nacionalini-tura-sarasas> ;
https://www.lmnc.lt/uplfiles3/2021_renginiu%20grafikas.pdf
- Member of the Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD) in Lithuania, <https://www.kaad.de/en/stipendien/osteuropaprogramm/#toggle-id-11>
- board member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association
<http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>
- Member of scientific committee of the international seminar *Intercultural Dialogue and Human Freedom. XXII Seminar of the Three Cultures. May 17-19, 2021*. Organised on-line by University of Malaga, University of Sevilla and Seminar of The Three Cultures <http://congreso.us.es/tresculturas/SeminarioTC/ComiteCient.html>
- Member of the international association Association for Teachers of Philosophy at Schools and Universities ([Association internationale des professeurs de philosophie \(AIPPh\)](http://uia.org/s/or/en/1100057577) <http://uia.org/s/or/en/1100057577>)
- Member of International Society for Italian Philosophy (ISIP), <https://www.societyforitalianphilosophy.org/> .

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- Editorial Board Member of the scholarly journal *Athena: filosofijos studijos (Athena: Philosophical Studies)* (since 2006) <http://www.kfmi.lt/athena/?lang=en&no=editorial-board>
- Editorial Board Member of the scientific journal *Žmogus ir žodis (Man and the Word)*, <http://www.zmogusirzodis.leu.lt/index.php/zmogusirzodis/about/editorialTeam>
- Editorial Board Member of the scientific journal *Problemos (Problems)* <https://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/problemos/about/editorialTeam>
- Member of the *Moral education: Ethics* group for renewal of the curriculum for high school education at the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania (2020.05-2020.12).
- Member of International Network of Philosophers of Education, <http://www.internationalnetworkofphilosophersofeducation.org/index.htm>
- Vice President of the Lithuanian Philosophy Teacher's Association, <http://filosofijamokykloje.mozello.lt/kontaktai/>
- Chair of the Organizing Committee of Lithuanian Philosophy Olympiad, <http://filosofijamokykloje.mozello.lt/informacija-2/>

Prof. Nerijus Milerius

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>
- Lithuanian Filmmakers Union, Member of the Film Directors' Guild <http://kinosajunga.lt/nariai/?guild=1&start=24>

Prof. Kristupas Sabolius

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>;
- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Phenomenology, <https://lt-lt.facebook.com/LietuvosFenomenologuAsociacija>
- Affiliate Member of the Program in Art, Culture and Technology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology <http://act.mit.edu/people/affiliates/kristupas-sabolius-2/>
- Member of Scientific Advisory Board, “Castelvecchi” publisher, Aesthetics Series / Italy
- Member of Editorial Board, “CoSMo. Comparative studies in Modernism” /Italy
- Member of Editorial Board, “*as a journal”, Lithuanian Culture institute, <https://english.lithuanianculture.lt/lithuanian-culture-promotion-projects/as-a-journal/about-a-journal/>
- Scientific Advisor, Member of Curatorial Team / Swamp Observatory in Critical Zones. Observatories for Earthly Politics (curated by Bruno Latour, Peter Weibel, Martin Guinard, Bettina Korintenberg), ZKM / Germany.

Prof. Pietro Montani

- Scientific Board Member of “Rivista di Estetica”
- Scientific Board Member of “Carte semiotiche”
- Scientific Board Member of “Agalm”
- Scientific Board Member of “Plexus”
- Scientific Board Member of “Images ré-vues” (on-line magazine)

Assoc. Prof. Aušra Kristina Pažėraitė

- Authoress of Science and Encyclopaedia Publishing Institute;
- Directress of Lithuanian Jewish Culture Research Centre (in Lithuanian Culture Research Institute, former Culture, Philosophy and Arts Research Institute) (since 2007);
- Board Member of the Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religion <http://en.religijotyra.lt/members/>
- Member of Association of SIREL (Société internationale de Recherche Emmanuel Levinas) [Plateforme de la Société Internationale de Recherche Emmanuel Levinas \(SIREL\) - Société Internationale de Recherche Emmanuel Levinas \(sirel-levinas.org\)](http://Plateforme.de.la.Société.Internationale.de.Recherche.Emmanuel.Levinas.(SIREL).-Société.Internationale.de.Recherche.Emmanuel.Levinas.(sirel-levinas.org););
- Member of association ISORECEA (International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association) [Isorecea](http://Isorecea;);
- Member of ISSR/SISR - International Society for the Sociology of Religion [ISSR - International Society for the Sociology of Religion \(sirr-issr.org\)](http://ISSR.-International.Society.for.the.Sociology.of.Religion.(sirr-issr.org););
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- Editorial Board Member of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*, [http://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/religija-ir-kultura:](http://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/religija-ir-kultura;)
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- President of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>
- Member of executive committee of Central and East European Society for Phenomenology, <http://ceesp.org/module/institution/view.php?id=100934&people=1>

member of the Research Council of Lithuania (Committee of Humanities and Social Sciences) (since 2018), <https://www.lmt.lt/en/about-the-research-council/contacts/2279/committee-of-humanities-and-social-sciences/d22>

- Member of Programme Committee of the Baltic Research Programme
<<https://www.lmt.lt/lt/doclib/wbmhuqs41jwa1u73yc8p7xbybdby4xr4>>
<<https://www.lmt.lt/lt/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-programos/baltijos-moksliniu-tyrimu-programa/2911>>

Assoc. Prof. Danutė Bacevičiūtė

- Editor of the scholarly journal *Athena: filosofijos studijos* (*Athena: Philosophical Studies*) (since 2006) <https://athena.lt/redkolegija>
- Executive Secretary of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra* (*Religion and Culture*), <http://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/religija-ir-kultura>
- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Phenomenology; <https://lt-facebook.com/LietuvosFenomenologuAsociacija>
- Executive Board Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>

Assist.Prof. Benas Ulevičius

- Member of organizing committee of international conference “International Academic Conference on Social Problems, 3rd edition”. University of Utara (Malaysia), Rzesow University (Poland). 2021.07.02. <https://www.ur.edu.pl/kolegia/kolegium-nauk-spoecznych/jednostki-naukowe/instytut-pedagogiki1/konferencje-i-seminaria-naukowe/international-academic-conference-on-social-proble>
- Editorial Board Member of the journal for religious studies *Soter*, <https://ejournals.vdu.lt/index.php/SJRS/about/editorialTeam>
- Member of the Vatican Agency for the Evaluation and Promotion of the Quality of Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties (AVEPRO), https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/institutions_connected/avepro/documents/rc_avepro_20100720_profile_en.html
- Member of the Expert Group on External Institutional Evaluation (Council of the Agency for Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Croatia, <https://www.azvo.hr/en/>). External evaluation of the Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of Zagreb.

Assist. Prof. Vaiva Daraškevičiūtė

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>
- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Aesthetics, [About the IAA \(iaaesthetics.org\)](http://www.iaaesthetics.org)

Assist. Prof. Sigita Maslauskaitė-Mažylienė

- Editorial Board Member of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra* (*Religion and Culture*), <http://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/religija-ir-kultura>
- Member of the Lithuanian Art Historian Society [Lietuvos dailės istorikų draugija | Lietuvos dailės istorikų draugija \(ldid.lt\)](http://www.lidid.lt)
- Member of the Lithuanian Artists' Association; http://www.ldsajunga.lt/Nariai-3215-Sigita_Maslauskaite
- Member of International Council of Museums (ICOM), [International Council of Museums - The global museum network - International Council of Museums \(icom.museum\)](http://www.icom.museum).

Jolanta Saldukaiytė

- Vicepresident of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>
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- Board Member of Lithuanian Association of Philosophy Teachers <https://filosofijamokykloje.mozello.lt/home/>
- Board Member of international Levinas Philosophy Summer Seminar <https://levinas.buffalo.edu/people/>

Gintautas Mažeikis

- Senior reaseacher in the project "Modernity and Holocaust in Lithuania: philosophical analysis of moral dilemmas" (2021)
- Board Memeber of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>
- Member of European Cultural Parliament (since 2012) http://www.kulturparlament.com/author/gintautas_mazeikis/
- Council Member of the movement Santara-Šviesa (since 2000) <https://www.santarasviesa.lt/category/a/>

Didier Pollefeyt

- senior reaseacher in the project "Modernity and Holocaust in Lithuania: philosophical analysis of moral dilemmas" (2021)
- Professor at professor at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, <https://theo.kuleuven.be/en/research/researchers/00002786>

Ernesto Calogero Sferrazza Papa

- Member of LabOnt <https://labont.it/people/>
- Member of the "Italian Society for Theoretical Philosophy"
- Member of the "Italian Society for Political Philosophy" <https://sifp.it/socie-e-soci/>
- Member of the "Academy of Law and Migrations" <https://www.migrazionieuropadiritto.it/adim-partecipanti/>
- Member of the "Società Cusaniiana" <http://www.cusaniiana.unito.it/>
- Member of the editorial board of "Filosofia" (ISSN: 0015-1823) <https://www.ojs.unito.it/index.php/filosofia/about/editorialTeam>

BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

Gutauskas, M. "Being with Nonhuman: Two Phenomenological Approaches to Animal Life", International conference *Phenomenology and Sociality. The 6th Conference of the Central and East European Society for Phenomenology*, Ljubljana (Slovenia), 2021.12.2-4. (online).

<https://ophen.org/ConfItemView.php?iditem=1637>

<https://ophen.org/ConfView.php?id=100519>

Šerpytytė, R. "Nihilism between East and West", *Intercultural Dialogue and Human Freedom. XXII Seminar of the Three Cultures*. May 17-19, 2021. Organised on-line by University of Malaga, University of Sevilla and Seminar of The Three Cultures.

http://congreso.us.es/tresculturas/SeminarioTC/SeminarioTC/Programa.html?fbclid=IwAR3cx E5cgUCXR04N-LYc2T6GTr_7A33JbUcZoQEndF9rEaUWRCp6sIZIJTc

Šerpytė, R. “On Modal Ontology in Giorgio Agamben”, *Fourth International Conference of SIP – Society for Italian Philosophy*. November 5-7, 2021. Organised by SIP and Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, (USA).

<https://www.societyforitalianphilosophy.org/meetings>

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5847141bf7e0ab230f552a6f/t/617c1237871fe3235c6f613c/1635521079958/2021+SIP+Virtual+Program.pdf>

Sabolius, K. Keynote lecture “Imagination and Milieu”. *The Lures and The Tears of The Image, Patterns into A Pulsatile Imaginary (Rhythm, Resonance, and Reverie)*. University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. April 23- 24, 2021.

<https://artsandculturalstudies.ku.dk/Calendar/2021/the-lures-and-the-tears-of-the-image/?fbclid=IwAR05T3mmcS9Obwnhtj7o8RX8WLP2gf5bpxsHZP2xbUDX9hKWAgWwQRHiWio>

https://artsandculturalstudies.ku.dk/Calendar/2021/the-lures-and-the-tears-of-the-image/CONFERENCE_PROGRAM_THE_LURES_AND_THE_TEARS_OF_THE_IMAGE_ABSOLUTE_FINAL.pdf

Sabolius, K. “Imagination, Potentiality and AI”. Colloque *Puissance, mécanisme et limites du numérique : ontologie, mathématiques, éthique*, Collège international de philosophie, Paris, France, March 29, 2021.

<https://cipf.org/spip.php?article136>

MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FOR R&D ACTIVITIES

Prof. Kristupas Sabolius was elected the best lecturer of the Faculty of Philosophy in 2021.

In 2021, Dr. Sigita Maslauskaitė-Mažylienė was awarded the St. Christopher Award “For preservation of Vilnius ecclesiastical art and its modern opening to society”.

<https://vilnius.lt/lt/2021/01/25/pandemija-tradiciju-nesustabde-skelbiami-sv-kristoforo-laureatai/>

MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION CASES OF RESEARCHERS IN WORKING GROUPS OR COMMISSIONS SET UP BY STATE AUTHORITIES, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES

Participation (Prof. R. Šerpytė, since 2017) in the Programme implementation group of the Programme Modernity in Lithuania

<<https://www.lmt.lt/lt/komisijos-ir-darbo-grupes/nmp-vykdyimo-grupes/modernybe-lietuvoje/2322>>

Participation (Assoc. Prof. M. Gutauskas, since 2018) in the Committee of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Research Council of Lithuania.

<https://www.lmt.lt/lt/apie-taryba/humanitariniu-ir-socialiniu-mokslu-komitetas/doc.-dr.-mintautas-gutauskas/2871>

Participation (Assoc. Prof. A. Pažeraitė) in the State Commission of the Lithuanian Language in preparing the list and descriptions of Hebrew and Yiddish terms for Lithuanian use.

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Consultation (by Assoc. Prof. A. Pažeraitė) for the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania on some religious communities of Lithuania.

Assoc. Prof. A. Pažeraitė, the expert of the best dissertation 2020 competition.

Rybačiauskaitė, K. The workshop “Learning from Magic and Its Refrains” for the participants of the 9th Rupert Alternative Education Program. 22-23 July 2021, Rupert Center for Art, Residences and Education, Vilnius. <https://rupert.lt/2021-rupert-theme-magic-and-rituals/>
<https://rupert.lt/about-us/>

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Gutauskas, M. Participation in the discussion about anthropological difference on radio show „[Homo cultus. Istoriko teritorija](https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000175008/homo-cultus-istoriko-teritorija-zmogus-ir-gyvunas-skiriami-prarajos?)“ (LRT, 2021.09.22 15:05, Homo cultus. Istoriko teritorija. Žmogus ir gyvūnas: skiriami prarajos?)
<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000175008/homo-cultus-istoriko-teritorija-zmogus-ir-gyvunas-skiriami-prarajos>

Gutauskas, M. Participation in the discussion about humanity and animality on radio show (LRT, 2021.10.29 15: 05, Homo cultus. Tarp praetities ir ateities).
<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000183975/homo-cultus-tarp-praeities-ir-ateities-mintautas-gutauskas-orumo-savoka-neturetu-buti-taikoma-tik-zmogui>

Sabolius, K. Participation in the discussion about the search for creativity and imagination on radio show „Pakeliui su klasika. Kristupas Sabolius – apie kūrybiškumo ir vaizduotės paieškas“ (LRT 2021.10.27 16:05), <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000183629/pakeliui-su-klasika-kristupas-sabolius-apie-kurybiskumo-ir-vaizduotes-paieskas>

Sabolius, K. Co-host, co-writer and co-creator, TV show for schoolstudents and teachers „The School of Creativity. The Phenomena of Contemporary World“, 12 episodes, LRT Plus:
<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/video/kurybingumo-mokykla>

Sabolius, K. The interview with Deborah Danowski and Eduardo Viveiros de Castro, presentation of the book „Apie tikrovę“, „Nėra realaus vaizdo, tik atvaizdai. Filosofų K. Saboliaus, D. Danowski ir E. Viveiros de Castro pokalbis“, „<https://www.bernardinai.lt/nera-realaus-vaizdo-tik-atvaizdai-filosofu-k-saboliaus-d-danowski-ir-e-viveiros-de-castro-pokalbis/>

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Lecturers: G. Kurlavičiūtė (part-time).

Doctoral students: A. Alijauskaitė, V. Baranovė, D. Caturianas, S. Čelutka, D. Markevičius, M. Markuckas, E. S. Mikalonytė, M. Morkūnaitė, A. Noreikaitė, A. Plėšnys, V. Sinica, T. Snuviškis, G. Šataitis, A. Šulcas, V. Vyšniauskas.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Analytical philosophy and hermeneutics

Logic, philosophy and history of logic

Philosophy in classical and modern civilizations

Modern – postmodern controversy

Postmodern philosophy

Social and political philosophy

Contemporary Christian philosophy

Ethics

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Dagys, J.; Pabijutaitė, Ž.; Giedra, H. Representing Buridan's divided modal propositions in first-order logic // History and philosophy of logic. Abingdon : Taylor & Francis. ISSN 0144-5340. eISSN 1464-5149. 2021, first published online, p. [1-11]. DOI: 10.1080/01445340.2021.1976042. [DB: The Philosopher's Index; Zentralblatt MATH (zbMATH); Scopus; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 0,667] [Citav. rod.: 0.750 (2020, SCIE)] [M.kr.: N 009,H 001]

Kardelis, N. „Kalba ir tikrovė [Language and Reality]“, *Acta Linguistica Lithuanica*, 2021, Nr. 84 (2021), p. 331–337, ISSN 1648-4444, DOI:doi.org/10.35321/all84-16 (straipsnis recenzuojamame leidinyje; leidinyje formaliai nurodyta VU prieskyra)
Internetinė straipsnio teksto nuoroda:

<http://journals.lki.lt/actalinguisticalithuanica/article/view/2091/2199>

Kardelis, N. „Humanistikos aplinkkeliais į filosofijos viršukalnę [To the Summit of Philosophy by Roundabout Paths]“, Viktorija Daujotytė. *Arvydas Šliogeris: „Mano elementorius buvo Homeras“*, Vilnius: Odilė, 2021, p. 9–17, ISBN 978-609-8222-43-2 (įvadinis straipsnis prof. V. Daujotytės monografijai; be formaliai nurodytos prieskyros, bet priskiriama VU)

Mikalonytė, E. S.; Dranseika, V. The role of teleological thinking in judgments of persistence of musical works // The journal of aesthetics and art criticism. Oxford : Oxford University Press. ISSN 0021-8529. eISSN 1540-6245. 2021, first published online, p. [1-16]. DOI: 10.1093/jaac/kpab063. [DB: MLA: International Bibliography; Academic Search Premier; Scopus; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]

Mikalonytė, E. S. Intuitions in the ontology of musical works // Review of philosophy and psychology. Dordrecht : Springer. ISSN 1878-5158. eISSN 1878-5166. 2021, first on line, p. [1-20]. DOI: 10.1007/s13164-021-00535-8. [DB: The Philosopher's Index; Scopus; Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]

Pabijutaitė, Ž. (vert.). Jonas Buridanus. Dialektikos sąvadas (ištrauka) // Problemos. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-1126. eISSN 2424-6158. 2021, t. 99, p. 174-195. DOI: 10.15388/Problemos.99.13. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]

Radžvilas V. "A City of the Politics of Reason in Aquinas's Tractatus 'On Kingship'." In Aquinas, Thomas. Political Tractatus. Translated by Gintautas Vyšniauskas, Vilnius: Logos/Valstybingumo studijų centras, 2021, pp. 4-60.

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

The History of Philosophy and Nowadays: Framework Methodological Controversies. Prof. M. P. Šaulauskas, 2016 – 2021

The main research titles accomplished in 2018: analytical philosophy paradigms of science, consciousness, language, and law; essential problems of axiological discourses; methodological controversy of contemporary politics and moral philosophy; the genesis of modern philosophy.

National Research Projects

Research Council of Lithuania. Project „Computer aided analysis of traditional modal logic from the point of view of contemporary logical theories“ (P-MIP-19-447), 2019-2022. Head of research group – J. Dagys, member of the group – Ž. Pabijutaitė.

The aim of the project is to thoroughly investigate, with the help of contemporary theories of formal logic and information technologies, the most significant and complex medieval system of modal syllogism formulated and published in the fourteenth century by French logician Jean Buridan. The main goal of this project is to determine the relationship between traditional and modern theories of modal logics by developing new and adapting existing models of traditional logic, preparing them for the relevant formal comparison, and running the mechanical comparison of the arguments recognized as valid in each theory with the help of a computer equipped with the software specially designed or adapted for this purpose.

Main publications/results:

1. Dagys, J.; Pabijutaitė, Ž.; Giedra, H. Representing Buridan's divided modal propositions in first-order logic // History and philosophy of logic. Abingdon : Taylor & Francis. ISSN 0144-5340. eISSN 1464-5149. 2021, first published online, p. [1-11]. DOI: 10.1080/01445340.2021.1976042. [DB: The Philosopher's Index; Zentralblatt MATH (zbMATH); Scopus; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 0,667] [Citav. rod.: 0.750 (2020, SCIE)] [M.kr.: N 009,H 001]

Research Council of Lithuania. Preparation of Terminological Dictionary of Modal Metaphysics Based on the Works of S. Kripke, D. Lewis, and A. Plantinga. N. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-25-0139, Ž. Pabijutaitė (student Pranciškus Gričius), students' scientific research during the semester.

The aim of the project is to develop the competencies required to work in the fields of analytic philosophy and modal logic. The outcome of the project will be a detailed terminological dictionary of modal metaphysics introducing the reader to the most important controversies and ideas of that field.

International Research Projects

Pabijutaitė, Ž. 31H 17 0438 84. *Polonica philosophica orientalia*. Filozofia w Rzeczypospolitej XVI-XVIII w. i historiografia filozofii w Polsce, Litwie, Białorusi i Ukrainie. Živilė Pabijutaitė – member of research group headed by dr. Steffen Huber.

The project is organized by the Philosophy Department of Jagiellonian University (Krakow) and is part of the program "Narodowy Program Roswoju Humanistyki". The aim of the project is to provide a detailed analysis of manuscripts and printed sources that reveal the state of political, ethical and logical thought in the region of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth during 16-18th centuries. The participants of the project are the researchers of the history of philosophy from Belarus, Ukraine, Poland and Lithuania. The project has started in January 2018 and will end in January 2023.

Baltic research programme. Project „Promoting collaboration for sustainable and circular use of bioresources across agriculture, forestry, and aquaculture (CIRCLE)“, No. EEA-RESEARCH-24, 2021 – 2024. Coordinator - Baltic Studies Centre (foundation), Latvia. VU Research group coordinator – dr. Diana Mincytė, researcher – dr. Renata Bikauskaitė.

The project aims to develop an interdisciplinary perspective on the circular economy in the Baltic-Nordic region by integrating insights from sociology, economics, philosophy, political science, and environmental science. The emphasis is placed on the use of by-products (bio-resources) generated as part of primary production in agriculture, forestry, and aquaculture and across the sectoral boundaries to explore the underlying models of socially- and commercially-driven collaborations, and the factors facilitating and hindering the development and wider use of circular practices and collaborative arrangements thereof.

Contractual Research

“The mythophilosophical Lithuanian discourse: Mickūnas, Šliogeris, Vyčinas” (UAB 3T-Transfers", MTS-250000-839). Prof. Marius Povilas Šaulauskas, 2017-2024.

The project aims to identify basic parameters of the mythophilosophical Lithuanian discourse and thereby to enable the disclosure of its specificity both in terms of (a) Lithuanian philosophical heritage and (b) Lithuanian academic discourse of nowadays. The basic problematics of the project cover (1) methodological principles of mythophilosophical Lithuanian legacy and their enactment in contemporary academic writings as well as (2) vital mythophilosophical attributes in the undertakings of Vincas Vyčinas, Algis Mickūnas and Arvydas Šliogeris.

Pabijutaitė, Ž. Translation from Latin of Cicero’s *De divinatione* with philosophical introduction and commentary (the author of the translation and commentary - Živilė Pabijutaitė):

Pabijutaitė, Živilė (vert.); Kučinskienė, Audronė (vert.); Dikmonienė, Jovita (vert.). Apie pranašavimą. Pirmoji knyga / Markas Tulijus Ciceronas ; iš lotynu kalbos verte, komentarus parengė Živilė Pabijutaitė, poetinius intarpus verte Audronė Kučinskienė ir Jovita Dikmonienė. Lietuva : Phi knygos, 2021. 272 p. ISBN 9786098236163. [M.kr.: H 004,H 001] [Ind.: 0,334] [Ind. aut. lankais: 6,489]

MAIN R&D&I (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION) PARTNERS

University of Zurich (Switzerland)

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

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Assoc. Prof. J. Dagys

- Executive secretary of the editorial board of the journal *Problemos*, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39>;
- Member of the Appeals Committee of the Faculty of Philosophy at Vilnius University;
- Member of the board of Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>;
- Scientific board member of the journal *Philosophica Critica* (Nitra University, Slovakia) <http://philosophicacritica.ukf.sk/editorial-board.html>;

Assoc. Prof. K. Dubnikas

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>.

Prof. N. Kardelis

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>;
- Member of the Lithuanian Society of the Study of Religions, <http://religijotyra.lt/about/>;
- Member of the Societas Classica (*Classical Association*), <http://www.klasikai.lt/>;
- Deputy Editor of the journal *Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy. Sociology)*, <http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2014/3/>;
- Editorial board member of the journal *Athena: Filosofijos studijos (Athena: Philosophical Studies)*, <http://lkti.lt/athena/?no=apie-leidini>;
- Editorial board member of the journal *Sovijus: tarpdalykiniai kultūros tyrimai (Sovijus. Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture)*, http://www.sovijus.lt/wordpress/?page_id=21;
- Editorial board member of journals *Lietuvos kultūros tyrimai (Investigations of Lithuanian Culture)*, *Ars et praxis*;

Assoc. Prof. N. Radavičienė

- Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Problemos*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/problemos/apie-zurnalą>.

Prof. M. P. Šaulauskas

- Editorial board member of the journal *Informacijos mokslai (Information Sciences)*, <http://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/informacijos-mokslai/about/editorialTeam>
- Editorial board member of the journal *Problemos*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/problemos/apie-zurnalą>;
- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>.

Assoc. Dr. Ž. Pabijutaitė

- Member of the board of Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>.

Assoc. Dr. M. Gilaitis

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>.

BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

Kardelis, N. "The Beginnings of Philosophy in the World-Outlook of the Old Europeans: Reflecting on the Archaeomythological Reconstructions of Maria Gimbutas" / „Filosofijos užuomazgos Senosios Europos gyventojų pasaulėvaizdyje: apmąstant archeomitolgines Marijos Gimbutienės rekonstrukcijas“, *Tarptautinė virtuali konferencija „Marija Gimbutienė Lietuvoje ir pasaulyje: minint šimtąsias gimimo metines, Vilnius, 2021 m. balandžio 28–30 d.“ / International Virtual Conference “Maria Gimbutas in Lithuania and the World: a Centenary Commemoration”, Vilnius, 29th – 30th of April, 2021*, Vilnius: Lietuvos istorijos institutas, Nacionalinis muziejus – Lietuvos Didžiosios Kunigaikštystės Valdovų Rūmai / Lithuanian Institute of History, National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, 2021 04 29-30 / April 29-30, 2021

<https://www.istorija.lt/data/public/uploads/2021/04/2021-04-13-konferencijos-programa.pdf>

MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FOR R&D ACTIVITIES

Ž. Pabijutaitė received the award for the best PhD thesis in the fields of humanitarian and social sciences "Classical and Contemporary Models of Indeterministic Temporal Logic".

Ž. Pabijutaitė received the scholarship for the young scientists founded by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION CASES OF RESEARCHERS IN WORKING GROUPS OR COMMISSIONS SET UP BY STATE AUTHORITIES, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES

J. Dagys - member and head of the group for revision of the Descriptor of the study field of Philosophy. Grouped formed by Lithuanian Study Quality Evaluation Center (SKVC).

J. Dagys – member of the committee of The Lithuanian National Culture and Art Prizes (Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania)

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Kardelis, N. provided consultations to the Lithuanian Free Market Institute with regard to the interdisciplinary projects carried out by the institute. (Prof. Kardelis took part dalyvauta bendrose LLRI klubo diskusijoje, teiktos konsultacijos specialiaisiais ekonomikos filosofijos ir laiko filosofijos probleminiais aspektais)

Dagys, J. gave a talk at the inaugural session of the State Progress Strategy "Lithuania 2050".

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Dagys, J. Invited speaker at the event dedicated to the 100th anniversary of L. Wittgenstein's Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus organized by Vilnius Philosophy Club, Vilnius, Lithuania, 25 November 2021. <https://www.vz.lt/laisvalaikis/akiraciai/2021/11/24/kviecia-pamineti-l-wittgensteino-knygos-simtmeti>

Kardelis, N. Invited speaker at the 2021 „Santara-Šviesa“ congress, with a talk

„Senosios Europos atradėja ir Naujosios Europos vizijos regėtoja [The Discoverer of the Old Europe and the Seer of the Vision of a New Europe]“, *Santaros-Šviesos suvažiavimas, 2021 m. rugpjūčio 6–8 d.*, Plungė: Plungės dvaro sodyba, 2021 08 06-08
<https://www.santarasviesa.lt/santaros-sviesos-suvaziavimas-2021-m-rugpjucio-6-8-d-registracija-ir-programa/>

Kardelis, N. *Participant in the discussion „Archeomitoliginės Marijos Gimbutienės Deivių ir Kurganų teorijos Naujosios Europos kūrimui [The Goddess Theory and the Kurgan Theory: The Two Archaeomythological Theories of Maria Gimbutas for the Creation of a New Europe]“, Pradėk nuo savęs (laidos vedėja – Dalia Juočerytė), Vilnius: LRT Plius, 2021 12 18*
<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000189867/pradek-nuo-saves->

Pabijutaitė Ž. Interview in the LRT radio programme „Tarp praeities ir ateities“, 2021-09-17: „Cicero: rhetorics, philosophy and influence for the Western Culture“
<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000174296/homo-cultus-tarp-praeities-ir-ateities-ciceronas-retorika-filosofija-ir-itaka-vakaru-kulturai>

Pabijutaitė Ž. 2021-12-23 participation in the podcast "Mokslo sriuba";
<https://www.onplay.lt/mokslo-sriubos-podkastas-su-zivile-pabijutaite-filosofija-siandien/72562/?amp>

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

The impact of metaphysics on the rise of modern natural science

The impact of globalization on culture and transformation of values

Basic problems of philosophy of science

Science and values

The impact of social factors on the process of scientific investigation

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Sodeika, Tomas. The birth of post-secularity from the spirit of religious unmusicality // Aftershocks: globalism and the future of democracy : ISSEI – XVI international conference, the University of Zaragoza, Spain, July 2-5, 2019. Zaragoza : The University of Zaragoza, 2021. ISBN 9788418321122. p. 605-615. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]

Vidauskytė, Lina. The rehabilitation of myth, post-ontology, and rhetoric // Aftershocks: globalism and the future of democracy : ISSEI – XVI international conference, the University of Zaragoza, Spain, July 2-5, 2019. Zaragoza : The University of Zaragoza, 2021. ISBN 9788418321122. p. 616-626. [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]

Čiurlionis, Jonas. Herakleitas ir Hipokratas: elementų paradigma = Heraclitus and Hippocrates: the paradigm of the elements // Problemos. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-1126. eISSN 2424-6158. 2021, t. 100, p. 50-61. DOI: 10.15388/Problemos.100.4. [DB: The Philosopher's Index; Scopus; Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science)] [Indėlis: 1,000] [M.kr.: H 001]

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

Investigation of social, metaphysical, and methodological influences for the formation of natural science. Prof. A. Plėšnys

We continued our research on the history of medieval science. In September, a conference on relevant topics in Philosophy of Science was organized.

National Research Projects

Research Council of Lithuania. Post-secular Condition (DOTSUT – 029/2018). Prof. Tomas Sodeika, 2018–2022 (No. DOTSUT-21 (09.3.3-LMT-K-712-01-0085)/LSS-25000-55). Project is funded by EU Structural Funds programme's priority axis 9 "Educating the society and strengthening the potential of human resources", objective 9.3.3 "Strengthen the skills and capacities of public sector researches for engaging high level R&D activities"

Although the postmodern culture can be considered as a post-secular culture, the character of this post-secularity is not yet sufficiently understood. It is not clear what form, in a changed cultural situation, could and/or should acquire the religious images, experiences and practices. The aim of this project is to find out, what forms are acquired by religious content in such areas of contemporary culture as ethics, aesthetics and political ideology, what role interreligious and inter-confessional dialogue plays (or could play) in the process of globalisation that prevails in contemporary world. A large part of the research is devoted to the analysis of the ontological foundations of above-mentioned manifestations of post-secularity.

In 2021, the project research was carried out in two directions: 1) the research of the post-secular implications of the philosophical and theological conceptions of Rudolf Bultmann, Karl Jaspers, Martin Heidegger and Hannah Arendt as well as of the Death-of-God theology; 2) the research of the situation of Muslim communities in post-communist East European countries. In 2021, on the basis of the project investigations, two articles were published and one international seminar was organized.

Main publications:

Fediajevas A. Death of God Theology as Emancipatory Thinking, *Logos* 2021 nr.106, p. 35-42.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.24101/logos.2021.05>

Sodeika T. „Apie filosofinę praktiką (On the Philosophical Practice), *Logos* 2021 nr.108, p.84-91. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.24101/logos.2021.57>

International seminar:

<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/4111-projekto-postsekliarus-buvis-tarptautinis-nuotolinis-seminaras>

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European Humanities University, Vilnius

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Le Moyne College, USA

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Assist. Prof. Jonas Čiurlionis

- Member of Athens Institute for Education and Research, <http://www.atiner.gr/>;
- Member of ISUD association, [Home | isud \(worldialogue.org\)](http://Home|isud(worldialogue.org))
- Editorial board member of the journal *Studia Philosophiae Christianae* [Studia Philosophiae Christianae | Studia Philosophiae Christianae \(uksw.edu.pl\)](http://StudiaPhilosophiaeChristianae|StudiaPhilosophiaeChristianae(uksw.edu.pl))

Assist. Prof. L. Jakavonytė

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>;
- member of the Bioethics Board of the Lithuanian Bioethics Committee <http://bioetika.sam.lt/index.php?1842280851>;
- member of Group of Experts of Biomedical Research of the Lithuanian Bioethics Committee, <http://bioetika.sam.lt/index.php?3741945098>

Assoc. Prof. A. Mickevičius

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>

Prof. A. Plėšnys

- Editorial board member of the journal *Soter*, <http://biblioteka.vdu.lt/en/sp-soter.htm>
- Editorial board member of the journal *Skhid* (Ukraine) <http://skhid.kubg.edu.ua/about/editorialTeam>
- Member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, <http://lkma.lt/>
- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>

Dr. Julija Tuleikytė

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>.

BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

Ciurlionis J. *Mathematical Determinism of Pythagorean Ontology*// XIV International Ontology Congress: Natural Determinism and Free Will. UNESCO/University of the Basque Country, Spain.

(Sodeika T.) Содейка Т. „Понимание медиа: медиа как условия раскрытости смысла (Understanding Media: Media as the condition of disclosure of meaning)“. Конференция "Понимание понимания" (International virtual conference „Understanding of Understanding“), 2021.01.22-23 <https://psychiatr.ru/events/972>

Sodeika T. „Sich in dem Freiheitsbewusstsein üben mit dem Hegels Text als mit einem Übungsgerät“. 33rd Hegel Congress „Hegel and Freedom (Practice your consciousness of freedom with the Hegel's text as with a training device)“. Warsaw, 2021.06.21-25. <https://www.hegel2020.uw.edu.pl>

Sodeika T. „Der Mensch im Zeitalter seiner technischen Reproduzierbarkeit: kann uns ein Gott noch retten? (Man in the age of his technical reproducibility: can a god still save us?)“. VIII. Tagung für Praktische Philosophie. Universität Salzburg, (8th conference for practical philosophy. Salzburg university) 1.-2. Oktober 2020. <https://www.tagung-praktische-philosophie.org/>

Sodeika T. „O wolności dramatycznej. Kilka uwag uwzględniających filozofię dramatu Józefa Tischnera (On the dramatic liberty. Some remarks taking into account the philosophy of drama by Józef Tischner)“. II Międzynarodowy Kongres Tischnerowski „Prawda i Dobro“. Jagellonian University Krakow (The 2nd Tischner-Congress „Truth and Good" 25.10.2011. <https://kongrestischnerowski.org/2021/10/06/the-2nd-tischner-congress/>

Vidauskytė L. „Phonetic Writing as Essential Medium in Hegel's Concept of Spirit“. 33rd Hegel Congress „Hegel and Freedom“. Warsaw, 2021.06.21-25. <https://www.hegel2020.uw.edu.pl>

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Tuleikytė J. "Lectio Prima" - a public lecture of the year for the educational community of Lithuania, organised by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

Čiurlionis J. Interview about the existential issues in the context of the COVID pandemics published in the news portal 15 min 2021 09. <https://www.15min.lt/naujiena/aktualu/lietuva/filosofas-apie-pandemija-ir-mirti-suvokus-kad-siame-pasaulyje-esi-laikinas-lengviau-filosofas-apie-pandemija-ir-mirti-puiki-proga-persvarstyti-norus-vertybes-ir-galimybes-56-1568756>

Čiurlionis J. Interview on the development of science in the national TV programme *The Gene of Curiosity* „Smalsumo genas“ LRT <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000185111/smalsumo-genas-vakaru-civilizacijos-laimejimas-ir-paslaptinga-visatos-prigimtis>

Fediajevas A. A public lecture „Dievo mirties teologija kaip emancipacinis mąstymas“ (Death-of-God theology as the emancipating thinking) 2021.11.03 <https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/4413-viesa-mokslininko-dr-algirdo-fediajevo-paskaita>

Sodeika T. Discussion of Atheism at the Society of Skeptics, 2021-12-09. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaC60YvQBSM&t=2156s>

ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE DEPARTMENTS

Lect. Vilius Dranseika

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

Piasecki, Jan; Walkiewicz-Żarek, Ewa; Figas-Skrzypulec, Justyna; Kordecka, Anna; Dranseika, Vilius. Ethical issues in biomedical research using electronic health records: a systematic review // *Medicine, health care and philosophy*. Dordrecht : Springer Science and Business Media B.V. ISSN 1386-7423. eISSN 1572-8633. 2021, vol. 24, iss. 4, p. 633-658. DOI: 10.1007/s11019-021-10031-6. [Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [IF: 1,927; AIF: 2,311; IF/AIF: 0,833; Q2 (2020, InCites JCR SSCI)] [CiteScore: 3,00; SNIP: 1,332; SJR: 0,517; Q1 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: H 001] [Contribution: 0,400]

Dranseika, Vilius; McCarroll, Christopher Jude; Michaelian, Kourken. Are observer memories (accurate) memories? Insights from experimental philosophy // *Consciousness and cognition*. San Diego, CA : Academic Press Inc. Elsevier Science. ISSN 1053-8100. eISSN 1090-2376. 2021, vol. 96, art. no. 103240, p. [1-11]. DOI: 10.1016/j.concog.2021.103240. [Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus; Embase] [IF: 2,444; AIF: 3,490; IF/AIF: 0,700; Q3 (2020, InCites JCR SSCI)] [CiteScore: 4,40; SNIP: 1,158; SJR: 1,223; Q1 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: H 001] [Contribution: 1,500]

Hannikainen, Ivar R.; Tobia, Kevin P.; de Almeida, Guilherme da F. C. F.; Donelson, Raff; Dranseika, Vilius; Kneer, Markus; Strohmaier, Niek; Bystranowski, Piotr; Dolinina, Kristina; Janik, Bartosz; Keo, Sothie; Lauraitytė, Eglė; Liefgreen, Alice; Prochnicki, Maciej; Rosas, Alejandro; Struchiner, Noel. Are there crosscultural legal principles? Modal reasoning uncovers procedural constraints on law // *Cognitive science*. Hoboken : Wiley. ISSN 0364-0213. eISSN 1551-6709. 2021, vol. 45, iss. 8, art. no. e13024, p. [1-14]. DOI: 10.1111/cogs.13024. [Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [IF: 2,561; AIF: 3,490; IF/AIF: 0,733; Q2 (2020, InCites JCR SSCI)] [CiteScore: 4,80; SNIP: 1,558; SJR: 1,498; Q1 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: S 001, H 006, H 001] [Contribution: 0,124]

Piasecki, Jan; Dranseika, Vilius. Balancing professional obligations and risks to providers in learning healthcare systems // *Journal of medical ethics*. London : BMJ Publishing Group. ISSN 0306-6800. eISSN 1473-4257. 2021, vol. 47, iss. 6, p. 413-416. DOI: 10.1136/medethics-2019-105658. [Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science); Scopus] [IF: 2,916; AIF: 2,417; IF/AIF: 1,206; Q1 (2020, InCites JCR SCIE); IF: 2,916; AIF: 2,840; IF/AIF: 1,026; Q1 (2020, InCites JCR SSCI)] [CiteScore: 4,00; SNIP: 1,428; SJR: 0,768; Q1 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: H 001] [Contribution: 1,000]

Lin, Ying-Tung; Dranseika, Vilius. The variety and limits of self-experience and identification in imagination // *Synthese*. Dordrecht : Springer Science and Business Media B.V. ISSN 0039-7857. eISSN 1573-0964. 2021, vol. 199, iss. 3-4, p. 9897-9926. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-021-03230-4. [Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science)] [IF: 2,908; AIF: 1,518; IF/AIF: 1,915; Q1 (2020, InCites JCR SCIE); IF: 2,908; AIF: 1,752; IF/AIF: 1,659; Q1 (2020, InCites JCR SSCI)] [CiteScore: 2,90; SNIP: 1,611; SJR: 0,851; Q1 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: H 001] [Contribution: 0,500]

Berniūnas, Renatas; Silius, Vytis; Dranseika, Vilius. Moralization East and West: Moralizing different transgressions among Chinese, Americans, and Lithuanians // *Asian journal of social psychology*. Hoboken : Wiley. ISSN 1367-2223. eISSN 1467-839X. 2021, first on line, p. 1-13. DOI: 10.1111/ajsp.12479. [Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science); Scopus;

PsycInfo] [IF: 1,424; AIF: 3,248; IF/AIF: 0,438; Q4 (2020, InCites JCR SSCI)] [CiteScore: 1,80; SNIP: 0,981; SJR: 0,500; Q2 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: H 006, S 006] [Contribution: 0,250]

Yamada, Yuki; Ćepulić, Dominik-Borna; Coll-Martín, Tao; Debove, Stéphane; Gautreau, Guillaume; Han, Hyemin; Rasmussen, Jesper; Tran, Thao P.; Travaglino, Giovanni A.; Lieberoth, Andreas; Dranseika, Vilius (tyrėj.). COVIDiSTRESS Global Survey dataset on psychological and behavioural consequences of the COVID19 outbreak // Scientific data. Berlin : Nature research. ISSN 2052-4463. 2021, vol. 8, iss. 1, art. no. 3, p. 1-23. DOI: 10.1038/s41597-020-00784-9. [Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science); Scopus; DOAJ] [IF: 6,444; AIF: 6,440; IF/AIF: 1,000; Q1 (2020, InCites JCR SCIE)] [CiteScore: 8,90; SNIP: 2,720; SJR: 2,565; Q1 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: H 001] [Contribution: 0,008]

Mikalonytė, Elzė Sigutė; Dranseika, Vilius. The role of teleological thinking in judgments of persistence of musical works // The journal of aesthetics and art criticism. Oxford : Oxford University Press. ISSN 0021-8529. eISSN 1540-6245. 2021, first published online, p. [1-16]. DOI: 10.1093/jaac/kpab063. [Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus; MLA: International Bibliography] [CiteScore: 1,20; SNIP: 1,278; SJR: 0,553; Q1 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: H 001] [Contribution: 0,500]

Cova, Florian; Strickland, Brent; Abatista, Angela; Allard, Aurélien; Andow, James; Attie, Mario; Beebe, James; Berniūnas, Renatas; Boudesseul, Jordane; Colombo, Matteo; Cushman, Fiery; Diaz, Rodrigo; van Dongen, Noah N'Djaye Nikolai; Dranseika, Vilius; Earp, Brian D.; Torres, Antonio Gaitán; Hannikainen, Ivar; HernándezConde, José V.; Hu, Wenjia; Jaquet, François; Khalifa, Kareem; Kim, Hanna; Kneer, Markus; Knobe, Joshua; Kurthy, Miklos; Lantian, Anthony; Liao, Shen-yi; Machery, Edouard; Moerenhout, Tania; Mott, Christian; Phelan, Mark; Phillips, Jonathan; Rambharose, Navin; Reuter, Kevin; Romero, Felipe; Sousa, Paulo; Sprenger, Jan; Thalabard, Emile; Tobia, Kevin; Viciano, Hugo; Wilkenfeld, Daniel; Zhou, Xiang. Estimating the reproducibility of experimental philosophy // Review of philosophy and psychology. Dordrecht : Springer. ISSN 1878-5158. eISSN 1878-5166. 2021, vol. 12, p. 9-44. DOI: 10.1007/s13164-018-0400-9. [Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science); Scopus] [CiteScore: 2,20; SNIP: 1,383; SJR: 0,785; Q1 (2020, Scopus Sources)] [S.fld.: H 001, S 006] [Contribution: 0,023]

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Lithuanian national television. Interview on philosophical issues concerning selfishness and self-love. TV programme 'Procesai'. 30 January 2021.

<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000139211/procesai-meiles-sau-fenomenas>

Lithuanian national radio. Interview on philosophical issues concerning COVID-19. Radio programme 'Tuzinas'. 22 November 2021.

<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000187438/tuzinas-vilius-dranseika-pandemijos-aiskinimas-samokslu-patrauklus-savo-paprastumu>

Speaker at the event dedicated to the 100th anniversary of L. Wittgenstein's Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus, Vilnius, Lithuania, 25 November 2021.

<https://www.vz.lt/laisvalaikis/akiraciai/2021/11/24/kviecia-pamineti-l-wittgensteino-knygos-simtmeti>

Assoc. Prof. Kęstas Kirtiklis

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

National Research Projects

Research Council of Lithuania. Project „The Notions of Quality in the Humanities: Novelty, Excellence, Knowledge and Impact“ No. S-MIP-21-39, 2021-2024. Coordinator – Klaipeda university. VU research coordinator – dr. Kęstutis Kirtiklis.

The project seeks to analyse and reconstruct the notions and conceptions of quality in both global and local humanities as well as their application in practice. This aim is pursued through analysis of the global English-speaking discourse, as well as the local Lithuanian one. Paradoxically, but in these discourses, the notion of quality is neither well defined nor clearly formulated. Applying the tools of philosophy and sociology of science, we are going to fix this academic gap. With the help of academic and applied literature, the researchers are going to analyse the conceptualisations and manifestations of quality in both global and local discourses, and consequently to compare the similarities and difference across these discourses. The practically existing interpretations of quality, which are presumably applied in Lithuanian humanities, will be reconstructed with the help of series of interviews with the humanities scholars representing different stages of their academic career (from PhD students to senior researchers) from all the humanities disciplines (philosophy, theology, art criticism, philology, history and ethnology). The interviews with the humanities researchers will be supplemented by interviewing academic experts and science policy makers. The practical representations of the quality conceptions will be studied during the participant observations of the PhD defence procedures. The issue of different methodological tensions in the debates of quality in the humanities (e.g. scientific monism vs pluralism, tradition vs innovation etc.) will be addressed as well. Finally, the researchers will attempt to identify the ideal types of quality, which actualise and explain the phenomenon of quality in the humanities.

The research project began in 2021, therefore the results are still rather scarce: K. Kirtiklis and A. Gedutis presented a keynote lecture "The Humanities as a Martial Art: 14+ Ways of Self-Defence" in the The 8th Baltic Student Conference "Bridges in the Baltics" (2021-10-22). Their paper "Will the Future Humanities be Better?" was accepted to the annual conference of Lithuanian Sociological Society in November 2021, however the conference was postponed to 2022 because of the pandemics.

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Guest editor of the scholarly journal *Athena. Philosophical studies*, thematic issue *Technologies: Beyond Nature and Culture?* (no. 16), 2021.
- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>.

MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FOR R&D ACTIVITIES

In the *Finis anni academici* ceremony associate professor of the Faculty of Philosophy Kęstas Kirtiklis was awarded for the best scholarly publication in the category of humanities and social sciences.

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

From 2018 on K. Kirtiklis writes a monthly column *Philosophy of Everyday Life* in *Moteris* magazine.

K. Kirtiklis took part in the TV talk-show *Kultūringai su Nomeda* on the role of public intellectuals on *LRT Plus* 2021-01-24

<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000136452/kulturingai-su-nomeda-intelektualai-ir-ju-reiksme-visuomeneje-kiek-paisome-ju-nuomones-girdime-ir-pripazistame>

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

National Research Projects

Research Council of Lithuania. Research subject Ideology and Practical Rationality: Neo-Aristotelian Perspective (09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0087). Supervisor prof. dr. Andrius Bielskis. Research fellow dr. Egidijus Mardosas Postdoctoral fellow 09.2020-08.2022.

Project idea and aims: to research the question of ideology and practical reason, taking the philosophical approach of neo-Aristotelian social philosophy. The research seeks to develop the normative ground for the ideology critique in contemporary society, by finding that ground in the neo-Aristotelian conception of practical rationality. The final result of the project will be a monograph in English, two conference presentations and a national seminar.

Project results in 2021:

Conference paper „Ideology Critique and the Neo-Aristotelian Account of Practical Reason: towards a Dialogue”, presented at the conference “Practical Rationality and Human Difference”, University of Bergamo, July 12-15

Research visit to the Centre for Platonic and Aristotelian Studies, University of Ioannina, Greece, September 1-30.

Research Council of Lithuania. Student summer practice project „Ecosophy: comparing the conceptions of Arne Naess and Felix Guattari“ Nr. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-24-0072, project leader E. Mardosas (student Viltė Zaveckaitė), 2021.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Addiction Psychology
Ageing
Clinical psychology
Cognitive science and cognitive psychology
Developmental psychology and psychopathology
Educational psychology
Employee psychology
Family psychology
Health psychology
Intelligence
Internet psychology
Jungian analytical psychology
Learning and teaching environments
Learning, behavioural and emotion problems
Legal psychology
Neuropsychology

Organisational psychology
Personality psychology
Psychological testing and evaluation
Psychophysics and psychophysiology
Psychotraumatology
Criminal behaviour
Social and group psychology
Suicidology
Time perspective
Well-being

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

Children's and youth development and supporting environment: assessment, analysis of interaction, education. Prof. R. Jusienė, Prof. S. Raižienė, Assoc. Prof. G. Gintilienė, Assoc. Prof. S. Girdzijauskienė, Assoc. Prof. D. Nasvytienė, Assoc. Prof. T. Lazdauskas, Assist. Prof. L. Rakickienė, D. Butkienė, K. Dragūnevičius, 2021-2025. The aim of this research is to evaluate the individual and environmental factors that promote the child's development and learning and their interaction. Individual (cognitive, personal) and environmental (teachers' expectations, teaching strategies, parental involvement) factors in the learning achievements of primary and lower secondary school students were studied. In 2021 children's and adolescents' academic success and mental health during the prolonged pandemic due to COVID-19, as well as risk and protective factors of these two, were in a scope of our researches.

Main publications:

1. Jusienė, R., Baukienė, E., Breidokienė, R. (2021). Risk of Behavioural and Emotional Disorders in Lithuanian School Aged Children as Assessed with SDQ During the Second Lockdown due to COVID-19. *Psichologija*, 64: 77-85. <https://doi.org/10.15388?Psichol.2021.43>
2. Rakickienė, L., Jusienė, R., Baukienė, E., Breidokienė, R. (2021). Pre-schoolers' Behavioural and Emotional Problems During the First Quarantine Due to COVID-19 Pandemic: The Role of Parental Distress and Screen Time. *Psichologija*, 64: 61-68. <https://doi.org/10.15388?Psichol.2021.431>
3. Breidokienė, R., Jusienė, R., Urbonas, V., Praninskienė, R., Girdzijauskienė, S. (2021). Sedentary behavior among 6-14-year old children during the COVID-19 lockdown and its relation to physical and mental health. *Healthcare*, 9(6), 756; <https://doi.org/10.3390/healthcare9060756>
4. Nasvytienė, D.; Lazdauskas, T. Temperament and Academic Achievement in Children: A Meta-Analysis. *Eur. J. Investig. Health Psychol. Educ.* 2021, 11, 736-757. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ejihpe11030053>

Factors and Outcomes of Psychosocial Interactions and Decision Making. Prof. Dr. G. Valickas., Assoc. Prof. K. Vanagaitė, Assist. Prof. K. Čunichina, Assoc. Prof. V. Mikuličiūtė, Assoc. Prof. D. Barysė. 2021-2025.

The aim of this research is to reveal the factors of psychosocial interactions and decisions made, as well as their possible consequences. In 2021 the lay people's evaluations of government-imposed restrictions and prohibitions, liabilities and penalties for non-compliance with said restrictions, and the perceived fairness of the behavior of other people during the coronavirus pandemic (shortly after the announcement of the 1st quarantine in Lithuania) were examined. The study also covers the relationships among these evaluations as well as the wellbeing and socio-demographic characteristics of the study's participants.

Main publications:

1. Valickas, G., Švedas, G., Vanagaitė, K., Barysė, D. (2021). Lay Evaluations of Restraints and Prohibitions during the 1-st Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Lithuania. *Teisė, 121*, 8–26.

Principles of Cognitive Processing. Assoc. Prof. R. Stanikūnas, Assoc. Prof. R. Bliumas, Assoc. Prof. A. Daugirdienė, Assist. Prof. A. Radzevičienė. PhD student Karolina Jočbalytė. 2021-2025.

Purpose of this research is to study the activity of cognitive processes, determining the principles of information input, storage, processing and use. In 2021 the research was done on colour constancy perception of colors in white and black frame.

Main publications:

1. Svegzda, A., Stanikūnas, R., Augustinaitė, K., Bliumas, R., Vaitkevičius, H. (2021). Veido raumenų reakcijos į skausmo išraiškas kito asmens veide. *Psichologija, 63*, 24-39.
2. Baranauskas, M., Grabauskaitė, A., Griškova-Bulanova, I., Lataitytė-Šimkevičienė, B., Stanikūnas, R. (2021). Heartbeat evoked potentials (HEP) capture brain activity affecting subsequent heartbeat. *Biomedical Signal Processing and Control, 68*, 102731.

Risk and Coping Factors of Psychosocial Stress and Psychological Disorders and the Effectiveness of Support. Prof. G. Gudaitė, Prof. R. Barkauskienė, Prof. D. Gailienė, Assoc. Prof. A. Adler, Assoc. Prof. D. Čekuolienė, Assoc. Prof. N. Grigutytė, Assoc. prof. A. Laurinavičius, Assoc. Prof. R. Sargautytė, Assoc. Prof. P. Skruibis, Assist. Prof. L. Gervinskaitė-Paulaitienė, Assist. Prof. J. Eimontas, Assist. Prof. E. Mažulytė-Rašytinė. 2021-2025.

The aim of the research is to identify the determinants of psychological dysfunctions and adequate means of assistance. Assessment of risk factors for mental health disorders, experience of psychological help and efficiency factors, analysis of coping with psychosocial stress. Research findings on psychological disorders, suicidal behaviour, suicide prevention, and psychotherapy effectiveness were presented in dissertations, conference presentations and scientific articles.

Main publications:

1. Grigutytė, N., Engesser, K. & Petraškaitė, K. (2021). Associations Between COVID-19 Difficulties, Well-Being, and Personality Traits, *Psichologija, 64*, 69-76. doi: 10.15388/Psichol.2021.42.
2. Taubner, S., Saliba A., Heinonen, E., Protić, J. Volkert, J., Adler, A., Barkauskiene, R. et al. (2021). Mediators and theories of change in psychotherapy with adolescents: A systematic review protocol. *BMJ Open. 1:042411. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2020-042411>*
3. Volkert, J., Taubner, S., Barkauskiene, R., Mestre, J. M., Sales, C., Thiele, V., Saliba, A., Protić, S., Adler, A., Conejo-Cerón, S., Di Giacomo, D., Ioannou, Y., Moreno-Peral, P., Vieira, F. M., Mota, C. P., Raleva, M., Rangel Santos Henriques, M. I., Røssberg, J. I., Schmidt, S. J., Perdih, T. S., ... Heinonen, E. (2021). Mediators and Theories of Change in Psychotherapy for Young People with Personality Disorders: A Systematic Review

Psychological, social and organisational factors of employee performance and well-being in contemporary organisations. Assoc. Prof. D. Bagdžiūnienė, Assoc. Prof. J. Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė, Assoc. Prof. I. Žukauskaitė, 2021-2025.

Aim of the research is to study the factors of activity, forms of behaviour and well-being at work of employees of various organisations and their interactions. The aim for 2021 was to systematically analyse the expression of individual forms of employee behavior in the organisation (performance, innovative, proactive and civic behavior, mastery of work, etc.), their individual and organisational factors in new ways of working.

Main publications:

1. Urbanaviciute, I., Lazauskaite-Zabielske, J., & De Witte, H. (2021). Deconstructing Job Insecurity: Do its Qualitative and Quantitative Dimensions Add Up? *Occupational Health Science*, 5(3), 415-435.

Research on the risk, manifestation, and development of psychopathology in childhood and adolescence from the perspective of contemporary developmental psychopathology. Prof. Rasa Barkauskienė (leader), Assoc. Prof. Asta Adler, Assoc. Prof. Danguolė Čekuolienė, Assistant Prof. Lina Gervinskaitė-Paulaitienė, Doctoral student Elena Gaudiešiūtė, Doctoral student Izabelė Grauslienė, Doctoral student Gabrielė Skabeikytė-Norkienė.

The developmental psychopathology approach is used to investigate childhood and adolescent developmental difficulties, behavioural and emotional problems, as well as a variety of risk and protective factors for the latter psychopathology, encompassing a wide range of constructs: children's and adolescents' individual psychological characteristics, family interactions and parenting, communication with peers and the context of school, and traumatic experiences from early childhood through adolescence.

Main publications:

1. Čekuolienė, D., Gervinskaitė-Paulaitienė, L., Grauslienė, I., Adler, A., & Barkauskienė, R. (2021). Maternal Reflective Functioning and Attachment Security in Girls and Boys: A Closer Look into the Middle Childhood. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(21), 11261. <https://doi:10.3390/ijerph182111261>
2. Skabeikyte, G., Barkauskiene, R. (2021). A systematic review of the factors associated with the course of borderline personality disorder symptoms in adolescence. *Borderline Personality Disorder and Emotion Dysregulation*. 8:12. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40479-021-00151-z>
3. Barkauskiene, R., Skabeikyte, G., & Gervinskaite-Paulaitiene, L. (2021). Personality pathology in adolescents as a new line of scientific inquiry in Lithuania: mapping a research program development. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 37, 72-76. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.copsyc.2020.08.011>
4. Adler, A., Gervinskaitė-Paulaitienė, L., Čekuolienė, D., & Barkauskienė, R. (2021). Childhood Maltreatment and Adolescents' Externalizing Problems: Mentalization and Aggression Justification as Mediators. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*, 30:1, 54-69. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10926771.2020.1783733>

5. Barkauskienė R., Gaudiešiūtė E., Skabeikytė G. (2021). Asmenybės sutrikimo sampratos kaita pereinant prie TLK-11: žvilgsnis iš klinikinės ir raidos perspektyvų. *Psichologija*, 65, 8-21. <https://doi.org/10.15388/Psichol.2021.36>

Analysis of the diversity of violence: the phenomenon, opportunities for prevention and intervention. Prof. I. Laurinaitė, Assoc. Prof. A. Laurinavičius, Assist. Prof. K. Čunichina, doctoral student L. Jarutienė.

The aim of the research is to study the phenomenon of violence from different perspectives and to find the most appropriate options for the violence prevention and intervention. Examination of the associations between adverse childhood experiences, health-risk behaviours, and psychological well-being among Lithuanian university students. Exploration of intimate partner violence and stalking behaviour. The research findings were presented in scientific publications and conference presentations as well as disseminated to the public.

Main publications:

1. Sellbom, M., Liggins, C., **Laurinaitė, I.**, & Cooke, D. J. (2021). Factor structure of the Comprehensive Assessment of Psychopathic Personality-Self-Report (CAPP-SR) in community and offender samples. *Psychological Assessment*, 33(10), 927–939. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pas0001029>
2. Tomlin, J., Lega, I., Braun, P., Kennedy, H.G., Herrando, V.T., Barroso, R., Castelletti, L., Mirabella, F., Scarpa, F., Völlm, B., Pham, T., Müller-Isberner, R., Taube, M., Rivellini, G., Calevro, V., Liardo, R., Pennino, M., Markiewicz, I., Barbosa, F., Bulten, E., Thomson, L., Pustoslemšek, M., Arroyo, J.M., Seppänen, A., Thibaut, F., Kozaric-Kovacic, D., Palijan, T.Z., Markovska-Simoska, S., Raleva, M., Šileikaitė, A., Germanavicius, A., **Čėsniėnė I.** (2021). Forensic mental health in Europe: some key figures. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*, 56(1), 109-117 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00127-020-01909-6>
3. Sellbom, M., **Laurinaitė, I.**, & **Laurinavičius, A.** (2021). Further validation of the Comprehensive Assessment of Psychopathic Personality - Self-Report (CAPP-SR) in Lithuanian offender and nonoffender samples. *Assessment*, 28(2), 472-484. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1073191120914403>

Factors of biopsychosocial functioning of older age people. Assoc. Prof. A. Kairys, Assist. Prof. V. Jurkuvėnas, Assoc. Prof. V. Pakalniškienė, Assist. Prof. O. Zamalijeva, Prof. A. Bagdonas, V. Ivleva, R. Sadauskaitė.

The aim of the research is to analyse and assess the factors of biopsychosocial functioning of older age people. Particular attention is paid to the analysis of the well-being of the elderly and analysis of detection of fake news. During the year 2021 research and data analysis were conducted, research findings were presented in conference presentations.

Main publications:

1. Kairys, Antanas; Zamalijeva, Olga; Linauskaitė, Audronė. Let's try something crazy: estimation of future time perspective from data of survey of health, ageing and retirement in Europe // 5th International Conference on Time Perspective : book of abstracts : 12th-16th of July, 2021, Vilnius, Lithuania, online conference. Vilnius : Vilnius University Press, 2021. eISBN 9786090706343. p. 54. (Vilnius University Proceedings, eISSN 2669-0233 ; vol. 16). DOI: [10.15388/TimePerspectives.2021](https://doi.org/10.15388/TimePerspectives.2021).
2. Zamalijeva, Olga; Jurgelionytė, Miglė; Tarasevičiūtė, Ieva; Mitrauskas, Marijus; Petrulėnaitė, Kamilė. Lietuviškasis psichikos sveikatos kontinuumo trumposios formos variantas: faktorių struktūros ir patikimumo analizė // Lietuvos psichologų kongresas 2021: Patirtis be sienų, 2021 m. balandžio 19-24 d. : pranešimų santraukų leidinys. Kaunas : Lietuvos sveikatos mokslų universitetas, 2021. eISBN 9789955156925. p. 108.

Current psychotraumatology: theoretical and empirical studies of stress- and trauma-related disorders risk factors and internet interventions effectiveness. Prof. E. Kazlauskas, Assoc. Prof. P. Želvienė, Dr. I. Jovarauskaitė, Assist. Prof. Dr. I. Truskauskaitė-Kunevičienė, Assist. Prof. Dr. O. Geleželytė, doctoral students: I. Daniūnaitė, M. Kvedaraitė, A. Dumarkaitė, A. Nomeikaitė.

The current research lines are focused on online interventions for stress-related disorders, effects of abuse and trauma on children and youth, conducting an ICD-11 stress-related disorders studies, analyzes the role of somatic serious illness on stress responses and explores stress in professions exposed to high levels of stressors, such as medical staff. Research findings were presented in dissertations, conference presentations, and scientific publications.

Main publications:

1. Biliunaite, I., Dumarkaite, A., Kazlauskas, E., Sanderman, R., Andersson, G. (2021). ICBT program for improving informal caregiver well-being: a qualitative study. *Internet Interventions*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.invent.2021.100361>
2. Daniunaite, I., Cloitre, M., Karatzias, T., Shevlin, M., Thoresen, S., Zelviene, P., & Kazlauskas, E. (2021). PTSD and complex PTSD in adolescence: discriminating factors in a population-based cross-sectional study. *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*, *12*, 890937. <https://doi.org/10.1080/20008198.2021.1890937>
3. Dumarkaite, A., Truskauskaite-Kuneviciene, I., Andersson, G., Mingaudaite, J. & Kazlauskas, E. (2021). Effects of Mindfulness-Based Internet Intervention in ICD-11 Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Complex Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms: a Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial. *Mindfulness*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12671-021-01739-w>
4. Gelezelyte, O., Kazlauskas, E., Brailovskaia, J., Margraf, J., & Truskauskaite-Kuneviciene, I. (2021) Suicidal ideation in university students in Lithuania amid the COVID-19 pandemic: A prospective study with pre-pandemic measures. *Death Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2021.1947417>
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Psychological aspects of health promotion and disease prevention. Prof. L. Bulotaitė, Assoc. Prof. D. Bagdžiūnienė Assoc. Prof. R. Sargautytė Assist. Prof. A. Žiedelis.

The aim of the research is to evaluate the social and psychological determinants of health promotion and disease prevention in different age groups. The aim of the study in 2021 was to reveal the importance of psychological factors for preventive behavior in the context of COVID-19 and intentions to follow preventive measures in the future. 472 respondents participated in online study (85.4 percent were women, mean age - 35.1 years). Most study participants followed the recommended preventive measures. Intentions to continue to follow the recommendations are best predicted by behavior-specific personal attitudes and social norms, trust in official sources of information, beliefs about one's own health control, and poorer health.

Main publications:

1. Bulotaitė L., Sargautytė R., Žiedelis A., Bagdžiūnienė D. (2021). Skirtingus ketinimus skiepytis nuo COVID-19 ir laikytis kitų prevencinių priemonių turinčių asmenų psichologinės charakteristikos. Psychological characteristics of persons with different

intentions to vaccinate from COVID-19 and follow other preventive measures. *Visuomenės sveikata*, 3(94):75-82.

2. Bulotaitė L., Bagdžiūnienė D., Žiedelis A., Sargautytė R. (2021). Išgyventi COVID-19 pandemiją: psichologinių veiksnių svarba ketinimams laikytis prevencinių priemonių. To survive COVID-19 pandemic: the importance of psychological factors for the intentions to follow preventive measures *Visuomenės sveikata*, 1(92):80-90.

NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research Council of Lithuania. Project „Fake news susceptibility among older adults: factors and possible consequences“, No. S-MIP-20-11, 2020-2022. Project leader Assoc. Prof. V. Pakalniškienė.

Digital technologies have led to the mass use of social networks, thus creating an excellent environment for the spread of fake news in political communication, which in turn jeopardizes democratic processes and confidence in democratic institutions. Older people using social networks are potentially a particularly vulnerable group as they often have poorer IT skills. This study aims to analyze the factors and consequences of older people's trust in fake news. To achieve the intended goal, a combination of correlational and experimental research strategy and computer modeling will be used in this project. The study will include people aged 50 and over. During this study we are planning to assess older people's trust in fake news, media and internet usage, personality traits, cognitive functioning, trust in democratic institutions, and the links between all these factors.

Research Council of Lithuania. Project „A comparative study of well-being and its determinants among older adults in the Baltic States“, No. S-GEV-20-9, 2020-2021. Project leader Assoc. Prof. A. Kairys.

There is no doubt about demographic ageing being a global mega-trend reshaping contemporary societies. Recent research findings also suggest that for some groups observed decrease of well-being in later life is more profound and is attributed to their life histories. Thus, the aim of this project is to analyze the well-being and its determinants among vulnerable groups of older adults in Lithuania by applying life course and biopsychosocial approaches and utilizing the data collected in The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) Wave 7 and comparing results to the other Baltic States.

Main publications:

1. Eimontas, Jonas; Bagdonas, Albinas; Kairys, Antanas; Zamalijeva, Olga; Pakalniškienė, Vilmantė; Sadauskaitė, Raimonda. Vyresnio amžiaus asmenų psichologinės gerovės sąsajos su šeimos diskriminacijos patirtimi ir gyvenimo aplinkybėmis vaikystėje = The links between childhood life circumstances, family persecution and discrimination experiences, and well-being in later life // *Psichologija*. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-0359. eISSN 2345-0061. 2021, t. 63, p. 118-136. DOI: [10.15388/Psichol.2021.31](https://doi.org/10.15388/Psichol.2021.31).
2. Kairys, Antanas; Sadauskaitė, Raimonda; Bagdonas, Albinas; Eimontas, Jonas; Pakalniškienė, Vilmantė; Zamalijeva, Olga. Patirto nedarbo sąsajos su vyresnio amžiaus asmenų subjektyvia gerove Baltijos šalyse = Links of previously experienced unemployment to the subjective well-being of older adults in the Baltic States // *Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika*. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1648-2425. eISSN 2345-0266. 2021, t. 22, p. 59-73. DOI: [10.15388/STEPP.2021.29](https://doi.org/10.15388/STEPP.2021.29).

Conference presentations:

1. Kairys, A., Zamalijeva, O. The Effect of Childhood Circumstances and Reproductive Strategies on Wellbeing among Older Females (keynote presentation). Presented at 32-th Congress of Psychology 2020+ (July, 2021).
2. Kairys, Antanas; Zamalijeva, Olga; Bagdonas, Albinas; Eimontas, Jonas; Pakalniškienė, Vilmantė; Sadauskaitė, Raimonda. Vyresnio amžiaus Lietuvos gyventojų gerovė: Europos sveikatos, senėjimo ir išėjimo į pensiją (SHARE) tyrimo rezultatai. Presented in the national conference „COVID – 19 pandemija ir lėtinės socialinės politikos ligos, laimėjimai bei receptai“ (22 October 2021).
3. Zamalijeva, Olga; Sadauskaitė, Raimonda; Eimontas, Jonas; Bagdonas, Albinas. Retrospektyvios sveikatos ir nepatenkintų sveikatos priežiūros poreikių reikšmė vyresnio amžiaus žmonių psichologinei gerovei Baltijos šalyse // Lietuvos psichologų kongresas 2021: Patirtis be sienų, 2021 m. balandžio 19-24 d. : pranešimų santraukų leidinys. Kaunas: Lietuvos sveikatos mokslų universitetas, 2021. eISBN 9789955156925. p. 34.
4. Zamalijeva, O., Kairys, A., Pakalniškienė, V. Periods of Stress and Happiness During Life Course and Wellbeing among Older Adults. Presented at 32-th Congress of Psychology 2020+ (July, 2021).

Research Council of Lithuania. Project „The psychosocial and individual factors of optimal employee functioning in the context of working from home”, No. S-MIP-20-1, 2020-2022. Project leader Assoc. Prof. J. Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė.

The project aims to analyse psychosocial and individual factors of optimal employee functioning when working from home. This topic is particularly relevant considering the rapidly rising popularity of flexible work design when all or a part of employee functions are performed out of the office. This question is particularly timely since flexible work design is considered a central element in the EU employment strategy (EC, 2010), and the number of employees working from home is rapidly increasing (Eurofound & ILO, 2017; Vos and van der Voordt, 2001). Despite that, research is still in its infancy both in Europe (Van Steenberg et al., 2018) and Lithuania (Nakrošienė et al., 2019). Therefore, this project sets the following objectives: 1) to identify psychosocial and individual factors of optimal employee functioning when working from home; 2) to develop a research model for an empirical study along with a comprehensive instrument for measuring the study variables; 3) collect empirical data using cross-sectional and daily diary approaches, and to analyse the static and dynamic role of individual and psychosocial factors for optimal employee functioning in terms of employee performance, work-life balance and well-being.

Main publications:

1. Žiedelis, A., Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė, J., & Urbanavičiūtė, I. (2021). Reconciling Home and Work During Lockdown: The Role of Organisational Segmentation Supplies for Psychological Detachment and Work-Home Conflict. *Psichologija*, 64, 86-93.

Research Council of Lithuania. Project „Perception of stable and moving image: quantization mechanisms“, No. S-MIP-21-56, 2021-2024. Project leader Assoc. Prof. R. Stanikūnas. Researchers Dr. R. Bliumas, Dr. A. Šoliūnas, Dr. A. Novičkovas.

The nervous system of humans and other animals processes information both in serial and in parallel. Several researchers had put forward the idea that serial processes are discrete and they process information at fixed time intervals, but attempts to determine these time quanta have been unsuccessful so far. Currently the idea is being developed that the brain works by synchronizing the work of neurons at different frequencies, where high-frequency rhythms can be specific for the work of local neural networks, and lower-frequency rhythms can be typical for the work of global processing. Thus, the idea of this project is to determine the quantum

nature of perception based on phenomena such as stable image perception during motion and temporal integration of dynamic stimuli. When we observe the environment, the image on the retina is constantly in jitter due to the constant micro-movements of the eye; however, we perceive a stable image. Stability can be granted not only by specialized neural mechanisms, but also by the fact that image information is processed discretely, when every change of an image on the retina is not processed and the information is integrated at certain time intervals. Thus, time quanta of the visual perception are expected to be discovered in four different perceptual conditions, which involves different brain structures, and the answer to the question whether there exists an universal time quantum for different perceptual conditions will be found, and the perception of stable and moving image will be explained.

Research Council of Lithuania. Project „Evaluation of applicability of contemporary theories of suicidal behavior and the significance of sociocultural factors to suicidality in Lithuania“, No. P-MIP-21-224, 2021-2024. Project leader Prof. D. Gailienė.

In contemporary suicidology the importance of the universal theories of suicidality is acknowledged, but research on sociocultural factors is also emphasized and becoming an important part in recent scientific discussions. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the suitability of the two most prominent theories in suicidology to explain suicidality in a specific culture marked by high suicide rates, Lithuania, and to explore the role of sociocultural factors. The research was started gathering the data. Preliminary data were presented at international conference.

Research Council of Lithuania. Project “A study of personality disorder in adolescence: features, dynamics and its factors”, No. P-MIP-21-290, 2021-2024. Project leader Prof. R. Barkauskienė.

Recent studies showing that personality disorders (PD) have an early manifestation in adolescence and a recent change in PD conceptualization and model for diagnostics have constituted a major background for the present project. The aim of this project is to (1) evaluate features of PD in a sample of population group of Lithuanian adolescents (N=800) and high risk for psychopathology group; (2) observe PD features developmental trajectories during adolescence and analyze the factors associated with its course in the sample of Lithuanian adolescents. The study is important for several aspects. The data of this research will provide the groundwork for empirically based, specific prevention and intervention programs for adolescents with early-onset PD symptoms. The project will also provide an opportunity to prepare the methods for the assessment of PD features in Lithuanian adolescents. The study is relevant both nationally and internationally, matches the newest research directions and opens up possibilities for both theoretical and practical use of the gathered data to achieve greater well-being of adolescents.

Main results:

1. In 2021, the dataset for the first measurement has been generated, which includes a sample of 964 adolescents from both population and risk for psychopathology groups. This allowed to present the first results at the ISSPD conference (<https://www.isspd2021.com>) and submit a manuscript for research topic in *Frontiers in Psychiatry*.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS PROJECTS

Positive mental health of young people and links with stress. This research is funded by Vilnius University. Postdoctoral fellow Inga Truskauskaitė-Kunevicienė, research supervisor prof. E. Kazlauskas. 2019-2021.

The aim of the internship study is to analyze the positive mental health of young people and the effects of stress on young people and to investigate the relationship between traumatic experiences and positive mental health. A longitudinal study of two measurements was performed at bvo during the project. Four scientific publications (journal indexed in the Web of Science database) and one book chapter was produced.

Research Council of Lithuania / European Social Fund. Advancement of assessment in psychotraumatology: A study of survivors of complex trauma (No 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0048). Postdoctoral fellow Dr. O. Gelezelyte, research supervisor prof. dr. E. Kazlauskas. 2020–2022.

The aim of the project is to contribute to the solution of the complex posttraumatic stress disorder (CPTSD) assessment problem by analyzing the complex traumatic stress reactions and their structure, as well as investigating CPTSD risk factors and correlates. The primary results of the project were presented in two poster presentations (at scientific international conferences) and an oral presentation (at scientific national conference). Furthermore, a manuscript with the results of the research was submitted to a scientific journal indexed in the Web of Science database. O. Gelezelyte also had research visits at Zurich (Switzerland), Coimbra (Portugal) and Porto (Portugal) universities.

Research Council of Lithuania / European Social Fund. Online psychological support for elderly depressed individuals: effectiveness and involvement (No 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0192). Postdoctoral fellow Dr. J. Eimontas, PhD, research supervisor assoc. prof. dr. V. Pakalniškienė. 2020–2022.

As the population ages, more psychological problems associated with aging arise. In Lithuania, at least 40% of all people diagnosed with depression are 65 years or older. Even though the extent to how big is the treatment gap in Lithuania is unclear, internet-based psychological interventions can help meet the growing need for psychological help and help overcome barriers to receiving quality treatment for those elderly with limited mobility and living in remote areas. Online psychological interventions are effective for people with a variety of psychological and somatic difficulties, from loneliness and depression to chronic pain. Many randomized controlled trials demonstrated that despite being effective interventions struggle with low user engagement. Research shows that engagement is partly related to computer literacy, the degree to which the psychologist is involved in the intervention, and the level of psychological difficulties. Moreover, depressed individuals often lack motivation or interest in any activity, and also have difficulty making decisions, and psychological difficulties can also be strongly associated with engagement in the intervention. However, there is a lack of research that would comprehensively analyze the specifics of engagement in internet-based psychological interventions of the population of older adults. The aims of this study are to investigate the attitudes of depressed elderly to internet-based psychological interventions, the specifics of using such intervention, and the links of these factors with intervention effectiveness. To achieve this aim a randomized controlled trial and a semi-structured interview will be carried out. The results of the study are expected to provide a better understanding of what is needed for older individuals to successfully engage in internet-based psychological interventions and thereby to effectively treat depression. During 2021 one scientific article was published.

Research Council of Lithuania / European Social Fund. Online Investigation of suicidal behavior assumptions in the Lithuanian armed forces: Stress, resistance and attitudes towards suicide (No 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0163). Postdoctoral fellow Dr. E. Mažulytė-Rašytinė, research supervisor prof. dr. D. Gailienė. 2020–2022.

The aim of the project is to investigate the premises of suicidal behaviour in the Lithuanian Armed Forces by assessing the Lithuanian soldiers' exposure to suicide, their attitudes towards suicide, their knowledge of suicide prevention, and the risk and protective factors of suicidal behaviour. Project activities carried out in 2021 included the review of the related scientific literature, the preparation and coordination of research procedures with the top management of the Lithuanian Armed Forces, the development of research methodology package (questionnaire) and obtaining ethical permission to conduct a study. Also, some preliminary data received from the Lithuanian Armed Forces regarding soldier's exposure to suicide and their attitudes towards suicide were analysed. In 2021 two presentations at scientific conferences were presented: an oral presentation "Suicidal Behaviour in the Military: the (Un)known Problem" at the national Lithuanian Congress of Psychology and a poster presentation "Exposure to Suicidal Behaviour and Attitudes Toward Suicide in Lithuanian Military in 2003 vs. 2020: Preliminary Results" at the International Summit on Suicide Research.

Research Council of Lithuania / European Social Fund. Technology, Law and Justice: Artificial Intelligence or Human? (No 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0116). Postdoctoral fellow Dr. D. Barysė, research supervisor prof. dr. G. Valickas. 2020–2022.

Although the robot-judge is still science fiction and current artificial intelligence is called "weak," legal technologies are creating new ways of accessing and delivering legal services to consumers and changing the role and function of legal practitioners. It is expected that some lawyers will lose their jobs, but at the same time, new staff will be needed to perform data analysis, design legal technology, and more. Paradoxically, with the automation of legal processes and decisions, lawyers may increasingly need exceptionally "human" skills - communication, emotion management, empathy. The idea behind the project is to investigate how people perceive the fairness of legal technologies and how it is related to the adoption or, on the contrary, hostility to technology. The project aims to conduct a research program on the perceived fairness and adoption of automated legal processes. In the year 2021, two of the three stages of the research program were carried out. Specifically, a taxonomy of human-automation interaction within legal decision-making was created. The results were presented International Psychological Applications Conference and Trends (InPACT) and shared with legal scholars during the academic visits to Bucerius Law School (Germany) and Tilburg University (Netherlands). Main insights of the analysis were also presented to the judicial assistants in Lithuania. Next, an empirical investigation of legal technology acceptance and fairness in courts was conducted. Results were presented in several conferences, both nationally and internationally. Primary results were also shared with the legal community by publication on a legally oriented website.

Research Council of Lithuania / European Social Fund. An effectiveness study of mentalization based parenting program in Lithuania (No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0152) Posdoctoral fellow Dr. L. Gervinskaitė-Paulaitienė, research supervisor prof. R. Barkauskienė. 2021-2023.

The project aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the mentalization-based parenting program "Lighthouse" for the maltreatment prevention in Lithuania. Currently, interest in the program is growing, as evidenced by the emerging research of varying scope (ongoing in the UK, Australia, Germany, planned in Portugal), so the study fits into the emerging field of research, contribute to the collection of significant empirical data on the effectiveness of the program at the international level and the development of research on MGT interventions. The research will contribute to the development of research area on parental and maltreatment prevention

programs in Lithuania. The obtained results will be important for the practical development of the program and other MBT interventions. In 2021, the conceptual frame for the study has been prepared, including the study methodology and ethical approval. The team of psychologists and psychotherapists for implementation of the programme has been set. Also, a study protocol has been outlined to develop it further and submit for publication in 2022.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Bilateral Lithuanian – Japan research project with project partner Hiroshima University. Stress and resilience among adolescents and young adults: Cross-cultural study (No. S-LJB-20-2). Prof. E. Kazlauskas (principal researcher of the Lithuanian team). 2020-2022. The aim of the study is to explore the psychological well-being of adolescents and young adults and to analyze the effects of adverse experiences for psychological health, stress reactions, and resilience in adolescence and emerging adulthood.

Conference presentations:

1. Kamite, Y., Abe, K., Hihara, S., Kazlauskas, E., Truskauskaite-Kuneviciene, I., Haramaki & Y., Sugimura, K., (2021, June 17-18). Mental health, PTSD, and Complex PTSD during the COVID-19 pandemic among young adults in Japan. P. Zelviene (Chair) Young adults amid COVID-19 pandemic: Findings from Lithuania and Japan [Symposium]. In A. Lotzin, A. A. A. M. J. Djelantik, M. D. Eidhof, A. de Haan & J. Kiralj (Eds.), *Trauma and Mental Health during the Global Pandemic* (p. 26). <https://doi.org/10.1080/20008198.2021.1940588>
2. Kazlauskas, E., Zelviene, P., Kamite, Y., Petrauskaite, G. & Truskauskaite-Kuneviciene, I. (2021). ICD-11 PTSD and Complex PTSD in relation to COVID-19-related negative experiences among young adults in Lithuania. P. Zelviene (Chair) Young adults amid COVID-19 pandemic: Findings from Lithuania and Japan [Symposium]. In A. Lotzin, A. A. A. M. J. Djelantik, M. D. Eidhof, A. de Haan & J. Kiralj (Eds.), *Trauma and Mental Health during the Global Pandemic* (pp. 25-26). <https://doi.org/10.1080/20008198.2021.1940588>
3. Truskauskaite-Kuneviciene, I., Sugimura, K., Kamite, Y., Hihara, Sh. & Kazlauskas, E. (2021, June 3). *Identity Processes in Relation to Trauma exposure, PTSD, and complex PTSD among Emerging Adults from Lithuania and Japan*. Virtual ISRI Conference.
4. Truskauskaite-Kuneviciene, I., Zelviene, P., Sugimura, K., Hihara, S., Kamite, Y. & Kazlauskas, E. (2021, November 4). *PTSD and CPTSD in Young Adults: Findings from Lithuania and Japan*. Trauma in Context: Moving Beyond the Individual, International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) 37th Annual Meeting.

Research project Development of innovative stress analysis and management platform (STAMP) (2020-2023). Co-funded from the EU Structural Funds. Grant No. 01.2.2-LMT-K-718-03-0072. Main co-ordinator – prof. E. Kazlauskas.

The aim of this project is to create a new digital platform for stress analysis and management.

Main publications:

1. Jovarauskaite, L., Dumarkaite, A., Truskauskaite-Kuneviciene, I., Jovaisiene, I., Andersson, G., Kazlauskas, E. (2021). Internet-based stress recovery intervention FOREST for healthcare staff amid COVID-19 pandemic: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *Trials*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13063-021-05512-1>
2. Kazlauskas, E., Gelezelyte, O., Nomeikaite, A. & Zelviene, P. (2021). Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Adjustment Disorder in Lithuanian Healthcare in 2018-2020: A

- Nation-Wide Cohort Study of the Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic. *Healthcare*, 9(11), 1422. <https://doi.org/10.3390/healthcare9111422>
3. Norkiene, I., Jovarauskaite, L., Kvedaraite, M., Uppal, E., Phull, M.K., Chander, H., Halford, K., & Kazlauskas, E. (2021). 'Should I Stay, or Should I Go?' Psychological Distress Predicts Career Change Ideation Among Intensive Care Staff in Lithuania and the UK Amid COVID-19 Pandemic. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18, 2660. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18052660>

Erasmus+ KA2 project. Enabling Mental Health Benefits: resilience, achievement, competencies and engagement in improved higher education policy and practice for student wellbeing (EMBRACE HE) (No. 2019-1-UK01-KA203-062148). Assit. Prof. V. Klimukienė (coordinator in Lithuania). 2019-2022.

It is a project specially designed to help address problems of mental health and lack of wellbeing in students in higher education. The mental health and wellbeing of youth in Europe is a high concern, and this group includes students, who similar to other young people, often suffer anxiety, depression, attempted suicide and serious mental health problems. If not addressed, many of these problems can continue onto later life, in employment, family life and society and can also negatively affect day to day activities of study, progression and achievement in study, participation in social life and activities, networking and developing interpersonal skills. The aim is to enhance innovation in HE response to student mental wellbeing by enabling learning, implementation of projects and practice to address mental wellbeing issues in HE and with this, to increase the evidence base with the highest quality information and materials to allow HEIs to make informed choices about methods to respond to student wellbeing issues.

Main results:

Two different Toolkits were developed in joint collaboration of the project partners. The first Toolkit „Pastoral, counselling and talking support for mental wellbeing of students in Higher Education“, outlines the variety of ways that talking based support is deployed in HEI contexts across Europe, bringing together good practice, along with evidence-based research and evaluation of modes of working. The second Toolkit Embedding good student wellbeing practice into institutional processes and teaching and learning“, addresses good student wellbeing practice as an institutional holistic set of practices, focusing upon how strategic, administrative and teaching aspects of HE can work together to create better environments for student mental health and wellbeing. Both Toolkits as well as the other outputs of the project will be placed in the website <https://embracehe.org/>, specifically developed for disseminating project results.

Horizon 2020 programme. Children Online: Research and Evidence (CO:RE) (No. 871018). Coordinator - Leibniz Institute for Media Research. VU participates as third party, main coordintor assoc. prof. V. Pakalniškienė. 2021.

The main aim of this project is to conceptualise, implement and disseminate a comprehensive knowledge base on the impact of technological transformations on children and youth. The CO:RE knowledge base will provide evidence on a broad range of topics related to the impact of technological transformations on children and youth including their health, lifestyles, participation and digital citizenship, wellbeing, safety, and security as affected by ICT. It will refer to research from all EU Member States and a number of other European countries and thus consider relevant cultural, political, and media-related contexts. This knowledge base will help researchers to identify important research gaps and to make use of existing research and data.

Research Council of Lithuania, Bilateral Lithuania-Poland research cooperation. Factors modifying the responses of cyber bystanders. A Polish-Lithuanian research (No. S-LL-21-1), VU coordinator assoc. prof. V. Pakalniškienė. 2021-2024.

The main aim of the project is to analyze the role of present-fatalistic time perspective as a dimension of control and to investigate emotional reactions and causal attributions as factors that can modify the response of bystanders to the act of cyberbullying. Moreover, we want to examine the importance of culture in the behavior of cyberbullying bystanders. In both countries, differences in two age groups will be tested - adolescents and young adults, which will allow us to grasp not only cultural but also developmental differences. The main hypothesis is as follows: Emotions and causal attributions will be mediators between cyberbullying and behavior, and fatalistic time perspective induction will be a moderator of the relationship between emotions and behavior. The project consists of three stages: meta-analysis, experiments, and a daily diary study conducted in Poland and Lithuania. The theoretical basis for the research project is the Bystander Intervention Model. The postulated relationships will be tested in two countries, and the cultural conditions of the examined phenomenon will be analyzed.

European Social Fund Employment and Social Innovation programme. SHARE main data collection of Wave 9 and preparation of Wave 10 in 12 countries to maintain EU coverage" (SHARE EU COV). VU – partner, coordinator – Assoc. Prof. A. Kairys. 2021-2023.

The project is aimed to ensure the collection of the data of Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement (SHARE) in Lithuania. During the year 2021, the collection of Wave 9 main data was carried out.

COST action European Network on Individualized Psychotherapy Treatment of Young People with Mental Disorders. CA16102. Main coordinator: Randi Ulberg, Oslo University, Norway. VU – coordinator – prof. R. Barkauskienė. 2017-2021.

The main aim of the Action is to establish a sustainable European multidisciplinary researcher network focusing on individualized psychotherapy for young people with mental disorders. The Action reviews the state of the art and identifies putative specific markers and mechanisms of change in different psychotherapy modalities, as well as suitable psychotherapy process and treatment measures, and study designs. Research capacity increases by supporting a high proportion of ECIs and especially female and ITC researchers. Shared knowledge is disseminated to policy makers and stakeholders. The network promotes collaborative funding applications and meets societal challenges connected to mental health. TREATME paves the way for the matching of mental health research to the needs of young people in Europe.

COST action Multi-Sectoral Responses to Child Abuse and Neglect in Europe: Incidence and Trends. CA19106 Main coordinator: Andreas Jud, Ulm University, Germany. VU – coordinator – prof. E. Kazlauskas. 2020-2024.

In Europe, millions of children experience abuse or neglect at the hands of those who should care for them. Yet, how many of these children get help, which services they receive by which agency remains largely unknown. The proposed project addresses this gap by creating a network of experts in child maltreatment and relevant stakeholders and links them in working groups, in order to promote the development of a rigorous, consistent, and comparable methodology for the collection of surveillance data on child maltreatment and maltreatment-related fatalities. Researchers, policymakers, administrators and practitioners will identify best-practice methods of surveillance and recommend efficient ways of implementing them across Europe.

Importantly, this network will invite youth and adult survivors of child maltreatment to collaborate in all working group decision-making processes.

COST action European Network for Problematic Usage of the Internet. CA16207. Main coordinator prof. Naomi Finberg, University of Hertfordshire. VU – coordinator – prof. R. Jusienė. 2017-2021.

Problematic use of the internet (PUI) and its impact on the health and wellbeing of European citizens represents an emerging challenge for mental health research. The aim of this Cost Action is to bring together a multidisciplinary and geographically diverse group of experts and opinion leaders under one European-led Network, to leverage the existing funded research into a more coherent programme to advance the understanding of PUI from a bio-psycho-social perspective, clarify the brain-based underpinnings and develop effective interventions.

COST action Cultures of Victimology: understanding processes of victimization across Europe. Main coordinator dr. Simon Green, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, CA18121. VU – coordinator – prof. I. Laurinaitytė, dr. A. Čepas. 2018-2023.

This COST Action intends to develop an innovative, functional and overarching theoretical framework for cultural victimology. Understanding the mediating and moderating influence of cultural constructs on victimology will improve understanding of the extent to which the current victimological knowledge base can be generalized from the types of victimization and geographical locations that have been relatively extensively studied to elsewhere. A greater grasp of this complexity in return will offer greater insight into the underlying causal factors of this current research base, as well as offer new perspectives and lines of inquiry. It is, therefore, not only to the benefit of understanding the current grey and dark areas of victimological research, but will also shed further light on those fields of knowledge that have already been more heavily illuminated.

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Research project „Long-term screen use effects on children’s health“ funded by Lithuanian Governmental Public Health Fund (agreement no. (1.80 E) SU-2498), 2020-2022. VU coordinator (principal researcher) prof. R. Jusienė. 2020-2022.

There is a lack of studies researching the long-term effects of excessive screen-based media use on the mental and physical health of children. Thus this project aims to: 1) research whether and how the duration of screen-based media use and the specific activities while using it affects the development and health of children aged 2 to 14 years old; 2) provide the comprehensive recommendations on the pros and cons of children’s screen-based media use for health care providers, educators, parents and children. Part of results of this research published: Jusienė, R., Baukienė, E., Breidokienė, R. (2021). Risk of Behavioural and Emotional Disorders in Lithuanian School Aged Children as Assessed with SDQ During the Second Lockdown due to COVID-19. *Psichologija*, 64: 77-85. [https://doi.org/10.15388?Psichol.2021.43](https://doi.org/10.15388/Psichol.2021.43)

State Public Health Promotion Fund (LR SAM VVSSF) Project “Adaptation of Beck scales to diagnose mental and behavioral disorders in Lithuania” (No. (1.78 E) SU-2499), 2020-2022. VU coordinator assoc. prof. N. Grigutytė. 2020-2022.

The project aims at 5 Beck scales - the Beck Depression Inventory (BDI-II), the Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI), the Clark-Beck Obsession-Compulsion Inventory (CBOCI), the Beck Hopelessness Scale (BHS) and the Beck Suicidal Thinking Scale (BSS) - application for use in Lithuania when collecting clinical sample data. These scales were prepared and research started in 2021.

A study of the effectiveness of the suicide prevention system in municipalities (No. S-172/(1.78)SU-1732). VU coordinator assoc. prof. P. Skruibis. 2019-2021. Funded by State Fund for Strengthening Public Health at the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania.

The aim of this study was to analyse the readiness to respond to the suicide crisis in ten Lithuanian municipalities with the highest suicide rates and to provide practical recommendations for improving the existing system. The results of the study allowed us to draw the following conclusions: (1) The accuracy of data is a critical issue when evaluating a suicide prevention system. This concerns the recording of both suicides and other suicide-related conditions, as well as the extent to which psychological support is provided. (2) In the studied municipalities, as well as in the whole of Lithuania, the support system for people thinking about suicide is so poorly developed that it does not provide a real counterweight to suicidogenic factors. Both according to objective indicators and according to professional, the role of the Mental health centres is still very small, highlighting the lack of outpatient care, especially the lack of specialized care for people with long-term suicide problems. (3) Development of regional algorithms for suicide prevention provides professionals with clarity on how to help suicide people. (4) Basic help to a person at risk of suicide shall be provided through a relationship with the person providing the assistance. Thus, those helping suicidal people need knowledge and skills how to build a helping relationship. (5) The gatekeeper group is not homogeneous and it is necessary to take into account all the needs of the gatekeeper groups and use their strengths when planning the suicide prevention activities. (6) No direct links were found between regional COVID-19 morbidity and suicide, and the impact of pandemic and lock-down wasn't ambiguous.

Bilateral agreement with KU Leuven, Belgium. The effect of teacher-student interaction on children's working memory performance: A microtrial study. VU coordinator Dr. L. Rakickienė, 2021-2022.

The overall aim of the research project is to investigate the effectiveness of particular teacher-student interaction techniques for improving working memory (WM) performance in primary school children. In 2021 thirty pairs of second-grade teacher and one of her students have been recruited to participate in the study. Teachers received study materials on evidence-based teacher-student interaction techniques and participated in individual online coaching sessions with researchers, aimed at discussing student's working memory-related study behaviors and agreeing on the way to implement 5 interaction strategies in the classroom that could most benefit this student. After the coaching session teachers implemented the techniques in their classrooms. Parents and teachers provided information on participating students WM, strengths and difficulties and their relationship with the child, while students completed online testing of WM and answered questions about their relationship with the teacher at T0 (pre-intervention). Post-intervention measurement of these variables has been started at the end of December.

Bilateral agreement with University of Jyväskylä, Finland. Research project "Learning in Primary School: GET INVOLVED!", funded by Academy of Finland, principal investigator - Gintautas Silinskas, Docent, Department of Psychology, JYU, Finland, VU coordinator – dr. S. Raižienė. 2021-2023.

The aim of this project is to investigate the role of parents and teachers in the development of children's academic achievement, motivation, and behavior across primary school. We seek to identify the mechanisms (direct and indirect longitudinal paths) and the combined effects of home and school learning environments (moderating effects) in promoting the most favorable outcomes for children's learning (achievement, motivation and behavior). In 2021 523

participants (second grade children, their parents and teachers) were recruited and the first measurement was implemented. Childrens' reading, writing, mathematics competencies and academic motivation were tested in group setting. Parents provided information about their own involvement in academic-related activities, affect, and cognitions concerning their children. Teachers rated children's behavior, as well as their own activities, affect, and cognitions concerning each participating student and themselves.

Bilateral agreement with EPSM Lille-Métropole WHO Collaborating Centre, Lille, France. Recommendations for empowerment of users and carers in mental health: an international survey. (No. (1.79) SU-1702). VU coordinator assoc. prof. N. Grigutyté. 2021-2023.

The long-term objective is to assess whether users, cares, and health professionals agree with recommendations for the empowerment of users and carers in mental health and, if so, how they prioritize them. The international survey was developed in 10 languages, and the research started in 2021.

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The main goal of this project activities is to construct reliable and valid standardized instrument for the recognition of early symptoms of reading disability of primary schoolchildren at grade 2. In 2021 the pilot study for item analysis of measures for screening children with reading difficulties was conducted.

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In 2021 the intended objectives have been achieved, namely, to set the norms of child typical development 0–3 years as well as for children of the same age with specific developmental disorders, in order to update Manual of the Child Development Scales.

Contractual Research with Blue Bridge. The development of Spotiself career assessment system (No. (1.57) 15600-INS-91). VU coordinator assoc. prof. A. Kairys. 2020-2021.

The research was aimed to create a personality assessment instrument and modify and further develop career interests and cognitive functioning instruments of Spotiself career assessment system. The test items were developed, the normative sample was collected, norms were developed and validity and reliability of the tests were assessed.

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BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

Barkauskiene, R. & Skabeikyte-Norkiene, G. (2021). Levels of personality functioning among Lithuanian adolescents: A comparison between community and clinical samples. In K. Goth & K. Schmeck (Chairs). Dimensional assessment of personality disorders in young people: Personality functioning from early adolescence to young adulthood in different cultures and clinical settings. Symposium presented at the 17th World Congress of the International Society for the Study of Personality Disorders (ISSPD): Kaleidoscope Perspectives. Virtual. Oslo, Norway.

Gailienė, D. (2021, October). Traumatische Erfahrungen der litauischen Bürger und Quellen der Resilienz: Was zeigen die wissenschaftlichen Untersuchungen? Oral presentation at Wissenschaftliche Tagung zum 40. Jubiläum des Litauischen Kulturinstituts, Huettenfelde, Germany.

Kazlauskas, E. (2021, June). The importance of professional networks in the times of crisis: European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS) response to the pandemic. EMDR Europe conference “EMDR challenges of this decade”.

Pakalniskienė, V. (2021, July). Children and young people’s mental health in the digital age. Invited symposium, 32nd International Congress of Psychology, Czech Republic, Prague.

Truskauskaitė-Kuneviciene, I. (2021, April). Mental Health of Adolescents and Young Adults Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic. International Webinar - Towards Responsible Pandemic Adaptation: Cross Cultural Sharing on What Is Going On, Panjab University, India.

MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FOR R&D ACTIVITIES

Prof. Albinas Bagdonas for his long-term work in the name of the Vilnius University in Lithuania and abroad was awarded by the diploma of professor emeritus.

Assoc. Prof. Rūta Sargautytė was awarded by the title of Honorary Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association.

MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION CASES OF RESEARCHERS IN WORKING GROUPS OR COMMISSIONS SET UP BY STATE AUTHORITIES, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES

Prof. Rasa Barkauskienė is a member of the Qualification Assessment Committee for School Psychologists / Ministry of Education, Science, and Sport, Lithuania.

Assoc. Prof. Sigita Girdzijauskienė is a member of a working group to revise guidelines for setting levels of special educational needs of students carried out by the National Agency on Education (2021 10 29 – 2022 01 30)

Prof. Ilona Laurinaitytė is an expert and / or applied research activities: The Research Council of Lithuania: expert since 2021; National Court Administration: expert and supervisor of the court psychologists since 2021.

Assoc. Prof. Jurgita Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė is the representative of Lithuanian Psychological Association at European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP, www.eawop.org); the Expert at Governmental Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology (<https://mita.lrv.lt/en/>); the Expert at Research Council of Lithuania (lmt.lt/en) and the Expert Member of Change Initiation Group established by Minister of Health of The Republic of Lithuania (order No. 1088, 2021 May the 17th, Regarding the formation of the Change Initiation Group).

Prof. Evaldas Kazlauskas and PhD candidate Monika Kvedaraitė were members of a working group of the Department of Public Health to develop a plan of action to support and enhance the long-term mental health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for the maintenance and mental health of public and individual health professionals initiated by Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania.

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Assoc. Prof. Antanas Kairys and the researchers of the Laboratory of Applied Psychology, using the data from the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement (SHARE) carried out an analysis and provided consultation to the M. Čiuželis charity fund. This fund is coordinating the telephone helpline “Sidabrinė linija” for the elderly. The analysis of researchers of the Laboratory helped the Fund to understand the peculiarities and needs of their clients.

Assoc. Prof. Odeta Gelezelyte and PhD candidate Monika Kvedaraite participated in a consultation on the need for rehabilitation and psychological services for the defenders of freedom against Soviet military attach on January 13th. 2021, November 30

Assoc. Prof. Asta Adler: Consultations for the State Child Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour.

Assoc. Prof. Jurgita Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė: The proposal for amendment of the 2020-2022 action plan for improving psychoemotional climate and psychological (emotional) well-being in the healthcare system, delivered for Ministry of Health of The Republic of Lithuania

Prof. G. Valickas: consultations provided to the Lithuanian National Courts Administration (due to psychological wellbeing of judges and courts employees) and to the Trade-Union of Public Prosecutors (due to psychological wellbeing of prosecutors and employees of Prosecutorial Offices).

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Prof. Laima Bulotaitė: A conversation and discussion about addictions “Where does self-medication with sedatives lead” <https://www.15min.lt/video/gydytoja-prabilo-apie-lietuvoje-itin-dazna-priklausomybe-daznai-vaikus-prie-jos-priveda-ju-tevai-209980>. 2021.10.24

Assist. Prof. Jonas Eimontas: Interview on National TV Morning show about the research project: <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000140543/daugeja-vyresnio-amziaus-zmoniu-isgyvenanciu-depresija-vu-mokslininkai-parengė-programa-skirta-padeti-sau>

Assoc. Prof. Antanas Kairys: The research of the Laboratory were presented at program “Čia ir dabar” by LRT radio: <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000152260/cia-ir-dabar-senatve-ar-imanoma-jai-pasiruosti> (2021 05 10). And published at lrt.lt website: <https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/gyvenimas/13/1427551/artejanciai-senatvei-galima-ir-reikia-pasiruosti-verta-uzduoti-sau-keleta-klausimu-jau-dabar>

Assoc. Prof. Jurgita Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė: Presentation of the scientific study: “Young people experienced the greatest anxiety and exclusion during quarantine”, LRT show "Laba diena,

Lietuva“.: <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000138097/tyrimas-didziausia-nerima-ir-atiskirti-karantino-metu-patyre-jauni-zmones>

Assist. Prof. Dovilė Šorytė: Panelist at the event by British Embassy Vilnius “Breaking Boundaries: How Can We Turn Communication on Climate Change into Action?”, September 10th, 2021

<https://eu.eventscloud.com/ehome/200229195/live/?fbclid=IwAR23QgGSd7lrVk5Fk42nPebxZVEF2tuu7y8OaCy9J2w67kVCfBNcTM19CNM>; Interview for a radio show “Suolelis miške” at Lithuanian National Radio and Television (“About Ecological anxiety”), April 28th, 2021
<https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000149722/suolelis-miske-apie-ekologini-nerima-ir-budus-jame-nepaskesti-su-aplinkos-psichologe-dovile-soryte>

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Doctoral students: G. Martinkėnė, V. Urbonaitė-Barkauskienė, D. Galdauskaitė, G. Januševskaitė, J. Litvinaitė, R. Žilinskaitė, L. Daukšaitė.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social change in Lithuania in the comparative perspective

Comparative historical sociology

Sociology of science and education

Sociology of family and intimate lives

Urban sociology

Sociology of health and illness

Sociology of Migration

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

Sociological Analysis of Social Structure and Change. Prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2017–2021.

Research in the field of the history of sociology and analysis of the theoretical discourse was continued. The catching-up development of post-communist countries was analysed in the long-run synchronic and diachronic comparative perspective. Comparative historical sociological research was continued. The Lithuanian social policy and social policy discourse were critically analysed. Analysis of dynamics of value orientations conducted. Research of trends in migration and transnational families was continued.

Main Publications:

1. Žilinskiene, L and Ilic, M. (Eds) Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences. *Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe.* Routledge, 2021.
2. Juozeliūnienė, I. Visual Family Research Methods. In *The Palgrave Handbook of European Family Sociology.* London: Palgrave McMillan, 2021, pp. 133-156. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-73306-3.

3. Juozeliūnienė, I., Martinkėnė, G., Budginaitė-Mačkinė, I, ir L. Žilinskienė. Judumo ribojimai ir transnacionalinės šeimos: kaip COVID-19 pandemija paveiks šeimas ir šeimos narių globą? - *Filosofija. Sociologija*, T.32, Nr.4, 2021, p. 325-334. ISSN 0235-7186.

National Research Projects

European Social Fund according to the activity „Improvement of researchers’ qualification by implementing world-class R&D projects“ of Measure. Historical Sociology of Modern Restorations: a Cross-Time Comparative Study of Post-Communist Transformation in the Baltic States (Contract No Nr. DOTSUT-31 (09.3.3-LMT-K-712-01-0006). Prof. Z. Norkus (2018-2022).

The aim of the project is to construct and empirically apply a new sociological theory whose subject matter is social restorations in the modernising and modern societies. The fruitfulness of new theory is explored by the comparative study, comparing the economic, demographic, social, and political development of Baltic countries during post-communist and interwar periods. The similarities and differences between two periods, disclosed by cross-time comparisons, are explained by causal hypotheses which are tested by comparisons with other cases of modern restorations. Baltic countries are most conspicuous cases of post-communist restorations, because they comprised here the restoration of independent states.

https://lida.dataverse.lt/dataverse/HistatData_Baltic://lida.dataverse.lt/dataverse/HistatData

Completing the project, the manuscript of the monograph was written, 3 presentations made at international scientific conferences, 1 paper and 200 data sets of historical statistics data were published in the Lithuanian online data in human studies and social archive LiDA.

<https://lida.dataverse.lt/dataverse/HistatData>

Two national seminars (in Kaunas and Vilnius) organized to present main findings of the project and to discuss the manuscript of monograph.

Main publications:

1. Norkus, Z.; Ambrulevičiūtė, A. (2021) “Claiming a Great Ancient Imperial past as an identity element of a small modern nation. The case of Lithuania”, in Jürgen Barkhoff and Joep Leerssen (Eds). *National stereotyping, identity politics, European crises*. Leiden; Boston : Brill, 2021. p. 31-50. <https://brill.com/view/title/57145>

Research Council of Lithuania. Growing up in Independent Lithuania: Life Courses of 1980-2000 Cohorts, Behavioral Strategies and their Contexts, No. P-MIP-21-267. Project leader assoc. prof. L. Žilinskienė. 2021-2024.

In the context of global mobility, economic and structural transformations, a generation is emerging who is important to Lithuanian society in terms of demographic trends, formation of family forms and practices, intergenerational relationships and responsibilities for children and elderly parents. The project aims to investigate how in the socio-economic contexts after the restoration of Lithuania's independence in 1990 the structural features of life course of generation, born in 1980-2000, it's behavioural strategies, family and intergenerational relationships are formed, how family memory participates in these processes to highlight the new generation. Four factors of the social context that frame the new generation are analysed: economic factors related to the market economy; institutional factors related to the search for social policy priorities; the opportunities for free movement provided by the Schengen area, and challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/4487-ar-jaunimas-ketina-isvykti-is-lietuvos>

Research Council of Lithuania. Studentų moksliniai tyrimai semestro metu. Žalinga alkoholio vartojimo kultūra Lietuvoje: standartizuoto Europos alkoholio tyrimo duomenų analizė, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-24-0204. Student - G. Sugaudytė, research supervisor – Dr. D. Stumbrys. 2021.

Research Council of Lithuania. Lietuvos migrantai: reprezentacijų viešojoje erdvėje ir kasdienių reikšmių tyrimas [Migrants from Lithuania: representations in Lithuanian public discourse and everyday contexts], No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0155. 2021 – 2023. Postdoctoral fellow Dr. I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė, research supervisor prof. I. Juozeliūnienė. The project aims to reveal the changes in the representations of Lithuanian migrants in public discourse and how the new unsettling situation connected to Covid-19 pandemic affects the meanings attributed to migration in everyday contexts, as well as social interactions of Lithuanian migrants in the country of origin. In 2021 postdoctoral fellow carried out literature review for the first publication, prepared the methodological guidelines for the analysis of public discourse, collected empirical data and initiated data analysis, made an oral presentation ‘Changing Representations of Lithuanian Migrants in the Public Discourse in the Context of Covid-19 Pandemic’ at the 15th European Sociological Association conference and visited a research institution abroad – University of Sussex – to deepen knowledge and skills in migration research.

Research Council of Lithuania. Lietuvos diasporos pilietinis ir politinis indėlis: raiškos būdai ir viešosios erdvės vaidmuo, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0189. 2020 – 2022. Posdoctoral fellow Dr. I. Gečienė-Janulionė, research supervisor assoc. prof. R. Žiliukaitė. Posdoctoral fellow Dr. I. Gečienė-Janulionė, research supervisor assoc. prof. R. Žiliukaitė. Project "The civic and political contribution of the Lithuanian diaspora: modes of expression and the role of public space".

Aim: To improve the scientific competence of the posdoctoral fellow in the field of civil and political contribution of emigrants to civil society and democratization and to comprehensively study the contribution of the Lithuanian diaspora to the political and civic life of Lithuanian society, identifying its modes of expression, identities and public space.

Results of 2021:

1. Presentation “Transfer of Political Values, Attitudes and Patterns of Behaviour by (Re)migrants to Country of Origin: Case of Lithuania” in 18th IMISCOE Annual Conference "Crossing borders, connecting cultures“ 7-9 of July 2021 (online).
2. Presentation „Political Contribution of (Re)migrants in Lithuania, Poland and Croatia“ in 15th ESA (European Sociological Association) conference 30 of August- 3 of October 2021 (online).

Research Council of Lithuania. Su psichikos sveikata susiję demografiniai praradimai Lietuvos sveikatos politikos pokyčių kontekste. No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0152. 2020 – 2022. Posdoctoral fellow Dr. D. Stumbrys, research supervisor prof. D. Pūras.

Postdoc fellowship in project: Demographic Loss Related to Mental Health in the Context of Changing Health Policy in Lithuania, Vilnius University. Financed by the Research Council of Lithuania, 2020-2022.

Presentations in international conferences:

1. Stumbrys, D. Pūras, D. Health paradigms in political discourse: analysis of the Lithuanian parliament’s debates on mental health issues in 2012-2020. 8th Qualitative Research on Mental Health Conference, September 9-11, 2021, Valletta, Malta, (online).

2. Stumbrys, D. Pūras, D. Suicide Mortality In Lithuania 2007-2019: Sociodemographic Differences, Social Suffering and Mental Health Policy. 15th European Sociological Association Conference August 31 - September 3, 2021. Barcelona, Spain (online).
3. Internship in Max Plank Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany, 2021 November-December.

Research Council of Lithuania "The Last Soviet Generations in the Context of Changing Modernity" implemented in 2017-2019, No. S-MOD-17-14. Project leader assoc. Prof. L. Žilinskienė. The project was funded by the Lithuanian Science Council (overdue publications)

1. Zilinskiene, L., Ilic, M. (2021). Time, Generation, Memory (Introduction) in (eds) Laima Zilinskiene and Melanie Ilic, Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences. *Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe*.
2. L. Zilinskiene. (2021). Particularities of the Behavioural Models of the Last Soviet Generation (07 chapter) in Laima Zilinskiene and Melanie Ilic (eds) Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences, *Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe*. <https://www.routledge.com/Soviet-and-Post-Soviet-Lithuania-Generational-Experiences/Zilinskiene-Ilic/p/book/9780367902025>
3. L. Zilinskiene. (2021). Communicative Family Memory across Generations (10 chapter) in Laima Zilinskiene and Melanie Ilic (eds) Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences, *Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe*.
4. I. Šutinienė. (2021). Identifying the 1970s generation (06 Chapter) in Laima Zilinskiene and Melanie Ilic (eds) Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences. *Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe*.
5. M. Kareniauskaitė. (2021). Understandings of crime and deviance in Soviet and post-Soviet Lithuania (03 Chapter) in Laima Zilinskiene and Melanie Ilic (eds) Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences. *Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe*.
6. V. Ivanauskas and M. Kareniauskaitė (2021). Lithuania's cultural elite, born from 1970 to 1980: Group, class and generational identities (08 Chapter) in Laima Zilinskiene and Melanie Ilic (eds) Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences. *Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe*.
7. E. I. Laumenskaitė. (2021). The role of religious experience in the formation of life choices, social attitudes and behaviour models of different generations in Lithuania in: Laima Zilinskiene and Melanie Ilic (eds) Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania: Generational Experiences. *Series: Routledge Studies in the History of Russia and Eastern Europe*.

International Research Projects

Baltic Research Programme. Quantitative data about societal and economic transformations in the regions of the three Baltic States during the last hundred years for the analysis of historical transformations and the overcoming of future challenges, No. EEA-RESEARCH-174. Project leader prof. Z. Norkus. 2021-2024.

The aim of the project is to create a depository of quantitative data about societal and economic transformations in the regions of the three Baltic states during the last hundred years and provide a quantitative analysis of the long run trends (since 1920) in regional disparities.

The implementation of the project will include two tasks: (1) creation of data depository with data on economic and social differences between regions of Baltic countries and (2) analysis of long run trends (since 1920) in cross-regional economic and human development disparities.

Main Publications/Results:

A presentation was made at the international scientific conference, one workshop was arranged to coordinate the work of research team, including Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, Norwegian scholars.

Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliance. SHOUT „Social Sciences and Humanities in intersectoral Outreach for better education and sustainable innovations“, ID: 612364-EPP-1-2019-1-LT-EPPKA2-KA. Project leader prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2019-2022.

Insights coming from SSH disciplines/professionals are critical for better and informed practice, especially when talking about sustainable innovations/transformations, or when trying to understand social disruption processes on broader socio-economic environment. The effects of social disruption, brought by the technological innovation, has become more visible than ever before – it has dramatically affected economy, culture of institutions and changed people’s lives. Being on the verge of 4th industrial revolution, which will definitely bring more disruption in our economy, institutions and lives, there is an urgent need for greater attention to be given to the SSH-based research which will encourage moving towards sustainable innovations and brighter future. The SHOUT consortium aims to strengthen SSH students and professionals innovation capacity and transformational role of HEIs, SMEs and NGOs when dealing with complex problems presented in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and developing innovative sustainable solutions through inter-sectoral cooperation model and enhanced sharing of knowledge between different stakeholders, increasing, consequently, SSH graduates and researchers employability.

Nordplus programme. The Nordic Summer University: Sharing and Developing Experience of 70 Years of Democratic Education, No. NPHZ-2021/10091. Main coordinator Nordic Summer University. VU project leader Dr. I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė. 2021-2022.

The Nordic Summer University (NSU) and its partners organise four cross-sectoral symposia to develop partnerships in broader Baltic Sea region to support the development of emerging research initiatives and communities through the NSU traditions of democratic education and folkbildning. At the heart of this project lies the strengthening of an inclusive and transnational research network and the symposia provide a space for exchange between participants from the Nordic-Baltic regions. One of the Winter Symposia 2022 will be organised at Vilnius university: ‘Whiteness, Racialisation and Post-Soviet Pasts’ (31 March-1 April, 2022). In 2021 project team launched the project and initiated the call for proposals for presentations, available on NSU website [here](#).

COST action. European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice (COST CA20115). Main coordinator Dr. Christof van Mol, Stichting Katholieke Universiteit Brabant, Tilburg, the Netherlands, VU coordinator Dr. I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė. 2021-2025.

This Action responds to the pressing need for systematic interdisciplinary and international exchange of knowledge on theoretical frameworks, research methodologies, findings, and best practice examples, and for translating scientific findings into recommendations for ISM practice. It is organised around five working groups: WG1 - Global ISM flows and trends at the macro-level; WG2 - Social inequalities in access to and during ISM; WG3 - The social and cultural integration of international students in their host countries; WG4 - The impact of ISM on graduates’ careers; WG5 - Connecting research and practice. The Action will offer comparative and practical insights into ISM dynamics by bringing fragmented knowledge together, with the main aim of generating new interdisciplinary and innovative empirical

perspectives on the phenomenon and translating these into tangible recommendations for stakeholders.

In 2021 the network was launched by organising the first management committee meeting in October 2021, electing leadership positions, confirming the work plan and initiating working groups. VU coordinator Dr. I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė is a member of the management committee, as well as three working groups (WG2, WG3 and WG5) and is involved in the teams set up to prepare literature reviews for WG2 and WG3.

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Institute for Social Transformations, School of Advanced Social Studies, Nova Gorica (Slovenia)

Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (Valmiera, Latvia)

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Asist. prof. I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė

- coordinator of a network for interdisciplinary study and research „Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering in Contemporary Europe“ (Nordic Summer University, Study circle 5, 2021-2023), <http://nordic.university/study-circles/5-racialization-whiteness-and-politics-of-othering-in-contemporary-europe/>;
- Member of expert network of social dimension of education and training (NESET), [Network members - NESET \(nesetweb.eu\)](http://nesetweb.eu)
- Member of International Sociological Association, [International Sociological Association \(isa-sociology.org\)](http://isa-sociology.org);
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Prof. I. Juozeliūnienė

- member of the Family Research Committee (RC 06) of the International Sociological Association (ISA), www.rc06-isa.org;
- member of the Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives (RN 13) of the European Sociological Association (ESA), www.europeansociology.org;
- member of the Science Council of the Lithuanian Social Science Centre, <http://www.dsti.lt>
- member of Lithuanian Sociological Association, <http://www.sociology.lt>;
- Associate Editor at the *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, <http://utp.journals/press/loi/jcfs>
- Lietuvos Jaunųjų Mokslininkų Sąjungos (LJMS) organizuojamo geriausio magistro darbo konkurso vertinimo komisijos narė.

- Session “Strengths” and “Limitations” of New/Classical Concepts, Methods and Methodologies to Study Inequality and Intersectionality in Family Life across Borders and Cultures organizer (co-organizer Ria Smit, South Africa) at the IV-th ISA World Forum of Sociology, Brazil, Porto Alegre, 2021.02.23-28. IV ISA Forum of Sociology (isa-sociology.org).

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- Editorial board member of the Journal *Santalka*, http://www.cpc.vgtu.lt/index.php/cpc/pages/view/editorial_board.html
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Lietuvos istorijos studijos* (Studies of Lithuania’s History), <https://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/lietuvos-istorijos-studijos/about/editorialTeam>
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Przestrzeń Społeczna* (Social Space) <http://socialspacejournal.eu/indexpl.html>
- Editorial Board Member of the *Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia* [Titulinis - Visuotinė lietuvių enciklopedija \(vle.lt\)](http://www.vle.lt)
- Member of the Executive Council of the *Lithuanian Sociological Society*; <http://www.sociology.lt/>
- Member of the Board of the Research Network 36 “Sociology of Transformation: East and West“, <https://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn36-sociology-transformations-east-and-west>
- Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences <http://www.lma.lt/akademijos-nariai-2019>
- Member of Editorial Board “Lithuanian Studies without Borders”, published by *Academic Studies Press* (U.S.) <https://www.academicstudiespress.com/lithuanianstudies>
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Prof. A. Poviliūnas

- Member of the Commission of Research Infrastructures, Lithuanian Research Council, <http://www.lmt.lt/lt/apie-taryba/komisijos-ir-darbo-grupes/moksliniu-tyrimu-infrastrukturu-komisija/175>;
- expert in H2020 programme Committee Research Infrastructures;
- editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija: Mintis ir veiksmai* (*Sociology: Thought and Action*), [Atsakingi redaktoriai | Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmai \(vu.lt\)](#)
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- Member of European Sociological Association, [European Sociological Association | European Sociological Association \(europeansociology.org\)](http://www.europeansociology.org)
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- member of Lithuanian Criminological Association, [kriminologija.lt | Lietuvos kriminologų asociacija](http://www.kriminologija.lt/);

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- Chief editor of the journal *Kriminologijos studijos* (*Studies in Criminology*), [Atsakingi redaktoriai | Kriminologijos studijos \(vu.lt\)](#)
- member of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), [British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies | UIA Yearbook Profile | Union of International Associations](#).
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- Chair of the Council of the National Program directors, European Value Survey, <http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu/evs/about-evs/organisation/newcouncil/>;
- editorial board member of the journal *Kultūra ir visuomenė: socialinių tyrimų žurnalas*, [Kultūra ir visuomenė: socialinių tyrimų žurnalas | VDU CRIS](#);
- member of the Executive Council of the Lithuanian Sociological Society, <http://www.sociology.lt/>.

BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė, „Changing Representations of Lithuanian Migrants in the Public Discourse in the Context of Covid-19 Pandemic”, Reordering of Borders and Mobilities, RN35 – Sociology of Migration, RN35_T05_02, 15th ESA Conference ‘Sociological Knowledges for Alternative Futures’, Barcelona (online), 31st August – 3rd September 2021.

I. Juozeliūnienė ir I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė, „What is seen to be ‘troubling’: portraying parenting in migration in academic publications”, ‘Strengths’ and ‘Limitations’ of New/Classical Concepts, Methods and Methodologies to Study Inequality and Intersectionality in Family Life across Borders and Cultures RC06, IV ISA Forum of Sociology, Porto Alegre (online), Brazil, February 23-27, 2021.

Juozeliūnienė and G. Martinkėnė, “Covid-19 Pandemic and Transnational Families: Challenges and Changes of Family Display. – 15th Conference of the European Sociological Association „Sociological Knowledges for Alternative Futures“, Barcelona, Spain, August 31- 3 September, 2021.

Z. Norkus „Life Expectancy in Lithuania 20th Century: New Research Findings“, Presentation at the Session RN36_T05: Social policies and outcomes in transforming societies, XV European Sociological Conference “Sociological Knowledges for Alternative Futures”, Barcelona 31 August – 3d September 2021, 02.09.2021.

Z. Norkus „On the Success and Progressiveness of (Some) Modern Restorations“, Presentation at the Session 131 „Events and Crisis in Concept and Practice I Macrohistorical Dynamics‘ at the Social Science History Association (SSHA) annual meeting in Philadelphia (U.S., PA) November 11-14 2021, 12.11.2021.

MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FOR R&D ACTIVITIES

Z. Norkus. The medal of Lithuanian Academy of Science for research in comparative historical sociology

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė, 2021.10.05, LRT radio discussion “Migrant crisis – crisis of solidarity and misunderstanding” (together with G. Blažytė, moderator S. Čelutka), “Homo cultus. Tarp praeities ir ateities“ [“Homo cultus. Between past and present”]: <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000180778/homo-cultus-tarp-praeities-ir-ateities-migrantu-krize-solidarumo-ir-nesusikalbejimo-krize>

I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė, 2021.01.21, interview to the media “What future we want for Lithuania? Conversation with scientists from Vilnius university about the idea of progress” (together with V. Bartninkas and V. Mačkinis, interviewer K. Tamelytė), “Bernardinai”: <https://www.bernardinai.lt/kokios-ateities-norime-lietuvai-pokalbis-su-vu-mokslininkais-apie-pazangos-ideja/>

Z.Norkus, lecture “Why Scientific Progress Will Become Ever More Expensive?” at the celebration of the 30th anniversary of Lithuanian Research Council 20.12.2021 <https://www.lmt.lt/naujienos/2444/lietuvos-mokslo-taryba-2021-metus-baige-30-meciui-skirtu-renginiu:907>

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theoretical analysis of deviation and social control
Punishment and reintegration policy
Violence and its perception in the society
Methodological innovations in criminology
Corruption and anti-corruption activity

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

Social Control and Construction of Criminological Discourses. Dr. Prof. Aleksandras Dobryninas. 2019-2021

Analysis of theoretical aspects of deviation and social control, philosophical and sociological problems of criminal justice; analysis of punishment and reintegration policies, research on problems of urban security, media crime, violence and its recipe in society; application of methodological innovations in criminology, etc.)

Main publications/results:

1. Šupa, Maryja. 2021. Socialiniai tyrimai apie elektroninius nusikaltimus: globalus temų diapazonas ir Lietuvoje atliktų tyrimų sisteminė analizė [Social Research about Online Crime: Global Range of Topics and a Systematic Analysis of Research in Lithuania], *Kriminologijos studijos*, 9: 8–46.
2. Šupa, Maryja; Kruopškaitė Ingrida. 2021. Deviance and Ethical Considerations in Online Biohacking Communities, *Deviant Behavior*, online first.
3. Šupa, Maryja 2021. Socialiniai tyrimai apie elektroninius nusikaltimus: globali paradigmu takoskyra bei jos raiška Lietuvoje [Social Research about Online Crime: Key Global Paradigms and the State of Research in Lithuania], *Informacijos mokslai*, 91: 41–58.

Vilnius University Research Fund. Geopolitics, formal social control, and popular culture in online hacking forums. Project No. MSF-JM-13/2021, project lead Dr. M. Šupa. 2021–2022

Objectives: The goal of this exploratory project is to analyse global geopolitical, cultural, and social aspects of online crime as they are represented in online hacking forums. In a transdisciplinary combination of criminology and computer linguistics, quantitative methods of big text analysis of a large dataset of multiple forums will be combined with qualitative analysis and online ethnography to fill gaps in the knowledge about the non-technical background of online crime.

Key results in 2021: analysis of the state-of-the-art, development of the research methodology, pilot runs of data analysis.

National Research Projects

“Homicides and punishments in Lithuania in 1918-1940” No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0144. 2020-2022. Postdoctoral fellow Dr. S. Černevičiūtė, research supervisor prof. A. Dobryninas.

Cerneviciute Sigit. Critical Analysis of Statistical Data of Homicides of Lithuania in 1920s – 1930s: Limitations and Potential. 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Science and Evidenced-Based Policy in a Fractured Era. Chicago, United States of America, 2021 11 17–20.

Research Council of Lithuania. Summer research internship for students. A criminological analysis of online crime court cases in Lithuania, Project No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-24-0144, student A. Rinkevičiūtė, research supervisor Dr. M. Šupa.

Objectives: The goal of the project is to critically assess how online crime targeting computer systems is constructed and selectively persecuted in the criminal justice system in Lithuania. During the project, quantitative and qualitative methods were applied to analyse court cases pertaining to chapter XXX of the Criminal Code of Lithuania (offences against information systems), available from the national court case registry LITEKO. The results consist of a detailed analysis of the typology of offences, offenders’ and victims’ characteristics, modus operandi, case outcomes and selectivity factors.

Key results in 2021: analysis of the state-of-the-art, development of the research methodology, data collection.

Research Council of Lithuania. Research internship for students. Factors impacting public trust in machine learning applications in criminal justice in Lithuania. Project No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-25-0188, student V. Žiogaitė, research supervisor Dr. M. Šupa.

Objectives: The goal of the project is to assess the potential of developing public trust in machine learning applications in criminal justice in Lithuania. During the project, qualitative data about factors contributing to public trust will be collected during focus groups, organised separately with members of civil society organisations, representatives of law enforcement agencies, and policy-makers. The results are expected to contribute to policy-making and engagement of the public in decisions related to adopting machine learning solutions in criminal justice.

Key results in 2021: analysis of the state-of-the-art, development of the research methodology, data collection.

International Research Projects

LINKS: European Prison and Criminal Justice Statistics (Council of Europe). Prof. A. Dobryninas. National Coordinator for Lithuania.

European Commission's Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme action project Sexual Harassment in Nightlife Entertainment Spots: Control and Prevention (SHINE), No. 881652, 2020-2022. Main coordinator: The Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania, VU coordinator prof. A. Dobryninas.

The SHINE (Sexual Harassment in Nightlife Entertainment Spots: Control and Prevention) project aims to create a common culture among nightlife stakeholders and give them appropriate tools to prevent sexual harassment in nightlife venues. One of the project's main foreseen achievement will be the creation of a multipliable working model through the following planned activities: a) introduction of quality management systems in nightlife entertainment venues; b) training programmes and awareness-raising sessions for the staff of nightlife venues, local elected officials, mediators and representatives of the municipal police; c) networking and joint cooperation between municipal institutions, law enforcement agencies, local businesses and other stakeholders; d) awareness-raising and education of potential victims and witnesses of sexual harassment.

European Commission's Justice programme project. Improving enforcement at the intersection of mobile banditry and exploitation (IMOBEX), No. 101003531, 2021-2023. Main coordinator Stichting Katholieke Universiteit Brabant, VU coordinator prof. A. Dobryninas.

The aim of IMOBEX is to enhance EU policies and operational law enforcement actions in the 27 Member States and 7 Southeast European third countries to combat property crimes at the intersection of mobile banditry and human trafficking. The project aims to develop novel investigation methods, address training needs, and enhance cross-border and multi-agency cooperation. The project should thus benefit a wide range of stakeholders by improving and disseminating knowledge about *modi operandi* and enforcement problems at the intersection of mobile banditry and human trafficking; developing creative and feasible interventions for enforcement agencies; developing a roadmap to close the gaps at national and EU levels in the legal and policy infrastructures; addressing the dilemma of dealing with perpetrators who are also victims of human trafficking for criminal purposes; and promoting, in the long term,

preventative effects of better inclusion of the socially and economically deprived communities from which itinerant criminal groups often originate.

International Self-Report Delinquency Study -ISR4
<https://web.northeastern.edu/isrd/lithuania/> Participants: Aušra Pocienė, Jolanta Aleknevičienė, Vaidas Kalpokas

The ISRD is an ongoing project, currently beginning its fourth sweep (ISR4), allowing patterns of offending and victimization to be tracked over time. The fourth data collection wave is planned for 2020-2022.

ISRD data enable tests of many prominent delinquency theories. The sweep-specific focus ISR4 is online offending and victimization, perceptions of violence, and minority groups and identity. Besides the core international questionnaire – the national Lithuanian module focuses on youth experiences during pandemic time, their obedience to quarantine constraints, attitudes towards vaccination.

2021 results: The research methodology was coordinated with foreign partners, a research plan was prepared, and a national questionnaire module was designed. Questionnaires were translated from English into Lithuanian.

Contractual Research

Project: „Economic Measures for the Prevention of Smoking (2019-2021)“. Lithuanian Ministry of Health. A. Dobryninas.

The implementation of the project was extended until 2021. On February 26, 2021, members of the research group organized the scientific seminar "Measures of Economic Impact in Smoking Prevention - Presentation of Research Results" for representatives of academia, governmental and non-governmental organizations. The project report was submitted to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania and accepted without comments on April 2 2021.

MAIN R&D&I (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION) PARTNERS

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University of Lausanne, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration (Switzerland)

University of Nebraska, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (USA)

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Prof. A. Dobryninas

- President of European Society of Criminology, [European Society of Criminology \(esc-eurocrim.org\)](https://eurocrim.org/);
- Participating in the organization of European Society of Criminology 21st annual conference “Criminology in the time of Pandemic”, September 8-10, 2021. <https://eurocrim2021.secure-platform.com/a/>
- Commission for the „2021 European Society of Criminology Best Article Award Award“– Chair.
- Member of the Board of Lithuanian Association of Criminology, kriminologija.lt | [Lietuvos kriminologu asociacija](http://Lietuvos_kriminologu_asociacija);

- Member of Editorial Board of Journal „Archiwum Kryminologii“ (Warsaw, Poland), [Zespół redakcyjny | Archiwum Kryminologii \(pan.pl\)](#);
- Member of Editorial Board of Journal “Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmas” (Vilnius, Lithuania), [Atsakingi redaktoriai | Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmas \(vu.lt\)](#)
- Member of Editorial Board of Journal “Teisės problemos” (Vilnius, Lithuania), [Redaktoriu kolegija | LTI \(teise.org\)](#)
- Member of Editorial Board of Journal “Kriminologijos studijos/Criminological Studies” (Vilnius, Lithuania), [Atsakingi redaktoriai | Kriminologijos studijos \(vu.lt\)](#)

Assoc.Prof. A. Čepas

- member of the Board of Lithuanian Association of Criminologists, <https://kriminologija.lt/apie-mus/valdyba/>;
- member of the editorial board of the Law Institute of Lithuania research journal *Teisės problemos*, <https://teise.org/en/liti-veikla/teises-problemos/redaktoriu-kolegija/>;
- member of the editorial board of the academic journal *Kriminologijos studijos*, <https://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/kriminologijos-studijos/about/editorialTeam>;
- member of the Lithuanian Bar;
- member of the Management Committee of COST CA18121 action “Cultures of Victimology: understanding processes of victimization across Europe”, <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18121/#tabs+Name:Management%20Committee>

Dr. A. Pocienė

- Editor (criminology, sociology) of the journal “Kriminologijos studijos“ (Criminological studies) <https://www.journals.vu.lt/kriminologijos-studijos/about/editorialTeam>
- Chairwoman of the Board of Lithuanian Association of Criminologists, [kriminologija.lt | Lietuvos kriminologų asociacija](#);

Dr. J. Aleknevičienė

- Member of the Board of Lithuanian Association of Criminologists, [kriminologija.lt | Lietuvos kriminologų asociacija](#)
- Member of Lithuanian Sociological Association
- Member of the European Society of Criminology

Dr. M. Šupa

- member of the Lithuanian Association of Criminologists;
- European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control, member since 2013, national contact person since 2018
- Member of the European Society of Criminology

Dr. S. Černevičiūtė

- Editor (historical criminology) of the journal “Kriminologijos studijos“ (Criminological studies) <https://www.journals.vu.lt/kriminologijos-studijos/about/editorialTeam>
- Member of the Board of Lithuanian Association of Criminologists, [kriminologija.lt | Lietuvos kriminologų asociacija](#);
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- Member of the Board of Lithuanian Association of Criminologists, kriminologija.lt | Lietuvos kriminologų asociacija;

BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

Dobryninas, Aleksandras. President Address. 21st Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, September 8–10, 2021. <https://escnewsletter.org/storage/summaries/4e0a0281-723d-4541-9f48-0bf7a0c1bc8c.pdf>, p.3-4.

Aleknevičienė, Jolanta. „Instruments and Challenges of Measuring the Outcomes of Imprisonment in Lithuania“, 21st Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, September 8–10, 2021.

Pocienė, Aušra. “Sexual harassment at nightlife entertainment spots: legal conceptualization, social perception and premises for prevention in Lithuania”. 21st Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, September 8–10, 2021.

Šupa, Maryja. „Theoretical paradigms and the thematic range of online crime research“. 21st Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, September 8–10, 2021.

Cerneviciute Sigita. Critical Analysis of Statistical Data of Homicides of Lithuania in 1920s – 1930s: Limitations and Potential. 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Science and Evidenced-Based Policy in a Fractured Era. Chicago, United States of America, 2021 11 17–20.

MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION CASES OF RESEARCHERS IN WORKING GROUPS OR COMMISSIONS SET UP BY STATE AUTHORITIES, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES

Dobryninas, Aleksandras - Member of the Judicial Court of Honour

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Šupa, Maryja. GovTechLab Challenge working group on crime prediction application for the police, consultant.

Pocienė, Aušra. Government Strategic Analysis Centre (STRATA), The project of the State Progress Strategy “Lithuania 2050”, consultation on methodological issues.

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Presentation of the results of the study "Measures of economic impact in smoking prevention", February 26, 2021.

<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/4113-ekonominiu-rukymo-prevencijos-priemoniu-tyrimo-pristatymas>

Research dissemination article:

<https://naujienos.vu.lt/vu-filosofijos-fakultetas-kviecia-i-lietuvos-kriminologu-dienos-renginius/>

Discussion „(Ne)kasdienio gyvenimo kriminologija ir jos galia“ in National Conference of Young Scientists in Criminology, 2021 05 27.

S. Černevičiūtė discussion about crimes in Interwar Lithuania. Historical podcast „Ko tyli istorikai?“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUFdbM3GxnM> 2021 01 26

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social inclusion, social support for vulnerable people
Social prevention, rehabilitation and integration
Community development and empowerment
Migration, intercultural learning and communication
Quality of Social Work
Development of Personal Social Services;
Human rights in mental health
Disability, stigma, stereotypes and discrimination
Development of social work education and profession
Gender equality and social work
Quality of life and older age
Social Innovations and Social Entrepreneurship
Šeimos ir vaikų gerovė,
Moder technologies' impact on social work profession and studies

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

Dr. E. Šumskienė. 2019-2023.

Research on innovation in social work and the organisation of social services, covering the most pressing areas of social work such as the development and development of the social work profession, studies on the integration, inclusion, empowerment of disadvantaged groups, human

rights, social exclusion and ways of overcoming it, quality of life, family and youth welfare, psychosocial welfare factors, social services system, long-term care of the elderly and disabled.

Main publications/results:

1. Buzaitytė Kašalynienė J. (2021) Lithuanian Social Work's Claim to Professional Autonomy vs. Authoritarianism in Popular and Political Culture. In: Lorenz W., Havrdová Z., Matoušek O. (eds) *European Social Work After 1989. European Social Work Education and Practice*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-45811-9_5
2. Jusienė, R., Būdienė, V., Gintilienė, G., Girdzijauskienė, S., Stonkuvienė, I., Žėkaitė, J., Adomaitytė Subačienė, I., Baukienė, E., Breidokienė, R., Buzaitytė Kašalynienė, J., Dragūnevičius, K., Grabauskienė, V., Praninskienė, R., Schoroškienė, V., Speičytė-Ruschhoff, E., Urbonas, V. (2021). Nuotolinis vaikų ugdymas pandemijos dėl COVID-19 metu: grėsmės ir galimybės ekosisteminio požiūriu. *Mokslo studija*. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 276 p. ISBN 9786090705919.
3. Šumskienė, E., Daunienė, E., Žalimienė (sud.). Keisti ir keistis: adaptyvioji lyderystė socialiniame darbe. Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2021, p. 305.
4. Toleikytė, U. (2021). Attitudes Towards Suicide among People with Eating Disorders. *Socialinė Teorija, Empirija, Politika Ir Praktika*, 22, 8-27. <https://doi.org/10.15388>
5. E. Šumskienė, V. Gevorgianienė, R. Genienė. Bridging yesterday and tomorrow: Responses to the new disability rights paradigm in the post-socialist region. *Disability studies quarterly* 41 (3), 1-20

National Research Projects

Research Council of Lithuania. Manifestation of aggression in the process of removing a child from family: general discourse, institutional environment, and different actor's perspective. No S-MIP-19-37. Prof. Laimute Žalimienė, 2019-2021.

The project revealed a holistic, multi-layered picture of the process of taking a child out of the unsafe family environment from the perspectives of four types of actors (child rights protection workers, persons who have experienced the removal in their childhood, parents from whom children were taken, and police officers). 5 theses and presentations at international and national conference were provided; 6 publications were submitted and 5 have been already published in international and national scientific refereed journals.

Main publications/results:

1. Petružytė D., Gevorgianienė V., Charenkova, J., Seniutis, M., Žalimienė, L., Šumskienė, E., Gvaldaitė, L. (2021). Manifestations and Preconditions of Child Rights Protection Specialists' Aggression towards Clients. *Sustainability*, 13(20), 11276.
2. Šumskienė E., Charenkova J., Gvaldaitė L., Seniutis M., Gevorgianienė V., Petružytė D., Žalimienė L. (2021). Wor(l)ds struggle against wor(l)ds: public discourse around children's removal from families in Lithuania. *Family Relations* (submitted).
3. Žalimienė L., Charenkova J., Šumskienė E., Petružytė D., Seniutis M., Gevorgianienė V., Yamaguchi, M. Šiuolaikinės technologijos ir socialinio darbo profesijos bei studijų transformacija: Lietuvos ir Japonijos aukštųjų mokyklų dėstytojų įžvalgos. *STEPP: socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika*, 23 (2): 84-103.
4. Gevorgianienė V., Charenkova J., Gvaldaitė L., Petružytė D., Seniutis M., Šumskienė E., Žalimienė L. Vaiko paėmimo iš nesaugios šeimos aplinkos iššūkiai: vaiko teisių apsaugos darbuotojų patirtys. *Socialinis darbas: patirtis ir metodai*, 27(1):33-54.
5. Žalimienė L., Gevorgianienė V., Petružytė D., Seniutis M., Gvaldaitė L., Šumskienė E., Charenkova J. Navigating the Context of Uncertainty in Child Protection Practice. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. DOI: [10.1080/15548732.2021.1997874](https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2021.1997874)

6. Seniutis, M., Gvaldaitė, L., Žalimienė, L., Gevorgianienė, V., Charenkova, J., Šumskienė, E., Petružytė, D. *Profesionalaus vaiko teisių apsaugos darbuotoju veikimo prielaidų modelis ir rekomendacijos* (skirtos VTAĮT darbuotojams, įgyvendinantiems vaiko paėmimo iš nesaugios šeimos aplinkos funkciją).

Research Council of Lithuania. People and places: transformations of communities' welfare in the process of deinstitutionalization of care services contract No. P-GEV-20-4. Asoc. Prof. Egle Sumskiene, 2020-2021.

Main findings

A systematic analysis of the reform of care (deinstitutionalisation, DI) for people with disabilities (PWD) included a previously unexplored component of community well-being. DI has been examined as a reconstruction of the entire structure of the community's social fabric, changing the connections and relations between the main participants - the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, social care institutions, NGOs, municipalities, and communities. Paradoxically, the human rights element implied in DI did not cover the community's needs, their right to participate in decisions related to changes planned in their neighbourhood. Formal communication between officials and the communities was limited to the requirements of the law, which created preconditions for conflicts.

The media in the research was identified as a megaphone providing a platform to voice opinions of both: opponents of the reform and its implementers. Hostile community members did not associate terms 'freedom', 'choice' and 'autonomy' with the rights of PWD. Because members of the community that were less socially active and more positive towards PWD were silent, the whole community was often presented as lacking in social responsibility and solidarity. Such an image of communities distorts their social capital's actual level and structure.

The ecological map revealed interactions between PWD, other community members, and the service system. Although there is little difference between the physical places visited by people without and with mental and/or intellectual disabilities, their social spaces are not related. This, together with opposition from some community members, hampers the real social inclusion and participation of PWD. In order to transcend structural or symbolic boundaries between people with and without disabilities, it is important to have a timely exchange of information, resources and power within the community.

The main result of the research is a reconstructed concept of community welfare in the process of DI, which must be based on political and interpersonal trust. In turn, trust depends on outreach strategies, the accuracy of the information, its timeliness, and the personalisation of the relationship between officials and the communities affected. The moral sense of community and mutual trust emerged as extremely important, in addition to the other preconditions for the well-being of the community. It is also strongly influenced by the relationship between politicians and the community, reactions of the community to the reform imposed "from above", the possibility for the community to articulate the needs of not only PWD but also their own, and time for a personal relationship with PWD to emerge.

Main publications/results:

1. Genienė R., Šumskienė E., Gevorgianienė V., & Mataitytė-Diržienė J. (2021). The Deinstitutionalization of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities from the Perspective of Ecological Systems Theory. *Socialinė Teorija, Empirija, Politika Ir Praktika*, 22, 28-43. <https://doi.org/10.15388/STEPP.2021.27>
2. Gevorgianienė V., Šumskienė E., Mataitytė-Diržienė J. & Genienė R. (2021). People and places: social and physical aspects of life experienced by persons with disability after their relocation to community. *Special Education*. Vol 1, No 42, 7-59. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.21277/se.v1i42.586>

Research Council of Lithuania. Reactions to Juvenile Delinquency and their Consequences in Lithuania: from Scandalising in the Media to Professional Performance, No. S-MIP-20-15. Assoc. prof. G. Sakalauskas. 2020-2022.

Juvenile delinquency often provokes an inadequate and disproportional reaction in the media, especially connected with violence. Media systematically escalates and distorts the true picture of juvenile delinquency, its severity, and trends. Hence, it puts tremendous pressure on professional performance, encouraging distrust and offering self-righteous, perhaps less proper, measures. The impact of this scandalizing can be so significant (most recently Jurbarkas case) that it not only interferes with professional performance but can even lead to hasty political decisions, institutional transformations, or poorly prepared, ill-conceived legislative changes.

This scientific research focuses specifically on the analysis of reactions to juvenile delinquency – what are they, how they arise, what determines their content, how well they meet the needs of minors, how they influence the performance of professional systems, and what effects they have on society. The mixed research methods are employed for the research: analyses of media publications on specific cases of juvenile offences, the national survey of public attitudes, toward and grounded theory of reactions toward juvenile delinquency. The findings can be used to improve professional interventions dealing with juvenile delinquency.

Research Council of Lithuania. Development of the researcher's academic competences through the analysis of the social work professional field. No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0197. 2020 – 2022. Postdoctoral fellow Dr. I. Adomaitytė-Subačienė, research supervisor prof. A. Poviliūnas.

The project aims to analyze how various global changes can redistribute social capital in a new changing field of social work, what social agents influence this redistribution? Based on P. Bourdieu theory, an attempt would be made to structure the analysis of the social work field by identifying agents, capital, power relations, and different habitus that may lead to change in the field, taking into account the impact of technology and innovation on the social work field. A comparative analysis of different cultural contexts (USA, Japan and Lithuania) based on the habitus concept will be performed. Three different cultures, Eastern (Japan), Western (USA) and post-Soviet, were selected for the analysis in order to reveal the peculiarities of the field of social work under the influence of different cultural and socio-political factors. During the internship in Japan (2 weeks), it is planned to collect data on changes in the field of social work through expert interviews (about 7 interviews with academics, practitioners, NGOs, representatives of social work associations).

Research Council of Lithuania. “Preconditions, motives and process of (in)formal care choices: the perspective of informal carers”, grant agreement no. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0192, 2021-2023. Postdoctoral fellow dr. J. Charenkova, research supervisor prof. dr. L. Žalimienė.

The aim of the project is to improve the scientific competence of a post-doctoral fellow by conducting high-level qualitative international research on preconditions, motives and process of (in)formal care choices of informal carers and presenting the results of this research to the international academic community. When analysing the expectations of older people for care prospects, it is noticeable that the tradition of family care in Lithuania is very strong. However, the choice of adult children to take care of their older relatives by themselves or to use services of formal care is not an easy one: increased number of single-parent families and the territorial mobility of family members (for example, migration) weakens the abilities of the family members to care for their older relatives. Additionally, there is a lack of support system for

informal carers on governmental level. Thus, although informal care is the most desirable alternative for care by many older people, lack of support for informal carers, their sense of burden and public pressure to care for an older relative while avoiding residential care can have negative affect on well-being of the caregiver and the person they are caring for, the quality of informal care and also can influence care-related decisions. The aim of the project is to improve the scientific competence of a post-doctoral fellow by conducting high-level qualitative international research on preconditions, motives and process of (in)formal care choices of informal carers. The results of the research will reveal the influence of factors affecting (in)formal care choices not only on the individual level (for example, social support network, work-life balance, financial opportunities, subjective assessment of the social care system) but also cultural and social factors (for example, peculiarities of the organization of social care services and functioning of residential care system, public expectations about acceptable care standards for aging relatives). The main findings of the project will be presented to the communities of academicians and non-academics at the national and international levels.

International Research Projects

Horizon 2020, Twinning project. Developing a new Network of Researchers on Contemporary European Motherhood — MotherNet, No. 952366, VU Faculty of Philosophy coordinator Dr. E. Šumskienė. 2020-2023.

The proposed MotherNet network aims to support researchers from the Vilnius University Thinking Motherhood group – a group of 18 VU researchers, including 4 early-stage researchers – to develop their research networks, collaborate on high-quality interdisciplinary research projects and publish the results of their research in high-ranking peer-reviewed journals of international standing.

Research groups at two highly ranked European universities will work with VU researchers to enhance their research capacity and improve the visibility of their research. Assoc. prof. Eglė Šumskienė and assist. prof. Lina Šumskaitė are leaders of Work package 7 (Academic Dissemination and Public Communication). Assoc. prof. Violeta Gevorgianienė is the leader of work package 6 (Coordination and Enhancement of Research). Dr. Jūratė Charenkova is a project manager, responsible for managing project's administrative tasks, timely achievement of project deliverables and helping the project leader with the overall project coordination.

Erasmus+ KA2 project. Experiential Knowledge in Higher Education, No. 2021-1-NL01-KA220-HED-000035868. Main coordinator Stichting Hogeschool Utrecht, VU project leader Dr. Jolita Kašalynienė. 2021-2024.

This project will create a cooperation partnership between 12 higher education institutes in 10 different countries, and their local partners, sharing and developing approaches of personalised learning and inclusive education, with an emphasis on experiential knowledge.

The project intends to implement the following activities: Creating a structure for cooperation: digital and physical meetings, working groups, teaching and training, communication and knowledge resources. Using this structure for sharing and developing knowledge: working on different activities leading to the outcomes and outputs below, by having transnational meetings, organising multiplier events, learning, teaching and training events and working together on seven work packages.

Contractual Research

European Social Fund Agency. Evaluation of project proposals under the ESFA scheme Alternative Investment Detector. Dr. E. Šumskienė, Dr. J. Mataitytė-Diržienė, 2020-2021.

MAIN R&D&I (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION) PARTNERS

University of New England, School of Social Work (USA)

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OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Assoc. Prof. V. Gevorgianienė –

- editorial board member of the journal *STEPP Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika* (Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice), [Editorial Team | Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika \(vu.lt\)](#).
- The member of the Executive Committee of the Lithuanian association of schools of social work. Since 2019 December. Gal būtų nuoroda?
- Member of European Social Work Research Association, [ESWRA](#)

Assoc. Prof. L. Gvaldaitė –

- member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, [www.lkma.lt](#);
- member of Editorial boards members of scientific journal „Relational social work“ (<http://rsw.erickson.international/chi-siamo/>) Reiktų tikslinti nuorodą

Assoc. Prof. J. Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė –

- member of Lithuanian Sociological Association, <http://www.sociology.lt>;
- member of steering group of the The Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work, <http://www.sosnet.fi/Suomeksi/Hankkeet/NBSW>;
- editorial board member of the journal *STEPP Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika* (Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice), [Editorial Team | Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika \(vu.lt\)](#);
- professional partner of the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations (United Kingdom). <https://www.tavinstitute.org/our-people/professional-partners/>
- associate of the OEAZPA GmbH - Akademie & Consulting (Germany) https://oezpa.de/our_team/jolita-buzaityte-kasalyniene/
- president of Group Relations Society, [Grupių santykių draugija. Rekvizitai.lt \(vz.lt\)](#)

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- Member of Lithuanian Sociological Association, <http://www.sociology.lt>

Assoc. Prof. D. Petružytė –

- member of Lithuanian Social Sciences Forum, <http://www.socforumas.lt>;
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Assoc. Prof. E. Šumskienė

- member of the Global Young Academy, <https://globalyoungacademy.net/egle-sumskiene/>
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- editorial board member of the journal STEPP *Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika (Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice)*, [Editorial Team | Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika \(vu.lt\)](#);
- member of World Psychiatric Association Stigma Section, [WPA STIGMA SECTION - World Psychiatry Association - Stigma Section \(weebly.com\)](#);
- member of an informal NGO association “Mental Health 2030”;
- member of the Board of an informal NGO association “Child Rights Coalition”;
- member of the board of the Society for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities „Viltis“
- Member of the European Social Work Research Association Board on Prizes and Awards, [ESWRA](#);
- Member of the European Network of Independent Living, [ENIL – European Network on Independent Living | Meet the Team - ENIL - European Network on Independent Living](#)

Assoc. Prof. B. Švedaitė-Sakalauskė –

- member of the National Association of Supervisors, [www.supervizija.lt](#);
- editorial board member of the journal *Socialinis darbas: patirtis ir metodai (Social Work: Experience and Methods)*, <http://socialinisdarbas.vdu.lt/lt/socialinis-darbas-patirtis-ir-metodai>;
- editorial board member of the journal STEPP *Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika (Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice)*, [Editorial Team | Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika \(vu.lt\)](#);
- editorial board member of the journal *Sveikatos ir Socialinių mokslų taikomieji tyrimai: sandūra ir sąveika (Applied Research in Health and Social Sciences: Interface and Interaction); Gal būtų nuoroda?*

Prof. Dr. L. Žalimienė –

- editor in-Chief of the journal STEPP *Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika (Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice)*, [Editorial Team | Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika \(vu.lt\)](#);
- National Expert at the European Social Policy Network. European Commission DG Employment and Social Affairs, <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1135&langId=en>;
- editorial regional board member of the journal *Socialinis darbas. Patirtis ir metodai (Social Work.Experience and Methods)*, <http://sd.vdu.lt/index.php/redakcine-kolegija>;
- member of Lithuanian Sociological Association, <http://www.sociology.lt>;

Assist. prof. and postdoctoral fellow J. Charenkova –

- executive secretary of the journal STEPP: *Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika (STEPP: Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice)*, [Editorial Team | Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika \(vu.lt\)](#)

Assist. prof. and postdoctoral fellow I. Adomaitytė-Subačienė –

- Board member at Lithuanian Social Work Association, www.lsd.lt
- Member of international Project Management Association www.ipma.lt
- International Project Excellence Award Judge <https://awards.ipma.world/about/>

BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

V. Gevorgianienė. A road less travelled: participation of persons with disabilities in designing maps of their daily experiences. ICSW 2021: XV. International Conference on Social Work 16-17th of September, 2021, Zurich. <https://waset.org/social-work-conference>.

E. Šumskienė. The active role of people with disabilities during the process of deinstitutionalization of care services. Co-creating Citizen Science conference in Granada university. 2021 m. 6th of May.

V. Gevorgianienė. Searching for dignity in a context of pandemic. Mokslinėje konferencijoje Sarajevo universitete "DRUŠTVENA KRIZA I SOCIJALNI RAD" 2021 16th of March.

MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION CASES OF RESEARCHERS IN WORKING GROUPS OR COMMISSIONS SET UP BY STATE AUTHORITIES, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES

Jurga Mataitytė-Diržienė member of the Central Commission for the Attestation of Social Workers, Ministry of Social Security and Labour. <https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/841c7c507d0411e7827cd63159af616c/asr>

Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė, J. member of the Council of Youth Work, at the Department of Youth Affairs at Ministry of Social Security and Labour. <https://www.jrd.lt/informacija-dirbantiems-su-jaunimu/darbas-su-jaunimu/darbo-su-jaunimu-taryba>

[Žalimienė Laimutė, member of Lithuanian Social Work Council at the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, https://socmin.lrv.lt/lt/administracine-informacija/tarybos-ir-komisijos/lietuvos-socialinio-darbo-taryba](https://socmin.lrv.lt/lt/administracine-informacija/tarybos-ir-komisijos/lietuvos-socialinio-darbo-taryba)

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Report on social work during Covid-19 . https://www.lsda.lt/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SOCIALINIUS%CC%A8-DARBUOTOJU%CC%A8-TYRIMAS_final.pdf Lietuvos socialinių darbuotojų asociacija, VU. Adomaitytė Subačienė I, Gajdosikienė I.

Expertise and research services on the right to education of children with disabilities to the Department for the Affairs of Disabled under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour. V. Gevorgianienė, E. Šumskienė. 2021

Evaluation study of Youth Voluntary Service: impact on studies of former volunteers, Department of Youth Affairs at Ministry of Social Security and Labour. J. Buzaitytė Kašalynienė, J. Bogdževič

Evaluation study of the project "JUDAM" on NEET integration to education or labour market, Department of Youth Affairs at Ministry of Social Security and Labour. J. Buzaitytė Kašalynienė, J. Charenkova, E. Dunajevs, J. Bogdževič

Study: The role of non-governmental primary schools in the education system. Education NGO Network. J. Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė

Experiences of People with Disabilities and Their Families During the Pandemic. Eglė Šumskienė, Jurga Mataitytė – Diržienė, Violeta Gevorgianienė, Gintaras Šumskas. Commissioned by Monitoring Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2021.

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

E. Šumskienė. Podcast series on contemporary motherhood within the framework of the project MotherNet on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ9jbpVXAd6ipUEXGtgCTDw> and Spotify: anchor.fom/mothenet

Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė, J. Disembodied Lives: How the Pandemic changed us. Essay \ COVID-19, nara.lt, April 22nd, 2021 <https://nara.lt/lt/articles-lt/kaip-pandemija-mus-pakeite?fbclid=IwAR1cLgGGdQHFNnVV47rMZzquj-S2Smut-QHhZsqcPHbleF0s1PxyFv9xNOQ3>

Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė, J. Mobbing and mental health of medical professionals. Visitors' centre of the Parliament. Discussion with Parliament member Jurgita Sejonienė. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ERUV6l80yo>

Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė, J. Participated in the "Ten Grades" programme by National Radio (LRT), host. Jonė Kučinskaitė. Theme: How easy it is for university students and researchers to start researching uncomfortable topics? June 10th, 2021. <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000155521/desimt-balu-kiek-lengva-universitetu-studentams-bei-mokslininkams-imti-tyrineti-nepatogias-temas>

Žalimienė L. Participation to the Forum of Education “Life long Quality Education for All” , Ministry of Education, Research and Sport. <https://www.svietimonaujienos.lt/educacijos-forumas-kokybisko-svietimo-visiems-visa-gyvenima-unesco-vizija-artejame-prie-ar-tolstame-nuo-jos-2/>

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policy analysis of social inclusion

Social economy

Analysis of social policy, social security, pensions
Labour market and employment policy
Family Policy
Youth Policy
Gender equality
Equal Opportunities Policy
Housing Policy
Social Dialog
Demography, Ageing, Migration

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

Projects Supported by University Budget

Social policy challenges and opportunities for its improvement. Assoc.Prof. Daiva Skučienė. 2019-2023

Analysis of the experience of Lithuania and other countries in solving the fundamental problems of the social policy and welfare state: poverty and inequality, unemployment and social exclusion, population ageing, social insurance, social assistance, etc.

Main Publications/results:

1. Skučienė, Daiva; Markevičiūtė, Jurgita. Social risks and class in the Baltic States: insights for social investment strategy // Journal of developing societies. New Delhi : Sage Publications. ISSN 0169-796X. eISSN 1745-2546. 2021, vol. 37, iss. 1, p. 83-97. DOI: 10.1177/0169796X21999306.
2. Silva, S. M. d, Silva, A. M., Cortés-González, P., Braziene, R. (2021). Learning to Leave and to Return: Mobility, Place, and Sense of Belonging amongst Young People Growing up in Border and Rural Regions of Mainland Portugal. Sustainability, 13, 9432. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su13169432>
3. Lazutka, R. and Navickė, J. (2021) Country chapter Lithuania, In Spasova S., Ghailani D., Sabato S. and Vanhercke B. (2021) Social protection of non-standard workers and the self-employed during the pandemic. Country chapters: Belgium, France, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, Brussels, ETUI, 63-75.

National Research Projects

R. Lazutka (project team leader), B. Gruževskis (member): Research project “Model of the interaction of labour market and social assistance policies and development of methodologies for its implementation”. Financing: EU Structural funds under measure no. 01.2.2-LMT-K-718 “Targeted research in the field of smart specialization”.

International Research Projects

EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment. Tr@ck-IN: Public employment services tracking effectiveness to support rural NEETs, No. 2020-1-0011, main coordinator Iscte - Instituto Unversitario Lisboa, VU coordinator – prof. R. Braziene. 2021-2024.

Aim of the project is to deliver an evaluation model of the effectiveness of Public Employment Services (PES) tracking support types - digital, human-mediated or mixed - in improving employability among rural NEETs aged 25-29. Project goal is to broaden knowledge of the effects of employment initiatives targeting rural NEETs, by creating a cross-country model of

how policies influence PES tracking deliverance. Another goal is to enlarge the capacity of evaluating effects of employment initiatives for NEETs in rural areas, by validating impact assessment protocols for the most replicable programs of on-the-ground PES tracking support types, considering overall and specific groups of NEETs. A further target is to increase transnational use of impact studies among policymakers and researchers, by supporting their participation in developing/incorporating evidence-based impact methods for PES tracking evaluation.

COST action. Rural NEET Youth Network: Modelling the risks underlying rural NEETs social exclusion. CA18213. 2019-2023. Prof. R. Brazienė.

This Action encompasses the creation of a European-led multidisciplinary network from countries showing higher NEET youth rates in rural areas. Rural NEETs' Youth Network (RNYN) aims at developing a model of comprehension for rural NEETs' social exclusion risk and protective factors based on the bioecological model. It focuses on three specific goals: (1) upholding future research capability, with an emphasis on Early Career Investigators (ECI) and Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC); (2) creating a rural NEETs' online observatory; and (3) fostering knowledge use by policy makers and practitioners. The RNYN work plan will be produced by 3 working groups; it will contribute to define a coherent model for future research, based on an intensive survey of national and cross-national trends regarding rural NEETs' profile and support systems, as well as methodological and intervention best-practices in the field. RNYN added value stems from an eclectic theoretical, disciplinary, institutional and international approach and in upskilling ECI in ITC that are more affected by high rural NEET rates. In the long run, RNYN's scientific impact will lead to the creation of a rural NEETs' observatory, integrating ECI in a broad multidisciplinary community and strengthening the COST Inclusiveness Policy. Long-term socio-economic impact is expected to be translated into (in)ternational legislation to tackle rural NEETs' needs and promote sectoral innovations. RNYN is a timely proposal by creating networks/platforms to organize findings, connect critical mass dealing with rural NEETs and build up research capacity. It is also socially relevant, by aiming at informing policies and on-the-ground practices.

COST action. The Pan-European Family Support Research Network. A bottom-up, evidence-based and multidisciplinary approach. CA18123. 2018-2023. Assoc. prof. D. Skučienė.

The best interest of children is placed at the forefront of social policies, giving the governments the responsibility to provide parent and family support. The recent crisis has placed parenting at a more difficult situation, accompanied by the existence of complex family realities that need new responses which require innovative approaches. Although recognised as central to a number of political priorities, at a European level the institutions have not yet addressed family support wholistically.

The Action proposes the creation of a Pan-European family support network, under which family support and parenting policies are included, combining both common goals across countries and the recognition of the specificities of cultural and families' contexts.

The Action will build collaborative pathways between researchers, practitioners, policy-makers, children and families, public and private agencies, and general society to create the necessary framework that allows to inform family policies and practices with the underlying goal of ensuring children's rights and families' well-being. EuroFam-Net will: (1) Use a pluralistic and dialogic structure to co-create responses with all involved stakeholders in the field in close collaboration with the national policies; (2) Create an evidence-based framework that improves family support services, science and technology-driven policy and practice; (3) Use a multidisciplinary approach by gathering all the relevant scientific disciplines working in this

field; (4) Disseminate research and make use of advice mechanisms to the professional and political arena to innovate in family support services; (5) Avoid the duplication of services and promote inter-sectorial coordination, increasing the efficiency of available resources.

European Commission. EUROMOD - Microsimulation Tool for Modelling the Impact of Policy Measures. Dr. J. Navickė (principal researcher). From 2017 to present

The project aims to regularly update and maintain EUROMOD – a tax-benefit microsimulation tool for the 28 EU member states. As an output of the project in 2021 an annual report on Lithuania was prepared, the Lithuanian component of the model and data updated up to 2021.

Research Council of Lithuania. Flexibility in industrial relations and labor market inequality. S-LL-19-3, Prof. Romas Lazutka, 2018-2021.

The project contributes to the understanding of labour market in three respects: it provides a wide battery of tests to an important hypothesis concerning the origins of labour market inequality in a wide, comparative context across countries; application of several methodological innovations (concerning estimation techniques and identification strategies) as well as methodological diversity (econometrics, simulations and experiments); it will separate the role of the supply-side factors (on the side of the employers) from demand-side factors (the working time flexibility to combine personal and professional life).

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Assoc. Prof. R. Brazienė

- Member of Lithuanian Sociological Association, <http://www.sociology.lt>
- Member of SAAGE network (Scientific analysis and advice on gender equality in the EU)
- A full member of International Network on Leave Policies and Research: <http://www.leavenetwork.org/>
- Joined Cost action (CA18213) - Rural NEET Youth Network: Modeling the risks underlying rural NEETs social exclusion. <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18213/#tabs|Name:overview> (Lithuanian Representative)

Prof. B. Gruževskis –

- expert of Employment and Labour Market Policy for European Commission;
- foreign expert of the Polish Accreditation Commission (PKA).
- editorial board member of the journal *Socialinis darbas (Social Work)*, http://www.mruni.eu/lt/mokslo_darbai/sd/redaktoriu_kolegija;
- editorial board member of the journal *Human Resources Management (Zarządzanie Zasobami Ludzkimi)*, *Academy of Sciences of Poland*, <http://zzl.ipiss.com.pl;>
- member of the editorial board of the scientific journal *Issues of Business and Law / Verslo ir teisės aktualijos*, <http://www.ttvam.lt/lt/mokslines-veiklos/leidiniai/mokslo-darbai/verslo-ir-teises-aktualijos/redaktoriu-kolegija;>

- member of the editorial board of the scientific journal *Education of Economists and Managers* (Warsaw School of Economics (SGH), Warsaw, Poland), http://eeim.kwartalnik.com.pl/?page_id=864.
- member of Lithuanian Sociological Association, <http://www.sociology.lt>

Prof. R. Lazutka

- Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences <http://www.lma.lt/members-of-the-academy>;
- Board members of the ESPAnet Baltics (Baltics Association of The European Network for Social Policy Analysis) <http://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/1701-espanet-baltics-is-established-and-invites-new-members-to-join>;
- European Social Policy Network - Lithuanian expert, European Commission DG Employment and Social Affairs, <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1135&langId=en>;
- member of Lithuanian Sociological Association, <http://www.sociology.lt>;
- deputy editor-in-chief of the journal *STEPP Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika* (*Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice*) (Vilnius University), <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/socialine-teorija-empirija-politika-ir-praktika/redakcine-kolegija>;
- editorial board member of the journal *Ekonomika* (*Economics*), <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/ekonomika/>

Assoc. Prof. D. Skučienė

- editorial board member of the journal *STEPP Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika* (*Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice*),
- COST Action CA18123 OST Action CA18123, The European Family Support Network. A bottom-up, evidence-based and multidisciplinary approach From 2020
- COST Action CA18213 COST Action CA18213, Rural NEET Youth Network: Modeling the risks underlying rural NEETs social exclusion From 2020
- ECDN Scientific group member <http://ecdnet.eu/covid-19-and-debt-scientific-group/> From 2020

Assoc. Prof. E. Dunajevs

- Executive Secretary - the journal *STEPP Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika* (*Social Theory, Empirics, Policy and Practice*), <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/socialine-teorija-empirija-politika-ir-praktika/redakcine-kolegija>.

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- COST CA19103 - *LGBTI+ Social and Economic (in)equalities – the first country representative* <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA19103/#tabs|Name:parties>
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BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

D. Skučienė and G. Skubiejūtė Mothers' work-to-family strain in single mother families (2021). Motherhood and Work: An Interdisciplinary Conference. Maynooth University, Ireland.

Braziene, R., Skuciene, D., Vysniauskiene, S. Paid Parental Leave, Labour Market Participation and Gender Equality in Lithuania. Work-Family Balance in the XXI Century: Challenges, Opportunities and New Perspectives from Innovative Practices and Policies. IV ISA Forum of Sociology, Porto Alegre, Brazil (Virtual). February 23-28, 2021.

Sumskaitė, L., Gedvilaite-Kordusiene, M. Beyond the boundaries of the Nuclear Family: Childless Women's Relationships with Children of Others in Lithuania. 15th Conference of European Sociological Association: Sociological Knowledge for Alternative Future, Barcelona (Virtual), Spain, 31 August - 3 September.

Gruževskis B., Miežienė R. Migration and Labour Market Integration of Caucasus Nationals in Lithuania. International Conference "Immigrants from the Caucasus in Europe. Between a Vision of Freedom and Alienation", Warsaw, Poland, 2021-09-2/3.

Navickė, J. The role of gender and flexible working arrangements in formation of labour market inequalities in the EU. 27th annual Conference of the Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (03/07/2021).

MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION CASES OF RESEARCHERS IN WORKING GROUPS OR COMMISSIONS SET UP BY STATE AUTHORITIES, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES

Ministry of Justice of LR. The member of examination committee of Compulsory Mediation for families during divorce process. D. Skučienė.

Ministry of Social Security and Labour of LR. Member of Researchers Network on Equal Opportunities. L. Šumskaitė.

Romas Lazutka participated as an expert in the Round Table discussion on the New Generation Lithuania Plan, and provided an expert assessment of the draft integrated plan. Invitation - Minister of Finance Gintarė Skaistė. Distance discussion 2021 April 23.

Gruževskis B. & Navickė J. are members of the Working Group on the Implementation of the Social Rights Pillar; Ministry of Social Security and Labour.

Gruževskis B. Member of the working group for the preparation of the National Progress Program, Office of the Prime Minister.

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Gruževskis B. Priorities for improving employment policy. Ministry of Social Security and Labour.

Gruževskis B. Improving unemployment social insurance. Ministry of Social Security and Labour.

Gruževskis B. Improving the statistical system of the Employment Service. Lithuanian Employment Service.

Establishing the System of Monitoring, Analysing, Forecasting and Decision Making in Sphere of Social Protection Policy (2018-2021). Lithuanian Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. 10.1.1-ESFA-V-912-01-0019. Role: expert.

Strengthening the design of the tax, social security contributions and social benefits system in Lithuania to reduce inequality and poverty and stimulate economic growth. DG REFORM/OECD FRAMEWORK GRANT AGREEMENT (project 20LT01 REFORM/im2020/004). Lithuanian Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. 10.1.1-ESFA-V-912-01-0019. Role: expert.

Romas Lazutka. The evaluation of the Social Support System for the professional organization “Solidarity” was presented on 10.10.2021.

Jekaterina Navicke & Romas Lazutka are the experts for the European social policy network (ESPN, Contract n° VC/2018/0463). European Commission DG Employment and Social Affairs. Commissioned by the European Commission.

Jekaterina Navicke & Romas Lazutka. National policies for the extension of social protection to non-standard employees and self-employed during the Covid-19 pandemic. European Social Observatory (OSE) on behalf of the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI). National expert for a case study.

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Skučienė, Daiva. Lithuania after year of Covid-19 pandemic // Money matters: ECDN. 2021, no.18, p. 21-22.

Romas Lazutka. Presentation: The problem of inequality. Association of International Youth Debate Alumni <https://jaunimodebatai.eu/>. Jugend debattiert international Alumniverein Litauen. Erasmus + project Debate Your Issue (DYI) workshop 2021 March 27.

Romas Lazutka. Presentation: Old-age and incapacity pensions. National Network of Poverty Reduction Organizations, March 24. 2 p.m.

Gruževskis B. Meeting of youth coordinators and youth mentors network. The report was about the subjective well-being of young people.

Navickė, J., Čižauskaitė, A., Gabnytė, V. (2021). SKURDO IR NELYGYBĖS PROGNOZĖS 2021 m. TRUMPRAŠTIS 2021-09-22 [Nowcasts of poverty and inequality 2021. Policy brief 2021-09-22]. LR Socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerija. URL: https://socmin.lrv.lt/uploads/socmin/documents/files/pdf/Trumprastis_Skurdas_nelygybe_2021.pdf

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education policy

Globalization and localization in education

Education management in Lithuania

Higher education

Culture of education

Studies of Lithuanian educational heritage

Dialogue between cultures in education

Problems of personal identity

Philosophy of education

Research of curriculum development

Childhood education and didactics

STEAM

Gender differences in education and science

RESEARCH AREAS AND MAIN RESULTS

Education and training culture for sustainable development Lead prof. L. Duoblienė

This research agenda focuses on the national education and training culture in the context of sustainable development, specialising in:

- a) Theoretical and practical studies of the philosophy, anthropology and history of education and training in the light of intercultural dialogue, identity formation, and school cultures;
- b) Problems of Eurocentric and global approaches to general education in local contexts.

1. Baranova, J.; Duoblienė, L. *Multimodal education: philosophy and practice*. Washington: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2021. 334 p. (Cultural heritage and contemporary change. Series IVA, Eastern and Central European philosophical studies; vol. 58). ISBN 9781565183490
2. Duoblienė, Lilija. *Machining the bird // Machinic assemblages of desire: Deleuze and artistic research 3 / edited by Paulo de Assis and Paolo Giudici*. Leuven: Leuven University Press. 2021, p. 155-162.
3. Kairė S. (2021). *Max van Manen's Phenomenology of Practice: Relation with Education Sciences and Philosophy* [Maxo van Maneno praktikos fenomenologijos santykis su edukologija ir filosofija] // *Problemos*, 99, 118-130. <https://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/problemos/article/view/23919>
4. Duoblienė, Lilija. *The class as a creation machine teaching for, with and within transversality // Journal of philosophy of education*. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons Ltd. ISSN 0309-8249. eISSN 1467-9752. 2021, vol. 55, iss. 2, p. 323-333. DOI: 10.1111/1467-9752.12479.

Development of global and local education policy. Lead: Prof. R. Želvys

This research agenda focuses on the development and compatibility of global and national education policies, specializing in:

- a) Shifts in education policy and education development in Lithuania;
- b) Transformations of higher education institutions;
- c) Comparative analysis of international studies in education.
 1. Leišytė, L., Rose, A.-L., Želvys, R., Peksen, S. *The Role of Universities in the Knowledge-Based Society in Lithuania*. In: Aarrevaara, T., Finkeslstein, M., Jones, G. A., Jung, J. (eds.) *Universities in the Knowledge Society*. Dordrecht: Springer (2021). ISBN 987-3-030-76579-8.
 2. Želvys, R., Leišytė, L., Peksen, S., Bružienė, R., Rose, A.-L. *From Collegiality to Managerialism in Lithuanian Higher Education // Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia – ISSN 1392-5016*. T. 46 (2021), 18-33 p. 27-42.
 3. Navickienė, V., Dagienė, V., Jasutė, E., Butkienė, R., Gudonienė, D. *Pandemic-induced qualitative changes in the process of university studies from the perspective of university authorities // Sustainability*. Basel: MDPI. 2021, vol. 13, iss. 17, art. no. 9887, p. 1-16. ISSN: 2071-1050 ; DOI: 10.3390/su13179887
 4. Želvys, R., Kusainov, A., Yessenova, K., Sembayeva, A. (2021). *Educational Development in a Period of Transition: The Case of Kazakhstan // Central Asian Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities – ISSN 2522-1043*, Vol. 3, p. 3-9.

Changes in educational curricula and teacher training. Lead: Assoc. Prof. R. Makarskaitė-Petkevičienė

This research agenda focuses on changes in education curricula and methods and their incorporation into teacher training. Focal research themes include:

- a) Aspects of creating and implementing education curricula;
- b) Theoretical and practical challenges of integrating educational curricula;
- c) Possibilities of applying teaching innovations, especially within STEAM education;
- d) Issues in early childhood education;
- e) Challenges and their solutions in teacher training.
 1. Nedzinskaitė-Mačiūnienė, R., Juškevičienė, A., Daunienė, E. *On the way to collective professionalism: a systematic review on the effect of lesson study on teachers'*

professional development // Sodobna pedagogika = Journal of contemporary educational studies. Ljubljana. ISSN 0038-0474. 2021, vol. 72, no. 3, p. 196-213.

2. Dagiėnė, V., Jasutė, E., Dolgopolovas, V. *Professional Development of In-Service Teachers: Use of Eye Tracking for Language Classes, Case Study // Sustainability* 2021, 13(22), 12504; <https://doi.org/10.3390/su132212504>.
3. Gorghiu, G., Costin, P., Manea, Iuliana, V. M.; Lamanauskas, V., Makarskaitė Petkevičienė, R. *The usefulness of online learning during the Covid19 pandemic as perceived by engineering education students: a multidimensional model // Journal of Baltic science education*. Šiauliai : Scientia Socialis Ltd. ISSN 1648-3898. eISSN 2538-7138. 2021, vol. 20, no. 5, p. 716-728. DOI: 10.33225/jbse/21.20.716.
4. Lamanauskas, V., Makarskaitė-Petkevičienė, R. *Distance Lectures in University Studies: Advantages, Disadvantages, Improvement // Contemporary educational technology*. London: Bastas Publications LTD. eISSN 1309-517X. 2021, vol. 13, iss. 3, art. no. ep309, p. [1-16]. DOI: 10.30935/cedtech/10887.

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2021

National Research Projects: Researcher Groups projects

Futuristic scenarios of Lithuanian general schools. 2020–2022. (Research Council of Lithuania, S-MIP-20-58). Research leader: prof. dr. Lilija Duoblienė, researchers: dr. S. Kairė, doct. J. Garbauskaitė – Jakimovska, doct. J. Vaitekaitis, dr. S. Kontrimienė.

This project pay attention to the future of Lithuanian school as a foundation of creating and development of the state. The main aim to research the changes of the school of general education not by diagnosing the past, but by projecting the future. This research is aiming to grasp the potentially and/or virtually projected insights for the future – conscious or subconscious – by raising the following questions: where the Lithuanian school of general education will turn, to which extent it will follow the existing trajectories of other countries, and to which extent it will choose a distinctive way that depends on the sociocultural context of Lithuania. In this research the analysis of the educational strategies of EU, other international and national documentation will be conducted. The analysis will be connected to the futuristic discussions and insights in the public discourse. In this project is planning to investigate and map the logic puzzles of the possible scenarios. Also, the insights that are liberated from the logic sequences of the members of educational community and experts.

Main results:

1. Duoblienė, L., Vaitekaitis, J. *Posthumanist approach to human/child-centered education // Journal of futures studies*. Taipei: Tamkang University. ISSN 1027-6084. 2021, first published online, p. [1-10]. <https://jfsdigital.org/posthumanist-approach-to-human-child-centred-education/>
2. Duoblienė, L. Garbauskaitė-Jakimovska, J. *Anthropocene in Education and Education in Anthropocene: public and academic discourses about the Future [Antropocenas švietime ir švietimas Antropocene: viešasis ir akademinis diskursai apie ateitį] // Filosofija. Sociologija*. 2022, 33(1).
3. Duoblienė, L., Kairė, S., Vaitekaitis, J. *The Anthropocene in Educational Discourse: moving from academic insights towards official documentation*. In press *Journal of Environmental Education*.

Effectiveness and Efficiency Analysis of Education Systems in EU Countries Employing Secondary Big Data. Research Council of Lithuania. 2018–2021. Research leader Prof. Dr.

A. Jakaitienė. Partner from the Institute of Educational Sciences VU – Prof. R. Želvys, doct. J. Vaitekaitis.

The aim of the project is to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of EU countries' education systems. An integrated secondary analysis of the data of international studies of educational achievements (PISA, TIMSS, PIRLS, 2003–2018) and macro-data of the EU countries is being planned. For a more thorough analysis of Lithuanian education merging the databases of the assessment of achievements in lower secondary education (PUPP) with the state maturity examination (VBE) is to be done.

Main results:

1. Jakaitienė, A., Želvys, R., Vaitekaitis, J., Dukynaitė, R., Raižienė, S. *Centralised Mathematics Assessments of Lithuanian Secondary School Students: Population Analysis // Informatics in Education* – ISSN 2335-8971. T. 20, Nr. 3 (2021), p. 439-462.
2. Želvys, R., Raižienė, S., Vaitekaitis, J., Dukynaitė, R., Jakaitienė, A. *Centralised Lithuanian Language and Literature Assessments of Secondary School Students: Population Analysis // Pedagogika* – ISSN 1392-0340. T. 141 (2021), 125-145 p.
3. Želvys, R., Raižienė, S., Vaitekaitis, J., Dukynaitė, R., Jakaitienė, A. *Comparison of Centralised Lithuanian Language and Literature Assessments of Students in Secondary Schools // Proceedings of EDULEARN 2021 Conference* – ISBN: 978-84-09-31267-2 – Palma de Mallorca (2021), p. 3957-3963.

Presentations in conferences:

1. Želvys, R. (with R. Dukynaite and A. Jakaitiene). 14th International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ICERI). Seville (Spain). Presentation “*School Location and Educational Quality: Findings from International Large-Scale Student Achievement Studies and National School Leaving Examinations*”. November, 8-9, 2021.
2. Želvys, R. (with A. Jakaitiene). 1st Education Policy and Innovation Conference (EPIC). Geneva (Switzerland). Presentation “*The Predictive Value of Centralized Student Assessment – The Case of Lithuania*”. October, 21, 2021.
3. Želvys, R. (with A. Jakaitiene). European Conference on Educational Research (ECER). Geneva (Switzerland). Presentation “*Measuring the Effectiveness of Secondary Education: Can External Examinations in Lithuania be Considered as Valid Indicators of Student’s Progress?*” September, 6-10, 2021.
4. Želvys R. (with D. Stumbriene, J. Žilinskas, R. Dukynaite, A. Jakaitiene). 31st European Conference on Operational Research. Athens (Greece). Presentation “*Efficiency and Effectiveness from the Perspective of Inclusion and Fairness: Analysis of the EU Education Systems*”, July, 11-14. 2021.
5. Želvys R. (with D. Stumbriene, R. Dukynaite, A. Jakaitiene). World Education Research Association (WERA) Focal Meeting. Santiago de Compostela (Spain). Presentation “*Efficiency and Effectiveness Analysis in the Context of Educational Equity and Fairness for EU Countries*”, July, 7-9, 2021.
6. Želvys, R. (with S. Raižiene, J. Vaitekaitis, R. Dukynaite, A. Jakaitiene). 13th Annual International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies (EDULEARN). Palma de Maljorka (Ispanija). Presentation “*Comparison of Centralised Lithuanian Language and Literature Assessments of Students in Secondary Schools*”. July, 5-6, 2021.
7. Želvys, R. (with J. Vaitekaitis, R. Dukynaite, A. Jakaitiene). 4th International Conference on Education Research and Policy (ICERP). Shanghai, China. Presentation “*Performance Indicators and Educational Effectiveness: The Case of Lithuania*”. May, 21-24, 2021.

8. Elvys, R., (with A. Jakaitiene, R. Dukynaite). 65th Annual Conference of Comparative and International Education Society (CIES). Sietle, JAV. Presentation “*Differences of Student Achievement in Urban and Rural Schools: Analysis of Maturity Examinations in Lithuania*”, April 25-May 2, 2021.
9. Želvys, R. (with A. Jakaitiene, R. Dukynaite, J. Vaitekaičiu, L. Lipkevičiene ir V. Brazdeikiu). 15th Annual International Technology, Education and Development Conference (INTED). Valensia (Spain). Presentation “*Monitoring the Effectiveness of Secondary Education: Comparing the Results of Matura Examinations and 10th Grade National Assessment Examinations in Lithuania*”. March, 8-9, 2021.

Raising of the "New Man" in Soviet schools: the case of Lithuania. 2019–2022. (Research Council of Lithuania. S-LIP-19-68). Research leader: Assoc. prof. dr. Irena Stonkuvienė. Researchers: Prof. dr. Iveta Kestere, dr. Akvilė Naudžiūnienė, doct. Ingrida Ivanavičė.

The aim of the project is to research a process of raising a "New Man" in the Lithuanian schools during the late Soviet period. It seeks with the assistance of interdisciplinary approach (combining history, anthropology, educational sciences etc.) to present the notion of "New man" and its genesis both in theoretical and comparative contexts. The analysis of textbooks, education programs, plans and methodical documents, pedagogical press and other historical sources will be implemented, and then in the scope of this project we will analyse how formation of the "New Soviet Man" was influenced by the ideological clichés and educational ideals of that time, which are reflected in the organisational process of educational system, in the educational content, its principles and methods. While analysing transformation of Soviet school we aim to determine, if educational elements, which have formed Soviet Man, were transferred to educational practices of post-Soviet schools in Lithuania.

Main results (publications and conferences):

1. Kestere, I., Fernández González, M.J. (2021). *Educating the New Soviet Man: Propagated Image and Hidden Resistance in Soviet Latvia // Historia scholastica*, 7(1), 11-32. DOI 10.15240/tul/006/2021-1-001
2. Naudžiūnienė, A. (2021). „Naujasis žmogus“ iki pareikalavimo: mokinyš vėlyvojo sovietmečio (1964–1988 m.) Lietuvos mokyklose. [“The New Man” On-Demand: A Student in Lithuanian Schools of the Late Soviet Years (1964–1988)] // *Lietuvos istorijos studijos*, 47, 99–117. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15388/LIS.2021.47.5>

Conferences:

1. Stonkuvienė, I. “Happy Soviet Childhood“ as an Ideological Construct: the Case of Lithuanian SSR. *Children and childhood in the history of culture: modern interdisciplinary research in memory of Vitaly Bezrogov (1959-2019)*, December, 03-04, 2021, Moscow, [online].
2. Stonkuvienė, I. Žmogus kaip draugas ir pilietis: sovietinio humanizmo kontekstai, [Man as Friend and Citizen: Contexts of Soviet Humanism]. The 5th LERA scientific conference *MOKSLINIS PILIETIŠKUMAS NEAPIBRĖŽTAME PASAULYJE*, October, 8-9, 2021, Vilnius.
3. Stonkuvienė, I. *Military Education in a Soviet Lithuanian school. ECS 2020*, September, 11-13, 2021, Wrocław, Poland [online].
4. Stonkuvienė, I. Social Justice and Equality in a Soviet School: Slogans and Reality. *ISCHE42*, June, 14-15, 2021, Örebro, Sweden, [online].

Informatics for integrated STEM education. (Vilnius University 2019–2021, MSF-LMT-7). Coordinator prof. Valentina Dagienė. Researcher: dr. Vladimiras Dolgopolovas, dr. A. Juškevičienė.

The project aims to implement the STEM education reform by integrating modern digital technologies in the development of STEM and transforming the STEM subject model into an integrated STEM (iSTEM) model. This approach to the development of STEM education is based on the following assumptions: the importance of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research and science-based educational activities; pragmatist attitude to schooling and the relevance of project and problem teaching methods; the continuing digitalization of the social and scientific space and the use of effective methods of informatics education in STEM. The research philosophy of the project is based on the consistent implementation of the transformation of the STEM educational model through the subject of computer science (computer science) as the core of such transformation - from integrating informatics into the “classic” STEM teaching model with a focus on using digital technologies to the integrated STEM informatics as informatics integrated into the practical activities of students in the iSTEM learning space.

Main results:

1. Juškevičienė, A., Dagienė, V., & Dolgopolovas, V. (2021). *Integrated activities in STEM environment: methodology and implementation practice // Computer applications in engineering education*, vol. 29 (no. 1), 209- 228. doi:10.1002/cae.22324

National Research Projects: Postdoctoral Fellowship Projects

"Like the ocean we rise": learner-education relation in the epoch of Anthropocene. Research Council of Lithuania, 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0162). 2020 – 2022. Postdoctoral fellow Dr. S. Kairė, research supervisor assoc. prof. I. Stonkuvienė.

The main task of postdoctoral research is to reveal the relation of young people who participate in youth activism movements to education and identify essential changes in educational processes of the children of the Anthropocene. The research fellow will accomplish comparative qualitative research (cases of Lithuania, Germany and Austria) that aims to combine the posthuman and the ethnographic research methods. The fellowship research project is intended to develop inquiries into educational sciences by focusing on the most relevant, albeit underexplored themes in educational sciences not only in Lithuania, but also internationally, namely, the Anthropocene and youth activism on climate change. The empirical research focuses on educational practice, i.e. on teaching and learning, thus the project will contribute to broadening the understanding of educational practitioners of the change of education in the Anthropocene epoch and especially of the change in a learner’s identity. The results will contribute to rethinking relevant topics that are widely discussed in Lithuanian context: what changes are needed in educational practice and renewable curriculum, how should we consider a learner and his/her learning process.

Main results (publications and conferences):

1. Kairė S. *Education in the Anthropocene: from theorists towards young climate activists [Ugdymas antropoceno epochoje: nuo teoretikų iki jaunų klimato kaitos aktyvistų] // Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*. Accepted.
2. Kairė S. IAIE International conference *Intercultural Education in an Age of Information and Disinformation*, Tel Aviv (online). Presentation “Youth activism and education in the epoch of Anthropocene: formation of ecohumanism or learning to survive?”. 27-30, June, 2021.
3. Kairė S. International EERA conference *Education and Society: expectations, prescriptions, reconciliations* Geneva (online). Presentation "Like the Ocean we Rise": learner-education-non-human Relation in the Anthropocene. 6-10, September 2021.

P. Freire and Z. Bauman: Education as (de)humanisation. (Research Council of Lithuania, 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0227). 2020 – 2022. Postdoctoral fellow Dr. J. Tuleikytė, research supervisor prof. L. Duoblienė.

The postdoctoral research aims at comparing Freire's and Bauman's social philosophies of education, humanisation and dehumanisation and checking the hypothesis that Bauman's "humanisation through metaphors" is the critical pedagogy of liquid modernity. The postdoctorate fellow's research focuses on the role of education in terms of humanisation and/or dehumanisation in Paulo Freire and Zygmunt Bauman's social conceptions. Both authors analyse social relations from the perspective of critical theory, construct different modes of critical pedagogy and display them as alternatives for the situation of social reality they diagnose. The research aims at comparing Freire and Bauman's critique of social relations (banking model of education (Freire) to adiphorisation (Bauman)) and their methods of critical pedagogy ("conscientização" (Freire) to "humanisation through metaphors" (Bauman)), as well as at verifying the hypothesis that the contemporaneity and philosophical implications of Bauman's "humanisation through metaphors" allow it to be implemented in education as a method of Freire's „conscientização“, overcoming the latter one's modern drawbacks in the face of postmodern perspective of social reality.

Integrated Informatics education: Attitudes and Digital Competences of Primary School Teachers (Research Council of Lithuania, 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0083). Postdoctoral fellow Dr. G. Stuputienė, research supervisor prof. V. Dagienė.

The aim of the postdoctoral project is to increase the scientific competencies of postdoctoral fellowships by analyzing and identifying the factors that influence primary school teachers' attitudes and intentions to include the subject of Informatics in primary education, to identify relationship with teachers' digital competences.

The main task is to carry out qualitative and quantitative surveys of primary school teachers' attitudes towards the integration of Informatics. In 2021, scientific literature analysis was performed. Questionnaires of qualitative and quantitative research instruments were designed and their content validity was performed by experts.

Contractual Research

„Integrated science education in Lithuania: achievements and future perspectives“. Research Council of Lithuania. S-REP-21-3, 2021-2022. Research leader: dr. Aušra Kynienė. Researchers: assoc. prof. Rita Makarskaitė - Petkevičienė, assoc. prof. Asta Meškauskienė, dr. Jurga Turčinavičienė, dr. Grita Skujienė, doct. Vytautas Kavaliauskas

A major overhaul of the education system is under way, including the upgrading of the pre-school, primary and general education environment and content, adapting it to students with different educational needs, integrating sustainable development, creativity, entrepreneurship and STEAM competencies. During the project it is planned to single out the best models of integrated science education, the impact of STEAM / STEM activities on the quality of education, to find out the need to improve competencies relevant to teachers and to recommend adjusting the qualification programs, trainings and seminars offered to them. These project goals will be pursued in a consistent way with teachers, students, school leaders and parents through tests and questionnaires, comparing educational attainment in different types of schools, different types of settings and the gender of the learners.

Main results:

The results of the research were presented to the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports, Lithuania. November 9, 2021.

Improving Mathematical Reasoning at School. Research Council of Lithuania. S-DNR-20-7, 2021-2022. Research leader: prof. Rimas Norvaiša. Researchers: assoc. prof. Jonas Dagys, assoc. prof. Vaiva Grabauskienė, prof. Alfredas Račkauskas, PhD student Oksana Mockaitytė-Rasteniene, PhD student Ieva Kiliene, PhD student Vytautas Miežys; lecturer Antanas Augaitis, assoc. prof. Bronė Narkevičienė.

In this project, we aim for grounding the urgency of improving mathematical reasoning at school, to define necessary conditions for it and to develop the tools in accordance to these findings. The project includes concrete updating, readjusting and supplementing the descriptive list of mathematical concepts used at school. Also, it contains deepening school mathematics' contents in fields of creating problem solving tasks and boosting intellectual motivation. Moreover, here, the methods for proper preparing of teachers and improving their qualification are being set. For these objectives, we apply the results of most up to date school mathematics research and the research are being further developed. This project aims to justify the need to develop mathematical reasoning in schools, to provide the necessary conditions for doing so, and to develop appropriate tools. Specifically, it updates, clarifies and complements the description of the basic concepts of school mathematics, deepens the content of school mathematics in the areas of the development of text-based tasks and the promotion of intellectual motivation, and develops appropriate tools for the professional development and training of mathematics teachers. To this end, the latest research findings in school mathematics are being applied and further developed.

Main results. Preparation of methodological material: developing mathematical reasoning at school. Methodological material; guidance for developers of the mathematics module; explanatory guide to school mathematics concepts.

Computink II: Reviewing Computational Thinking in Compulsory Education: State of Play and Practices from the Field. Researchers from Vilnius University: prof. Dr. V. Dagienė (leader), dr. E. Jasutė, dr. G. Stupurienė. Contract funded by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, conducted together with partners: CNR-ITD (Italy) and European Schoolnet (EUN). Tender reference Ares(2021)2442977 of the 09.04.2021. <https://computink2study.eu/>; <https://www.itd.cnr.it/en/research/projects/computink-ii.html> A Publication detailed research report developed and accepted by JRC. The report will be published in February 2022.

Analysis of competence acquisition in non-formal education programs in Lithuania. Garbauskaitė-Jakimovska, J. (2021). Research funded by the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania. <https://www.jrd.lt/informacija-dirbantiems-su-jaunimu/informacija-apie-jaunima/tyrimai/kompeteciju%20ugdymas.pdf>

Impact of European Solidarity Corps Solidarity projects for young people. Kairė S. (2021) (with S. Zaidova). Research funded by the National Agency of Youth Cooperation, Lithuania. Publication: <https://www.jtba.lt/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Solidarumo-projektai-ka-ir-kaip-jie-keicia.pdf>

International Research Projects

Dialogue and Argumentation for Cultural Literacy Learning in Schools (DIALLS) <http://dialls2020.eu/>. (EU Research and Innovation program HORIZON 2020 project. Project no. 770045), 2018–2021. National project coordinator: Prof. Dr. I. Zaleskiene, Institute of Educational Sciences, Vilnius University.

The aims of the DIALLS project were to teach children in schools from a young age to engage together in discussions where they may have differing viewpoints or perspectives, to enable a

growing awareness of their own cultural identities, and to be sensitive not only to their own identities and cultures but also to empathise with those of others. The DIALLS project has focused on teaching children the dialogue and argumentation skills needed to engage together using tolerant, empathetic and inclusive behaviours. In Spring 2021, the project launched open-access resources for teachers and researchers in 12 languages. The open-access resources DIALLS developed for teachers and researchers include:

- A [Teacher Resource Bank](#), including the [Cultural Literacy Learning Programme](#) (CLLP) which uses specially licensed short, wordless films as stimuli for discussions about cultural themes related to living together, social responsibility and belonging.
- A vast, open-access [multilingual corpus](#) of more than 100 discussions in pre-primary, primary and secondary classrooms recorded during CLLP lessons.

Main results:

1. Duoblienė, L. Zaleskienė, I., Kairė, S. (2021). *Social responsibility through the lens of agenda for cultural literacy learning: analyses of national education policy documentation // Dialogue for intercultural understanding: placing cultural literacy at the heart of learning / editors: Fiona Maine, Maria Vrikki. Cham: Springer, 2021. ISBN 9783030717773. eISBN 9783030717780. p. 27-45. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-71778-0.*
2. Maine, B. Brummernhenrich, M. Chatzianastasi, V. Juškienė, T. Lähdesmäki, J. Luna, J. Peck. *Children's exploration of the concepts of home and belonging: Capturing views from five European countries // International Journal of Educational Research, Vol. 110, 2021, 101876, ISSN 0883-0355, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijer.2021.101876>.*
3. Lähdesmäki, T., Baranova, J., Ylönen, S. C., Koistinen, A.-K., Mäkinen, K., Juškienė, V., & Zaleskienė, I. (2022). *Learning Cultural Literacy through Creative Practices in Schools: Cultural and Multimodal Approaches to Meaning-Making*. Palgrave Macmillan. Palgrave Pivot. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-89236-4>

MOST Meaningful Open Schooling Connects Schools To Communities. (Horizon 2020 (871155 MOST)) /2020–2023. Coordinator – Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg. VU institutional coordinator – Assoc. Prof. Eglė Jasutė.

MOST supports European school students and citizens in developing science knowledge, transversal skills and competences in working scientifically. MOST enables and encourages its target groups to pursue scientific careers and long-term, will raise the numbers of scientists in Europe. To achieve this, our Consortium of 23 partners from 10 European countries (higher education institutions, schools, non-formal education providers, ministries, municipalities and enterprises) proposes a powerful Open Schooling idea. The project opens up formal science education and establishes partnerships between schools and their communities (families, science education providers, citizens, businesses, etc.) to work jointly on environmental school-community-projects (SCPs). These participatory projects directly respond to the needs and values of those involved, benefit the communities as a whole and make schools agents of community well-being. MOST's learning impact is boosted through an educational research-based approach that raises interest in science, scientific literacy and environmental responsibility.

Main results:

Prepared Instructions for schools on how to organise SCP, Collecting and preparing learning/teaching materials of SCPs, visiting schools, consulting and evaluate SCPs.

iHub4Schools. Accelerating Digital Innovation in Schools through Regional Innovation Hubs and a Whole-School Mentoring Model Start. Horizon2020-DT-

TRANSFORMATIONS-21-2020. 2021 – 2023. Coordinator - Tallinn University. VU institutional coordinator – prof. Valentina Dagienė, Vilnius University.

The overall objectives of the project are: 1) To establish Regional Innovation Hubs as sites of moderating and multiplying school-to-school mentoring structures (dyads or triads) to scale up the digital innovation on local, regional, and national level and across the countries. 2) To establish co-creation teams and national stakeholder networks to enhance the collaboration between the universities, schools, industry partners and policy stakeholders to address the challenge of bringing rapidly developing technologies to schools. 3) To build a knowledge base of evidence-informed pedagogy-grounded technology-enhanced learning (TEL) strategies and whole-school peer-learning methodologies. 4) To develop a locally, methodologically and technologically adaptable whole-school mentoring model that embraces both inter- and intra-school levels, and that integrates continuous monitoring methodology including novel evaluation approaches and the Learning Analytics Toolbox. 5) To co-create an incentive scheme as part of the model for schools and teachers to support them in acting as mentors and mentees 6) To integrate the results of the project into an elaborated policy recommendations package that includes a handbook and a toolkit on how to establish regional innovation hubs and implement school-to-school, whole-school mentoring model in other countries with different educational policy, socio-cultural and digital maturity contexts.

Nordplus Horizontal programme (NPHZ-2018/10063)

Culturally Diverse Approaches to Learning Mathematics and Computational Thinking (CDMathCT). (Nordplus Horizontal programme (NPHZ-2018/10063). 2018–2021. Coordinator – Vilnius University. Leader: prof. Valentina Dagienė.

The purpose of the project is to build a body of knowledge and enhance e-learning tool, which allows promoting innovative, interactive and inclusive learning of Mathematics and Computational Thinking through the systematic exchange of experience between Nordic-Baltic Partners countries with different cultural background. The project is enhancing and expanding teacher and researcher networks with a direct influence on improving learning of Maths and CT at schools. At the end of the project culturally connected and relevant approaches and resources for learning mathematics and computational thinking skills will be provided. These approaches should be easy to adapt and utilise in schools. A repository of concrete methods, examples and materials for teaching the topics will be provided via a global Internet resource.

Scaffolding Computational Thinking – Enhancing Nordic Teacher Education. Nordplus Horizontal programme, NPHZ-2019/10157, 2019–2021. Coordinator – Vilnius University. Leader - prof. Valentina Dagienė.

The project enriches the higher education curricula and training of preservice teachers in the NordicBaltic region focussing on digitalisation and Computational Thinking (CT) in order to promote development of XXI century competences. Leveraging pedagogical content knowledge and technological pedagogical content knowledge the project provides important support for developing preservice teachers' CT knowledge (focussing on mathematics and STEM).

NordPlus Assessing CT in Nordic Maker Education. Nordplus Horizontal programme (NPHZ-2020/10096), 2020-2022. Coordinator – Oulu University, Finland. VU institutional coordinator – prof. Valentina Dagienė, Vilnius University.

This two-year project is a starting point of long term interdisciplinary and intercultural collaboration towards developing Nordic approach to integrate computational thinking (CT) in K-12 education. In this project, our aim is to build common understanding about CT among the collaborators and widen our thinking about how to include future technologies (e.g., AI, autonomous transportation, cyber security) into CT through perspectives from different fields,

such as educational sciences and computer science. The project involves schools and universities as participating institutions. Through this project we are enhancing professional development of teachers who are interested in applying CT and maker education into their classrooms, and building networks among participating institutions. As outcome of the project we develop a versatile assessment tool which can be used in various cases beyond different conditions (e.g., curriculum, activity, pupils' grade level and interests). In this way we tackle the challenges of current effort to integrate CT into school curriculum.

STEMkey - Teaching standard STEM topics with a key competence approach. Erasmus+ KA2 (KA203-214856C6-EN_200420), 2020-2023. Coordinator – Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg. VU coordinator – Dr. Agnė Juškevičienė.

Our objective is to transform (future) STEM teachers' grasp of teaching standard topics. To achieve that we will rethink and reshape the delivery of fundamental STEM subject knowledge in the context of key competence development. Future teachers need to be encouraged to refrain from teaching with the sole purpose to transfer knowledge about a single STEM subject, isolated from other STEM subjects. This simply does not live up to today's and tomorrow's challenges anymore. They need to understand the relation between knowledge, skills and attitudes, how they affect each other and how they have an effect on their students' learning experience and personal life. They also need to see that STEM subjects are relevant to our lives and our societies and that they are linked to each other. To achieve this objective we will develop teaching modules to be used in HE programmes for future STEM teachers, covering all STEM disciplines and exemplarily dealing with topics from each discipline (e. g. light representing physics education, algorithms representing informatics or the periodic system representing chemistry). Each module applies various tested and proven innovative educational approaches, such as digital learning or real-life contextualisation. As STEMkey places a strong focus on establishing and nourishing a strong strategic partnership, network options will play an important role and we plan to link to existing initiatives on national and European level and thus embed our results within existing relevant "knowledge pools" (e. g. digital online repositories) and Europe's STEM education landscape. The STEMkey Partnership Platform serves as main operation base for our project and the partnership. It serves many purposes: external promotion, internal and external communication, dissemination and multiplying results to a wide user group.

Main results (conferences):

1. V. Dagienė, E. Jasutė, A. Juškevičienė (Vilnius university). *Algorithms and Data*. PBE 2021. STEMkey Workshop, Czech. Website: [Project-Based Education and Other Activating Strategies in Science Education – an international conference 4th – 5th November 2021 \(cuni.cz\)](#)
2. V. Dagienė, E. Jasutė, A. Juškevičienė (Vilnius university). *Algorithms and Data*. Conference "Market of Chemistry Teachers Ideas", 2021-10-01/02. Czech Republic.

Development of STEAM education. Erasmus+KA2 project No. 2020-1-LT01-KA201-077935, 2020 – 2023. Coordinator - National Agency for Education, Lithuania. VU institutional coordinator – dr. Gabrielė Stupurienė.

The objective of the Development of STEAM education project is to lead European schools in the improvement of existing STEAM approaches, to guide them fostering the young Europeans' interest, skills, and career in maths, science, engineering, and technology as well as arts, and to provide the schools with the necessary toolbox to engage their students, teachers and other members of the community in STEAM-related activities by developing an appropriate STEAM school strategy. Providing adequate guidance and underpinning innovative activities to be developed at the national level, the Project will expand a network of STEAM schools involving

not only teachers, administrators, but also other stakeholders, e.g., STEAM/research/ non-formal education centres.

TrainDL Teacher training for Data Literacy & Computer Science competences. Erasmus+KA3 project No. 626145-EPP-1-2020-2-DE-EPPKA3-PI-POLICY, 2020 – 2023. Coordinator - Gesellschaft für Informatik. VU institutional coordinator – prof. Valentina Dagienė.

Teacher training for Data Literacy & Computer Science competences shall conduct activities in Austria, Germany, and Lithuania, focusing on the transferability of digital education competences. The consortium aims to specifically identify how data literacy and competences on artificial intelligence (AI) can become structurally implemented into the training of teachers, both in the course of their university education and for in-service teachers in STEAM in order to reduce the digital gap. Big Data processes and AI have already changed the economic, social, and political environment for people of all backgrounds. Holistic digital education therefore needs to be accessible to all European citizens. This can most effectively be achieved through the respective educational systems. Therefore, pre-service and in-service teachers and policy makers shall have the opportunity to co-create best practices on how these future skills can be anchored in the national systems and in European strategies. It shall be tested how modules and formats of data literacy, computer science (CS) and AI education can be adapted for teacher training so that differences in availability of computer science education can be balanced across European countries. The main target groups involved are pre-service and in-service teachers as well as policy makers in education (national and sub-national ministries, agencies, curriculum-setting bodies). Through a participatory approach rooted in systems thinking and action research, the hypothesis, the measures, and their transferability shall be tested and evaluated in three project cycles. This collaborative process shall produce a continuous exchange and a metric to evaluate the status quo of data literacy in computer science education, leading to a European teacher education monitor. Based on these findings, curriculum recommendations and a policy framework for data literacy and AI shall be introduced to the appropriate European stakeholders.

3C4Life. Erasmus+KA3 project No. 626 139-EPP-1-2020-2-DE-EPPKA3-PI-POLICY, 2020 – 2024. Coordinator - Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Germany. VU institutional coordinator – Albertas Lakštauskas.

3C4life tests an all-digital STEM teacher environment with an occupational advancement concept with four innovative elements: 1. A sequential process of triggers gradually and sustainably ensuring the involvement of STEM teachers in occupational advancement: low threshold attraction, supported activation, shared advancement. 2. Unfolding of the enormous variety of vertical and horizontal career perspectives. 3. Needs-driven competence development through co-shaping processes. 4. Professional advancement through communities of practice. Through this complementarity, teachers can tailor their career to their very own needs and pinpoint update their teaching. Thus, they become motivated agents rather than dulled consumers in a lifelong continuum of learning and teaching. 3C4Life will develop an online platform for future STEM student teachers, young teaching professionals as well as experienced in-service STEM teachers to increase the attractiveness of the STEM teaching profession in the partner countries (and abroad).

Fostering STEM Education in Schools. Erasmus+ KA3 (612855-EPP-1-2019-1-TR-EPPKA3-PI-FORWARD) EDUSIMSTEM - 2019-2022 Coordinator – Ministry of National Education General Directorate of Innovation and Educational Technologies, Turkey. VU coordinator – dr. Anita Juškevičienė.

This project is mainly aimed at teachers and students in K-12 schools to gain STEAM methodology through teacher trainings, online platform, curriculum, learning scenario studies, policy making documents etc.

Main publications/results: STEAM learning scenarios development and review. VU developed four COVID based scenarios. (project EDUSIMSTEM)

ARMDOCT – Reforming doctoral education in Armenia in line with needs of academia, industry and EU practices. Erasmus+CBHE project No. 609850-EPP-1-2019-1-AM-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP), 2020-2023. Coordinator – Eurasia International University (EIU), Armenia. VU institutional coordinator – assoc. prof. T. Bulajeva.

The overall objective of the project is overcoming of the developmental lag of Armenia in organization of Doctoral Education (DE), the transition from a two-level DE system to a one-level system of awarding scientific degrees, leading to reforming Doctoral Education (DE) in Armenia in line with the Salzburg principles. It implies the revision and elaboration of new national policy, legal framework and institutional procedures supporting integrative and internationally-oriented doctoral studies.

Main results:

1. *National Policy for Development of Doctoral Education in Armenia (NPD)*, approved based on the Decree of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia, N 44-L, 16.11.2021.
2. T. Bulajeva. Presentation “*Internationalization of Doctoral Education in Lithuania*” at the hybrid workshop “Developing the National Policies and Regulations of Doctoral Education” (3-5 March, 2021). More than 60 representatives from Project consortium (including policy makers, researchers, administrators and PhD students), as well as guest speakers have taken part in the workshop.
3. T. Bulajeva. *Quality Assurance and Monitoring Report (2nd)* June, 2021. Vilnius University is responsible for ARMDOCT project quality assurance.

TeaEdu4CT - Future Teachers Education: Computational Thinking and STEAM. Erasmus+ KA2 project No. 2019-1-LT01-KA203-060767, 2019-2022. Coordinator – Vilnius University, leader - prof. Valentina Dagienė.

Objectives of the project: 1) to improve pedagogical skills and competencies of future teachers, that are related to the teaching and training of various aspects of CT; 2) to develop a deeper understanding of future teachers in CT. The methodology is based on an approach to develop and test a set of subject/educational environment specific educational modules with a possibility of integration into future teacher curricula. The motivation is based on the ongoing European reform of approaches to STEM education and, therefore, the needs and importance of the educational aspects related to CT. The project focuses on curriculum development activities for the education and training of future teachers. Target group – future teachers involved in STEM education and in particular those who concerned with CT aspects and appropriate curriculum development. Another target group – future teachers of preschool institutions (kindergartens), primary schools, lower and upper secondary schools of various subjects including foreign languages, art and humanities. The project results in a set of modules developed for training future teachers on various aspects of CT as related to STEM project-based education. The developed modules are self-sufficient, which allows them to be included in study programs, and form a part of the coherent CT curriculum for STEM and related subjects.

Main results (conferences):

1. Presentation at CTE-STEM 2021: *Fifth APSCE International Conference on Computational Thinking and STEM Education*, June 2-4, 2021 (<https://cte-stem2021.nie.edu.sg/>) in Singapore.
2. Presentation and workshop at ESERA (*European Science Education and Research Association*) 2021, an online conference organized by the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal (30 August - 3 September, 2021) <https://www.esera.org/33-conference/830-esera-conference-2021-praga-portugal>

Euro-Asian Collaboration for Enhancing Stem Education/EASTEM. Erasmus+CBHE, No. 598915-EPP-1-2018-1-SE-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP, 2018–2022. Coordinator – Uppsala University. VU coordinator – prof. dr. Valentina Dagienė.

EASTEM aims to bridge the gap between industry and universities, facilitating employability of graduates through student centered competence development. Based on key issues identified by our needs analysis, EASTEM addresses three key issues in student centered competence development: Staff development for lecturers; Establishing STEM Education centers; Facilitating industry engagement and competence integration into educational programs

Innovative Teacher Education through Personalised Learning. ERASMUS+KA203, No. 2018-1-LT01-KA203-046979, 2018–2021. Coordinator - Šiauliai University. VU institutional coordinator: dr. V. Venslovaitė.

The aim of the project is to develop, implement, test and transfer innovative practices of personalized learning within teacher education system(s). This aim will be achieved through the development and implementation of the conceptual framework of personalized learning, which will bring innovative changes to teacher education curriculum, methods, tools and assessment practices.

Main results:

1. Alisauskiene, S., Kaminskiene, L., Milteniene, L., Meliene, R., Rutkiene, A., Kazlauskiene, A., Siriakoviene, A., Kontrimiene, S., Venslovaite, V., O'Mahony, C., Lee, L., Guðjónsdóttir, H., Kristinsdóttir, J. V. and Wozniczka, A. K. (2021) *'Innovative teacher education through personalised learning: designing teaching and learning scenarios'*, INTED2021 Proceedings - 15th International Technology, Education and Development Conference, Online, Valencia, Spain, 8-9 March, pp. 5809-5818. doi: 10.21125/inted.2021.1173
2. Final conference at Vilnius university. *Implementation of innovative teacher education through personalised learning*, 17 09 2021 Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania.

STEM-CT. Erasmus+KA2, No. 2019-1-BE02-KA201-060222, 2019-2022. Coordinator - The University College of Vives, Belgium. VU coordinator – dr. G. Stupurienė.

The aim of the project is to strengthen teaching and learning computational thinking skills from pre-primary to lower secondary (3 years-14 years old) by integrating the learning of these skills within 'real life' STEAM contexts. The integrated approach of STEAM will help to make computational thinking more concrete and connected to the real-world and therefore more understandable for children. The focus will be on the process of problem-solving instead of the use of (expensive) technological tools and materials. Teachers will be supported to teach 'computational thinking' with easily applicable and accessible materials and tools.

Main results:

1. Dagienė, V., Jevsikova, T., Stupurienė, G., & Juškevičienė, A. (2021). *Teaching computational thinking in primary schools: Worldwide trends and teachers' attitudes //*

Computer Science and Information Systems, (00), 33-33.
<http://www.doiserbia.nb.rs/Article.aspx?id=1820-02142100033D#.YdRWiGjP1PY>.

Accepted article (not yet included in the regular issue) with some of the data collected during the project.

Fostering Accessible Study Technologies (FAST): Accessible Learning Management System in Humanities and Social Sciences. Erasmus+KA2 project No. 2018-1-MK01-KA203-047104, 2018-2021. Coordinator - The University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje. VU institutional coordinator – doct. Justina Garbauskaitė–Jakimovska.

This project will result in obtaining a contemporary, functional e learning and distance learning system that conforms to the highest educational standards; a system that will improve accessibility and teacher-student communication, and facilitate the providing of services to all students including students with disabilities. They will become more competitive in the labor market ensuring them a complete social and educational inclusion. In a long term, this learning system will provide open access to all lecturers, lectures and teaching materials, places to exchange ideas with other students and enjoy good educational practices.

Main results:

1. a multiplier seminar (Vilnius University), targeting teachers and educators on special needs in education, preparation and tools to address them.
<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/4257-besimokanciuju-patekusiui-negalios-situacija-igalinimas-ugdymo-procese>

Youth Volunteer Educators e-learning Program for young migrants and refugees (e-VELP). Erasmus+KA2 project No. 2019-3-DE04-KA205-018805, 2020-2022. Coordinator - Teachsurfing, Germany, VU institutional coordinator - dr. Sandra Kairė (until 09 2021), doct. J. Garbauskaitė–Jakimovska (since 10 2021).

e-VELP will enable young migrants/refugees to create and offer free workshops where they share their knowledge and culture with local communities. The project will develop the e-learning platform and supplementary offline activities that both aim to guide VEs and VE-Trainers in their progressive journey. e-VELP is beyond a classic e-learning platform. Its aim is not only to teach migrant/refugee youth new skills but also to create and expand a live and active community of migrant/refugee youth passionate to share knowledge (Volunteer Educators) and youth workers passionate to support them (Volunteer Educator Trainers). Project concorcium: Teachsurfing (Germany), CESIE (Italy), GEYC (Romania), SIC (Cyprus), Vilnius university (Lithuania).

Main results:

1. E-learning platform and asynchronous online course for young migrants and refugees: Volunteer Educator Course (accredited by Institute of Educational Sciences, Vilnius university). E-learning platform and online course available:
<https://evelp.teachsurfing.org/>

Empower Girls to Embrace Their Digital and Entrepreneurial Potential. EC project No. LC-01380173, 2020–2022. Coordinator – University of Education Freiburg, Germany, VU institutional coordinator – assoc. prof. Asta Meškauskienė.

The project aims to reveal the potential of girls' digital literacy and entrepreneurial potential in STEM activities. As one of the project activities, the school „Smart City 2020“ was organized at the faculty on August 3-6. The school's program aim was to motivate girls to pursue a career in STEM subjects and to encourage active participation in European research, innovation, entrepreneurship and digital literacy. Throughout the week, 30 girls aged 12-14 participated in various STEAM activities, discussing the careers of entrepreneurs and researchers.

Main results:

1. Stupurienė G., Juškevičienė A., Jevsikova T., Dagienė V., Meškauskienė A. *Girls' summer school for physical computing: methodology and acceptance issues // Informatics in schools. Rethinking computing education: international conference on informatics in schools: situation, evolution, and perspectives, ISSEP 2021 / Barendsen E., Chytas C. (eds). Cham: Springer, 2021. ISBN 9783030902278. eISBN 9783030902285. p. 95-108. (Lecture Notes in Computer Science, ISSN 0302-9743, eISSN 1611-3349; vol. 13057). DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-90228-5_8.*
2. Stupurienė, G. *Girls' Summer School for Physical Computing: Methodology and Acceptance Issues // 14th International Conference on Informatics in Schools: Situation, Evolution, and Perspectives, ISSEP 2021, Virtual Event, November 3–5, 2021.* <https://issep2021.science.ru.nl/>

A Practical Toolkit for integrating eLearning in Higher Education Curricula (Onlinehe). Erasmus+ KA2 Project, Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices, KA226 - Partnerships for Digital Education Readiness. Ref. no.: 2020-1-RO01-KA226-HE-095434, 2021-2023. Promoter /Coordinator: University of Pitești, Romania. VU coordinator - A. Lakštauskas.

The project aims to build the capacity of Higher Education teaching staff, academics, and learning designers in integrating eLearning into their educational programmes. Through specific deliverables and actions, it will raise awareness on the need and value of adopting quality eLearning, promoting a cooperation among all stakeholders involved in Higher Education, including policy makers. During the project implementation period the following will be produced: 1. The Toolkit for integrating eLearning in Higher Education in order to support Higher Education institutions and instructors to adopt a strategy when designing, developing, and implementing effective eLearning courses; 2. Training courses that enable Higher Education staff to understand all basic elements needed to be able to effectively design, develop and implement innovative and interactive eLearning courses to university students and adults, 3. eLearning platform and MOOC that include hands-on online activities to empower academics to integrate eLearning in their teaching practices; and 4. Policy and practice guidelines for Higher Education institutions that promote, improve the integration of online teaching and learning in Higher Education. The project covers the following target groups: higher education faculty and instructors, policymakers and university leadership teams, learning designers, educational technologists, and support staff, higher education students (indirect target group).

Main results:

1. Toolkit for integrating eLearning in Higher Education

Women's Legacy: Our Cultural Heritage for Equity. Erasmus+ KA2 project. Ref. No. 2020-1-ES01-KA201-083060, 2021 – 2023. Promoter/Coordinator: Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport (Conselleria d'Educació, Cultura i Esport, in Valencian) of the Generalitat Valenciana, Spain. VU institutional coordinator - dr. D. Lepaitė, researcher dr. V. Venslovaitė.

The project aims to respond to a common European need: to recover women's cultural contributions and include them in their rightful place in educational materials in order to recognize its role as the protagonists of culture and history and to restore their social value and the cultural heritage that has been hidden. The project will make a decisive contribution to the inclusion of women protagonists in history and culture and their legacy in educational content. The five intellectual products made by the project team will be published in digital, accessible

and free format, in order to facilitate and encourage the transmission in the classrooms of a complete and truly universal culture, with the aim of recovering the European cultural heritage and to help eradicate gender inequalities from the grass-roots.

Associated entities from Spain, Scotland, Lithuania and Italy will develop:

- a) A resource bank. With activities, indications and information about women and their works and contributions, classified by Secondary Education subjects and levels and adapted to the content defined in the legislation.
- b) Three catalogues of works and fragments of female authorship works: musical, literary and artistic.
- c) A continuous training course on "The women missing in STEM", aimed at future teachers of the master's degree in secondary education (ESO) and secondary school teachers, as well as training advisory staff.

JANUS: e-Pedagogy and Virtual Reality Based Robotic Blended Education (JANUS) (No: 2020-1-PL01-KA226-HE-095371). VU institutional coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Agnė Juškevičienė.

The proposed project aims at setting up the foundations related to the application of Virtual Reality (VR), in Blended Learning settings, with particular focus on the field of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. The project-related activities can be broadly classified into the following categories: (1) e-Pedagogy: Development of an educational framework to support the design of the VR learning activities and a user manual to guide the practices that educators will follow when conducting the educational activities. In addition, prior to the conduct of the intervention, a series of workshops will be delivered to prospect teachers so as to equip them with the necessary skills and traits on how to utilise the custom-made prototype efficiently and effectively. (2) Virtual-Learning Platform: Aligned to the principles of well-established educational theories and instructional design techniques, a prototype VR platform will be developed.

Main results:

Theoretical and Conceptional Framework about E-pedagogy and Blended and Virtual Reality Learning.

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

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- editorial board member of the journal *Higher Technical Education* (Belarus) <https://enjournalhte.belstu.by/about-the-journal/editorial-board.html>;
- editorial board member of the journal *Bulletin of the Kazakh State Women's Teacher Training University* (Kazakhstan) [Редакционный совет \(kazmkpu.kz\)](http://www.kazmkpu.kz/);
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- Board member of Lithuanian Educational Research Association (LERA), chair of Educational Philosophy and Policy committee, <http://www.lera.lt/>;
- Member of International Network of Philosophy of Education (INPE), <http://www.internationalnetworkofphilosophersofeducation.org/>;
- Deputy editor-in-Chief of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*, <https://www.journals.vu.lt/acta-paedagogica-vilnensia/about/editorialTeam>
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- Editor-in-chief of the journal *Olympiads in Informatics* (Scopus, etc.); <https://ioinformatics.org/page/ioi-journal/1>
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- Editorial board member of the journals *International Journal of Digital Literacy and Digital Competence*; *International Journal of Instruction*; *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*;
- Coordinator of the Nordplus Network on Innovative Computing Engineering Education Research;
- Representative of Lithuania in Education Committee TC3 under the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP);

- Member of Joint Doctoral Committee of Education (Vytautas Magnus University; Vilnius University; Klaipėda University; Riomeris University), 2015–2020;
- Lilija Duoblienė & Valentina Dagiene (co-chairs). 11th International Doctoral School on Education Research. <https://www.facebook.com/11th-International-Doctoral-School-on-Education-Research-110174461508213>

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- member of Lithuanian Educational Research Association (LERA) [LETA | Lietuvos edukacinių tyrimų asociacija \(lera.lt\)](http://www.leta.lt)

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- member of the scientific methodological centre *Scientia educologica* of the Lithuanian Scientific Society, [Scientia Educologica – Mokslinis metodinis centras \(puslapiai.lt\)](http://www.puslapiai.lt/scientia-educologica/);
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- member of ISCHE (International Standing Conference for the History of Education), <http://www.ische.org>;
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- board member of the Baltic Association of Educational Historians: <https://www.ppmf.lu.lv/par-mums/sadarbiba/>
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- editorial board member of the *Società di Politica, Educazione e Storia* http://www.spes.cloud/riviste/rivista2021_2.pdf;
- member of the scientific council in the *Family Upbringing/ Wychowanie w* <http://www.uni.wroc.pl/en/scientific-council/>;
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- Reviewer in scientific journal „Informatics in Education“ (CA WoS);
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- member of research network „Planetary wellbeing and human learning group“ (Institute for Interdisciplinary Research into the Anthropocene, Australia)

- executive secretary of scientific journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia* <https://www.journals.vu.lt/acta-paedagogica-vilnensia/about/editorialTeam>
- member of the Research Ethics Committee (Faculty of Philosophy, VU)

Dr. Gabrielė Stupurienė

- Member of program committee at 14th International Conference on Informatics in Schools: Situation, Evolution, and Perspectives: <https://issep2021.science.ru.nl/committee/>
- Member of Organizing Committee of Challenge on Informatics and Computational Thinking - BEBRAS: <https://bebras.lt/1s/apie-bebra/organizacinis-komitetas/>

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- member of Youth workers association in Lithuania, [LiJDA – Lietuvos jaunimo darbuotoju asociacija](http://LiJDA-Lietuvos-jaunimo-darbuotoju-asociacija);

BEST REPORTS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES ABROAD

Dagienė, V. Keynote speaker. “*Bebras: Computational Thinking Challenge for All*” <https://stem.psu.ac.th/keynote-speakers/>. SEA-STEM (Southeast Asia-Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) International Conference, Thailand, 24 November 2021.

Želvys, R. (with D. Stumbriene, R. Dukynaitė, A. Jakaitiene). Presentation *Efficiency and Effectiveness Analysis in the Context of Educational Equity and Fairness for EU Countries*. World Education Research Association (WERA) Focal Meeting. Santiago de Compostela (Spain). 7-9 July, 2021 m.

Stonkuvienė, I. *Social Justice and Equality in a Soviet School: Slogans and Reality*. ISCHE42, 14-15 06 2021, Örebro, Sweden [online].

Vaitekaitis J. Jakaitienė, A., Žilinskas, J., Stumbrienė, D. *How Does a Future EU Citizen Look Like? Regional Differences in Global Competence of Students: Evidence From PISA 2018*. The 9th European Conference on Education (ECE2021). London, England, July, 15-18, 2021.

Kairė S. (2021). *Like the Ocean we Rise”: learner-education-non-human Relation in the Anthropocene*. International European Educational Research Association (EERA) conference “*Education and Society: expectations, prescriptions, reconciliations*”. Presentation. Geneva (online), 6-10, September 2021.

MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FOR R&D ACTIVITIES

Assoc. prof. Eglė Jasutė, prof. Valentina Dagienė, prof. Vilija Targamadžė, assoc. prof. Asta Meškauskienė, researcher Vaidotas Kinčius received Vilnius university award for the valuable international project implementation.

MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPATION CASES OF RESEARCHERS IN WORKING GROUPS OR COMMISSIONS SET UP BY STATE AUTHORITIES, STATE AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS, ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS ENTITIES

- Assoc. Prof. I. Stonkuvienė - member of Lithuania Education Council at the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania, 2019-2023. <https://www.lrvalstybe.lt/kontaktai/lietuvos-svietimotaryba>
- Assoc. Prof. I. Stonkuvienė - member of Ministry of Social Security and Labour Equal Opportunities researchers network.
- Prof. L. Duoblienė – expert of National education NGO network.
- Prof. L. Duoblienė - expert for research grant applications in Israel Science Foundation.
- Assoc. Prof. A. Meškauskienė - member of the Motivation Assessment Commission for Education Studies, LAMA BPO.
- Assoc. Prof. A. Meškauskienė – the chair of expert group of Center for quality assessment in higher education.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. R. Makarskaitė – Petkevičienė - member of Election Committee for Teacher of the Year, Ministry of Education and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. R. Makarskaitė – Petkevičienė. Nacionalinio mokinių Steam mokslų konkurso “Mūsų eksperimentas”, kurį inicijuoja ŠMSM, organizuoja Lietuvos mokinių neformalaus švietimo centras, ekspertų komisijos narė
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. R. Makarskaitė – Petkevičienė. Nacionalinio konkurso „Lietuvos gamtininkas“ (1-4 kl. mokiniams) vertinimo komisijos pirmininkė. Konkursą organizuoja Lietuvos mokinių neformalaus švietimo centras, praveda VU Vaikystės pedagogikos studijų programos studentai
- Assoc. Prof. A. Žemgulienė - member of the Motivation Assessment Commission for Education Studies, LAMA BPO.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. E. Jasutė was the member of the working group of the development of the criteria for digital learning tools for schools. <https://www.nsa.smm.lt/2020/10/21/sprendimas-del-priemoniu-ir-paslaugu-isigijimo-savivaldybiu-ir-mokyklu-vadovu-kompetencijai/>
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. E. Jasutė. Member of Digital Learning Tool Criteria Development Groups in order to implement the project “Development and Implementation of Digital Education Content” (No. 09.2.1-ESFA-V-726-03-0001) “Development of Open Digital Learning Resources or adaptation ”
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. E. Jasutė. Member of the group for the preparation of Informatics curricula project for grades 1-10, School 2030. <https://www.mokykla2030.lt/informatikos-ugdymas/>
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. V. Schoroškienė was the member of the Motivation Assessment Commission for Education Studies, LAMA BPO.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. V. Schoroškienė - Projekto „Skaitmeninio ugdymo turinio kūrimas ir diegimas“ 1.1.1 veiklos „Bendrujų ugdymo programų ir jas lydincios medžiagos rengimas“ veiklos metodininkė 0,25 et. (NŠA; 2020-2021).
- Assist. Prof. Dr. Daiva Lepaitė – the chair of Educational Sciences studies description preparation group of Center for quality assessment in higher education.
- Assist. Prof. Dr. S. Kairė – member of non-formal education trainers pool in the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania.

- Lect. J. Garbauskaitė – Jakimovska – member of Youth workers certification commission, Youth Affairs Department, Ministry of Social Security and Labour.
- Lect. J. Vaitekaitis – expert of Diversity Development Group (DDG).

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Licensing agreement with MB company Robotikos laboratorija [Laboratory of Robotics] on Mathematic didactics with Lego (creation of original Lego Kit for mathematic teaching MATEMA <http://simpo.lt/lt/pradinukams/56-matema-1-4-klasei.html>). Consultants: Assoc. Prof. Vaiva Grabauskienė, Oksana Mockaitytė-Rastienienė.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. V. Schoroškienė. Concept of reading place „Knygų startas“. Service agreement with Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania.

Assoc. Prof. Rita Makarskaitė-Petkevičienė. Presentations in public consultations „Atnaujinamų gamtamokslinio ugdymo bendrųjų programų integralus įgyvendinimas“, project „Bendrojo ugdymo turinio ir organizavimo modelių sukūrimas ir išbandymas bendrajame ugdyme“. No. 09.2.1-ESFA-V-726-04-0001, National Agency for Education Lithuania, June, 10-11, 2021.

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Stokuvienė, I. Juškevičienė, A., Šabanovas, S. *Kaip siekti švietimo kokybės, kai visi ją supranta skirtingai?* [How to reach quality of education when everyone understand it differently?] Media portal 15min, November, 10, 2021. <https://www.15min.lt/naujiena/aktualu/svietimas/kaip-siekti-svietimo-kokybes-kai-visi-ja-supranta-sirtingai-233-1595168>

6th National Forum of Educational Leadership “Kokią vertę kuria mokykla?” [What value the school creates?]. Želvys, R., Kairė, S. discussion „*Kaip suprantame mokyklos paskirtį ir jos kuriamą vertę*“ [How we do understand purpose and value of the school?]. <https://www.svietimonaujienos.lt/kokia-verte-kuria-mokykla/>

Stonkuvienė. Talk in the podcast: *O čia pažymiui šitas?* [Is it for a grade?] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLZSgjS4m5g>

Garbauskaitė-Jakimovska, J. Festival of Youth Policy (2021, Klaipėda). Presentation “Kaip naviguoja ugdytojas neformaliojo ugdymo lauke: https://chooseklaipeda.eu/lt/2021/07/02/jauni25-programa/?fbclid=IwAR0qN9Zlvm0NODy69AMNUd54oi4LqkfXP1jTCWBX5R4O_Xelf2ryeTLbfEo

Vaitekaitis, J. Magazine “Savaitė”, 2021, No. 52. Article „Tvarumas – daugiau nei atliekų rūšiavimas“ [Sustainability - more than a recycling].

Kairė S. Lithuanian National Radio and Television radio programme „Vienkartinė planeta“ [Onetime Planet] talks in two broadcasts „Mokymasis gamtoje ir iš gamtos“, <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000148666/vienkartine-planeta-mokymasis-gamtoje-ir-is-gamtos>, “Jauni klimato aktyvistai ir mokykla” <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000130611/vienkartine-planeta-jauni-klimato-aktyvistai-ir-mokykla>.