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110 teachers (87 holding research degree), 71 doctoral students.

## ***DEPARTMENTS OF THE FACULTY***

Department of General Psychology,

Department of Educology,

Department of Philosophy,

Department of Logic and History of Philosophy,

Department of Clinical and Organizational Psychology,

Department of Social Work,

Department of Sociology.

## ***RESEARCH AREAS***

Nature, Role and Historical Genesis of Contemporary Philosophy

Psychological Factors of Society, Community and Personality Development

Educational Policy in Lithuania: Coherency Issues within National and Global

Sociological Analysis of Social Structure and Change

Social Work and Development of Social Welfare

***DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS MAINTAINED IN 2013***

**A. Matulaitė.** "Your Body Just Goes Bananas": Embodied Experience of Pregnancy

**L.Kotova.** The Privatization of Social Work Services

**V. Ivaškaitė-Tamošiūnė.** Income Redistribution in Emerging Welfare Capitalism in Lithuania

**V. Mikuličiūtė.** Factors of Military Teams Performance Efficacy

**A. Tonkūnaitė-Thiemann.** Profiles of Social Inequality in Eastern and Central European Countries

**A. Jurgaitytė-Avižinienė.** The Theory of Young Adults' Experience of the Finality of Life: Striving to Live More Valuably

**I. Bankauskienė.** Prevention of Psychoactive Substance Use and its Development Assumptions for Secondary School in Lithuania

**R. Voronovič.** Education of Pupils' Cognitive Skills Through Application of Virtual and Real Experiments During Chemistry Lessons

**V. Venslovaitė.** The Influence of Teacher Narrative on the Student's Aesthetical Perception: A Phenomenological Perspective of Musical Expression

**A. Gataūlinas.** Subjective Well - Being of Lithuanian Society in the Context of European Union Countries

**M. Skėrytė-Kazlauskienė.** A Longitudinal Study of Emotional Problems in adolescents with Learning Disabilities: The Role of Individual and Interpersonal Factors.

**R. Bikauskaitė.** The Problem of Normativity in Ethics of Care.

***MAIN CONFERENCES ORGANIZED IN 2013***

V Vilnius Trauma Psychology Conference PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIOUR IN CHANGING SOCIETY. Vilnius, May 21st-22nd, 2013

III Lithuanian Psychological Congress PSYCHOLOGY OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. Vilnius, April 25th-27th, 2013

IL International Conference of the ISA RC06 on Family Research FAMILY AND MIGRATION. Vilnius, July 17th-19th, 2013

Conference SOCIAL WORK – BETWEEN DEPENDENCY AND AUTONOMY. Vilnius, November 8th, 2013

Education at the Crossroads in the Development of Culture and Man: Insight from Meile Luksiene's Legacy into the Past, Present and Future. Vilnius, April 25th-26th 2013. The conference organized with Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences (Lithuania), Institute of Pedagogy, Wroclaw University (Poland), Baltic Association of Historians of Pedagogy.

### ***MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013***

*Leonas Jovaiša: nuo pedagogikos edukologijos link : mokslo studija* [Leonas Jovaiša: From Pedagogics to Educology : a Research Study] (Ed.) V. Aramavičiūtė. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2013. (book)

I. Stonkuvienė *Augti Lietuvoje.: Inkultūracijos apybraižos* [Growing Up in Lithuania: Sketches of Enculturation] Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2013. (book)

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**Lecturers:** D. Butkienė, K. Čunichina, Dr. M. Dovydaitytė, K. Dragūnevičius, Dr. A. Kairys, Dr. V. Mikuličiūtė, Dr. V. Navickas, Dr. K. Vanagaitė.

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### ***RESEARCH INTERESTS***

Influence of Colour Contrast, Adaptation and Location of Stimuli in Visual Field on Colour Perception (on Colour Constancy)

Selection and Registration of Psychophysical Parameters for Estimation of Effectiveness of Human Being Activity

Procedural justice in criminal and civil proceedings

Development of asocial personality

The problems of psychological functioning of students and teachers in the system of Higher Education of Lithuania

Development of language and thinking

Intelligence testing with children

Psychopathology of early relationships

Addiction psychology: early detection and intervention

Cognitive Development and Social Cognition in Adolescence  
Career Psychology  
Emotion and Behavioural Problems of Lithuanian Schoolchildren

### ***RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2013***

#### **Projects Supported by University Budget**

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

Dr R.Stanikūnas. 2011-2015.

Perception of unique hues was studied when viewing a featureless background in a specially designed adaptation chamber. The objective of experiments was to establish how robust the colour system is to prolonged full field adaptation and whether unique hues would change under these extreme conditions. For all observers, adaptation time was longer than readaptation and unique hues remain unchanged once full adaptation had occurred. At the beginning of adaptation perceived saturation increases while lightness decreases. Later on during adaptation process lightness gradually increases while saturation decreases until the neutral point is reached. Temporal process of adaptation is described as the sum of two exponential functions, one for the fast process another for the slow process.

The sound induced flash illusion was investigated under chromatic background. The one flashing colour stimuli presented together with two brief sounds was perceived as two brief flashes.

#### **Publications:**

1. Stanikunas R, Kulbokaite V, Svegzda A, Vaitkevicius H, Daugirdiene A, Bliumas R, Kulikowski J.J and Murray I.J , Full field adaption to unique hues, The 22nd Symposium of the International Colour Vision Society, Winchester, England, July 14 - 18, 2013.

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

In 2013 the two research works were conducted. The first research examined how the participants (n = 397) of the hearings of various Lithuanian courts assess law enforcement

institutions, their own commitment to obey the law and law enforcement officers, the behaviour of relevant officers, court premises and the staff (excluding judges), as well as proposed modifications in the judicial system.

The second research examined main psychological factors of homicides: physiological and pathological affect, other emotional states which restrict understanding and control of one's behaviour, asocial system of behaviour standards and reinforcements, mental disorders, alcoholic intoxication, as well as bias in processing of social information.

Publications:

1. Valickas G., Justickis V., Vanagaitė K., Voropaj K. Procedūrinis teisingumas ir žmonių pasitikėjimas teisėsaugos pareigūnais bei institucijomis. Monografija. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2013. – 388 p.
2. Čepas A., Dobryninas A., Valickas G. Nužudymai Lietuvoje: teisiniai, sociologiniai ir psichologiniai aspektai // Teisės problemos / Mokslo darbai. 2013, Nr. 1 (79), p. 5–42.
3. Valickas G., Vanagaitė K. Teismo posėdžio dalyvių įstatymų, teisėsaugos institucijų ir pareigūnų elgesio vertinimai // Teisė / Mokslo darbai. 2013, t. 88, p. 53–72.

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

There were two tasks of the Project for this year. The first one - to examine features of career commitment and its relations with students' satisfaction with studies and subjective well-being. 213 students of social sciences of Vilnius University participated in this study. The results show that students' satisfaction with studies is high enough and positively related to affective career commitment. Continuance commitment is not significantly related to satisfaction with studies and negatively correlates with all well-being scales. There is positive correlation between affective career commitment and certain well-being scales: environmental mastery, purpose in life and personal growth. The second task - to compare identity, basic personality dimensions and academic achievement between first-year and final-year students of psychology. 95 first-year students and 65 final-year students of psychology participated in the research. Specially designed questionnaire intended to reveal socio-demographic characteristics, also Lithuanian versions of EOMEIS-2 and NEO PI-R were used in the study.

The results showed no significant relation between identity dimensions and academic achievement in first-year students. Significant relations between Ideological identity domains (to begin with Occupation and Philosophical Life-Style issues) and academic achievement were found in final-year students. The importance of several personality traits for success at university was also stressed in the research.

**Publications:**

1. Bulotaitė L. University students personality variables, related to driving under the influence of Alcohol. 27 Conference of the European Health Psychology Society. EHPS 2013 Abstracts, Psychology & Health, 28:sup1. P.179. DOI:10.1080/08870446.2013.810851
2. Pociute B., Bulotaite, L., Bliumas R. Career Commitment in University Students: the Relations with Well-being and Satisfaction with Studies. Presented at the 13th European Congress of Psychology (ECP 2013), Stockholm, 9–12 July 2013.
3. Bliumas R., Pociute B., Bulotaite L. Identity, Basic Personality Dimensions and Academic Achievement in First-year and Final-year Students of Psychology. Presented at the 13th European Congress of Psychology (ECP 2013), Stockholm, 9–12 July 2013.

**Test adaptation and standardization.** Dr. G. Gintilienė. 2011-2015.

The research study intended to examine the psychometric characteristics of the Lithuanian version of the Overexcitability Questionnaire-II (OEQ-II, Falk et al., 1999) was carried out. Exploratory factor analysis confirmed the postulated structure of the OEQ-II and other characteristics of validity provide strong evidence of applying this instrument for measuring overexcitabilities of children and youth. The main findings were presented in 16th European Conference on Developmental Psychology in Lausanne (Switzerland). Together the content validity of Students Style Questionnaire based on item analysis has been investigated in order to develop adequate psychometric properties of this instrument.

**Research Council of Lithuania**

**Moral Responsibility: Attribution Practices and Cognitive Models.** Contract No MIP-009/2003/LSS-250000-855. PhD R.Berniūnas. 2013-2015

The aim of this project is to construct a cognitive model of folk attributions of moral responsibility on the basis of theoretical and empirical analysis of factors influencing folk practices of attribution of moral responsibility. The project is divided into two parts. First, in the theoretical part we will summarize factors influencing moral responsibility attributions as they are described in philosophical, psychological, and anthropological literature. On the basis of this analysis we will construct a cognitive model of folk practices of attribution of moral responsibility. Second, in the empirical part the cognitive model will be tested in the context of folk attributions of causality, in the context of folk psychological explanations of intentional action, in the context of folk theories of normative structure of the world, and in the context of folk conceptions of free will. Depending on the results of the empirical part, the model will be revised.

**Experimental philosophy as an empirical analysis of folk conceptual structures: the case of 'a person'.** PhD R.Berniūnas (with V.Dranseika). 2012-2013

Our research idea was to conduct experiments in order to investigate the folk-conceptual structure of 'person' and related concepts, such as 'agency', 'body', and 'mind'. This should contribute both to analysis of folk concepts in Experimental Philosophy and to relevant research in Personality Psychology, Cognitive Science, and Theoretical Philosophy. The secondary aim of the project is to further the development of Experimental Philosophy in Lithuania.

**Psychosocial Antecedents of Student Professional Identity Formation.** Contract No MIP-017/2013/LSS-250000-854. Assoc. Prof. B.Pociūtė. 2013-2015

The aim of this project is to analyse the psychosocial antecedents of professional identity formation in the context of educational transitions within a diverse sample of high school, vocational school and undergraduate university/college students. There were three tasks of the Project in 2013 year: 1) theoretical issues of professional identity were examined and



conceptual model of research was designed; 2) the research methods were selected; 3) 240 students of high school participated in a pilot study.

**Social Perception of Judges' Behavior and Image.** Contract No MIP-015/2013/LSS-250000-431. Prof. G.Valickas. 2013-2015

In 2013, during the first stage of the research work we reviewed the up-to-date studies related to social perception of courts' and judges' behaviour and developed the three research methods: a) the initial variant of the "Perceived image of judges' and courts' " questionnaire (the preliminary research was conducted which examined the people's perceived image of judges' and courts', n = 207); b) the method of the analysis of civil proceedings (we also have trained researches to analyse the civil court hearings); c) initial variant of the method of the analysis of administrative proceedings.

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

The interrelations between psychological (subjective) well-being and socio-demographic, health, personality and other variables were studied. Main research was performed using sample of subjects (1202 individuals), representing demographic structure of Lithuanian population. For analysis different methods of statistical analysis were used (descriptive statistics, cor-relational, factor and regression analysis, as well as structural equations modeling). The conception of psychological well-being was proposed as umbrella conception. In parallel with analysis of data on psychological well-being two instruments of psychological assessment were adapted and standardized: 1) *Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory* (MMPI-2 – Second edition); 2) *Lithuanian Psychological Well-Being Scale* (three versions of LPGS: LPGS-J – for young people; LPGS-S – for adults; LPGS-P – additional scale for assessment of satisfaction with life). On the basis of results of this and other studies, performed in the Laboratory of Special Psychology, the monograph was written.

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

We investigated physiological and psychological processes related to binocular vision. In order to estimate quantitatively the relation between these processes we need to simulate processes in visual system. The contemporary models (energy and distributed presentation model) are phenomenological. A vector model of binocular vision was proposed. On the base of the model unknown properties of binocular vision were predicted. Results of psychophysical experiments concerned to the perception of binocular visual space corroborate quantitatively the theoretical predictions.

Publication:

1. Report at the 28th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Psychophysics (Ottawa (Canada, Ontario), November 18-21, 2012. The report is published in the proceedings of the conference. H.-G. Geissler, V. Vanagas, A. Svezgda, R. Bliumas, R. Stanikunas, H. Vaitkevicius (University of Leipzig, The Manchester University, Vilnius University) „Real-time gating of cyclic brain activity: evidence from modulations of binocular rivalry induced by rapid stimulus interruptions“// Proceedings of the 28th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Psychophysics, 2012, pp. 97-112.
2. Paper: H. Vaitkevicius, V.Vanagas, A.Svezgda, R.Bliumas, R.Stanikunas, A. Radzeviciene , J.J.Kulikowski „Stimulus flashing modulates dominance duration in binocular rivalry“ „Psychology Research“, 2013, Vol 3, (2).
3. Paper H. Vaitkevicius, D. Matuzevicius, A. Svezgda, V. Viliunas, A. Radzeviciene, R. Bliumas, R. Stanikunas, J.J. Kulikowski „Influence of difference in monocular contrasts on perception of an object in 3-d visual space“ Sensory System, 2013. 27: 4. p. 291-305.

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

The temporal sensitivity of human visual system was investigated with flashing colour stimuli under chromatic background. Three stages of temporal discrimination process and a region of uncertainty in temporal discrimination were deduced.

Colour perception induced by Bidwell disk was investigated under chromatic illumination. Three types of colour perception were found: direct perception of stimuli colour, afterimage and the rivalry between perceived stimulus colour and afterimage colour.

Perception of unique hues was studied when viewing a featureless background in a specially designed adaptation chamber. During adaptation process lightness gradually increases while saturation decreases until the neutral point is reached. Temporal process of adaptation is described as the sum of two exponential functions, one for the fast process another for the slow process.

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2. Svezgda A, Stanikunas R, Daugirdiene A, Vaitkevicius H, Bliumas R, Kulbokaite V, Novickovas A, 2013, "Colour perception induced by Bidwell disk under chromatic illumination" Perception 42 ECVF Abstract Supplement, page 110.  
<http://www.perceptionweb.com/abstract.cgi?id=v130612>
3. Stanikunas R, Svezgda A, Saveikyte L, Vaitkevicius H, Bliumas R, Daugirdiene A, Kulbokaite V, 2012, "Temporal discrimination of flashing colour stimuli under chromatic background" Perception 41 ECVF Abstract Supplement, page 89.  
<http://www.perceptionweb.com/abstract.cgi?id=v120673>

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

Aim of project is to study longitudinally development of preschoolers' self-regulation. Period of report covers main stage of research – testing children's cognitive and self-regulatory skills and evaluation of children's adaptive behavior and social environment. Over 200 children and their parents participate in this study. Some results of study are presented in article submitted to peer-reviewed scientific journal with high IF, at European Conference on Developmental Psychology in Switzerland and at Congress of Lithuanian Psychologists.

## Publications:

1. Breidokienė R., Jusienė R. Savireguliacijos sunkumų ir psichosocialinės aplinkos veiksnių sąsajos ankstyvoje vaikystėje / Jaunųjų mokslininkų psichologų darbai, 2012, Nr.1, p.18-26, ISSN 2029-9958.
2. Breidokienė R., Jusienė R. Savireguliacija ankstyvoje vaikystėje: sampratos problematika / Psichologija, 2012, t. 46, p. 27-44, ISSN 1392-0359; prieiga per internetą [http://www.leidykla.eu/fileadmin/Psichologija/2012\\_46/27-44.pdf](http://www.leidykla.eu/fileadmin/Psichologija/2012_46/27-44.pdf)

**Delineating the moral domain: a study in cross-cultural moral psychology.** Contract No. SF-PD-2012-12-31-0394. Supervisor Prof. G. Valickas. 2013-2015.

The aim of this project is to get a clearer conception of the moral domain. E. Turiel and colleagues developed an account of everyday moral judgments that dominated in moral psychology for couple of decades. They suggested that people make a clear distinction between two types of social domains – the moral domain and the conventional domain. But recent criticism exposed certain methodological shortcomings and challenged the universality of this distinction. Critics argue that many people in other cultures or of different socio-economic background might conceptualize the moral domain differently. This is an empirical question that will be tested in Mongolia and Lithuania, this way providing some cross-cultural evidence to further the debate.

## Ordered Research Projects

**Identification of Gifted School Children: Adaptation and Use of Psychological Tests.** (VP1-2.3-ŠMM-06-K-01-004). Dr. I. Žukauskaitė. 2011-2013

The aim of the project was to adapt for Lithuanian population Berlin Structure of Intelligence Test for Youth: Assessment of Talent and Giftedness (BIS-HB) and Test for Creative Thinking: Drawing Production (TCT-DP). Lithuanian versions of BIS-HB and TC-DP test manuals were published including data of representative sample of Lithuanian children aged from 12-16 years. 224 psychologists working in pedagogical psychological services and schools were trained to use these instruments. Research data of the project were presented in

30<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Psychology (Cape Town, 2012), 3<sup>rd</sup> Lithuanian Congress of Psychology (Vilnius, 2013) and 16<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Developmental Psychology (Lausanne, 2013).

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

Child Development Centre (Lithuania)

Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania)

Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Manchester (Manchester, UK)

### ***OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES***

#### **Prof. A. Bagdonas –**

- Editorial Board Executive Secretary of the Journal *Psichologija (Psychology)*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/psichologija/> ;
- Member of Lithuanian Neurobiological Association;
- Member of General Education Council of Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science.

#### **Prof. G. Valickas –**

- Editor-in-chief of the Journal of *Psichologija (Psychology)*, Vilnius University, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/psichologija/> ;
- Member of the of the Board of the Journal *Psychology and Law* („Психология и право“), Russia, <http://psyjournals.ru/psyandlaw/editorialboard/> ;
- Member of the Senate of Vilnius University;
- Member of the Committee of Science of Vilnius University;
- Expert of the Lithuanian Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education;
- Member of the Board of Centre for Criminological Studies of Vilnius University;
- Member of the Board of Lithuanian Association of Criminology;

- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>;
- Member of the Committee of Prosecutors' Ethics, Prosecution Service of the Republic of Lithuania.

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**Doc. B. Pociūtė –**

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

**Doc. L. Bulotaitė –**

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

**Doc. R. Bliumas –**

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

**Doc. G. Gintilienė –**

- Member of ISSBD, [www.issbd.org/](http://www.issbd.org/);
- Member of the International Study Group on Special Education Needs;
- Board Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, [www.lps.vu.lt/](http://www.lps.vu.lt/);
- Member of Certification Commission of School Psychologists under the Ministry of Education and Science;

- Affiliate Member International School Psychology Association, [www.ispaweb.org/](http://www.ispaweb.org/).

**Doc. D. Čekuolienė –**

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

**Doc. I. Čėsniienė –**

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

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- Member of European Society for Developmental Psychology, [www.esdp.info](http://www.esdp.info) .

**Dr. A. Kairys –**

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**Dr. Vilmantė Pakalniškienė –**

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- Member of European Association for Research on Adolescence, [www.earaonline.org](http://www.earaonline.org);
- Member of ISSBD, [www.issbd.org](http://www.issbd.org) .

**Dr. K. Vanagaitė –**

- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Criminology.

**Doc. R.Stanikūnas –**

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**Docents:** Dr. T. Bulajeva, Dr. I. Stonkuvienė, Dr. T. Butvilas.

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**Doctoral students:** C. Barbierato R. Bartaševičius, S. Bieliūnė, S. Kairė, S. Kontrimienė, Š. Nagrockaitė, O. Iljina, D. Ilevičienė, V. Žilionė.

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### ***RESEARCH INTERESTS***

Transformations of education policy in Lithuania

Research of curriculum development

Educational management in Lithuania

Sustainability in education

Studies of Lithuanian educational heritage

Dialogue between cultures in education

Problem of personal identity

Globalization and localization in education  
Philosophy of education  
Higher education  
Child's socialization  
Gender differences in education and science  
Education culture

### ***RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2013***

#### **Projects Supported by University Budget**

##### ***Educational Policy in Lithuania: Coherency Issues within National and Global. 2010-2014.***

The main aim of the research in 2013 was the analysis of changes in Lithuanian education policy and management while implementing the EU and Lithuanian strategic goals. Some data of theoretical and empirical research were presented in the monograph "*Education as Enculturation*" (to be published in December 2013) by Irena Stonkuvienė.

In the year of 2013 several research papers written by Tatjana Bulajeva, Lilija Duoblienė, Irena Stonkuvienė, Vilija Targamadzė, Rimantas Želvys and analyzing issues of education policy and culture were published in Lithuanian, foreign and international educational journals. The co-authored book, dedicated to prominent Lithuanian educator Professor Leonas Jovaiša was published.

The staff of the Education Department presented their research findings at different national/international conferences held in Lithuania and foreign countries (Latvia, Portugal, Sweden). All the international visits were supported by Vilnius University.

#### **Publications:**

1. Bulajeva, T. Tarptautiškumo politikos iššūkiai Lietuvos aukštajam mokslui: konkurencija vs bendradarbiavimas // Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia, Vilniaus universiteto leidykla 2013, T. 30, p. 104-113.
2. Duoblienė, L. Phenomenological versus instructional approach to curriculum formation for sustainable development: a Lithuanian case study // Journal of Education for Sustainable Development, Sage Publications, 2013, Vol. 7, no. 1, p. 39-49.

3. Stonkuvienė, I. Education in culture and education for culture // Mediterranean Journal of Educational Research, 2013, Issue 14a, p. 315-326.

### **National Research Projects**

**Research and higher education monitoring and analysis centre (MOSTA). The research methodology of higher education studies politics. Exploratory research.** Researcher's team member and Co-author of the research study „Complex analysis of the change of Lithuania's studies politics 2009-2011“ Tatjana Bulajeva.

### **International Research Projects**

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

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

### ***MAIN R&D&I (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INOVATION) PARTNERS***

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### ***OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES***

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- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/acta-paedagogica-vilnensia/redakcine-kolegija>;

**Doc. T. Butvilas –**

- Board Member of National Childhood Researchers Association (Lithuania) [http://navatyra.lt/?page\\_id=214](http://navatyra.lt/?page_id=214);
- Full member of International Childhood and Youth Research Network (ICYRNet), Nicosia, Cyprus, <http://www.icyrnet.net/index.php?page=individuals>.
- Full member of Children Rights Erasmus Academic Network (CREAN), Berlin, Germany.

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- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Philosophy Teachers;
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- Member of the editorial board of the journal *Religija ir Kultūra* (Religion and Culture);
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- Member of organizing committee and member of reviewing committee of International Conference EDULEAR2013 (Barselona, 2013)

**Doc. I. Stonkuvienė –**

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- Member of the Baltic Association of Educational Historians, <http://www.baltichistorians.lu.lv/>;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *IJGE: International Journal of Global Education*; <http://www.ijge.net/ojs/index.php/ijge/about/editorialTeam>.
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal International Journal of New Trends in Arts, Sports & Science Education (IJTASE) <http://www.ijtase.net/ojs/index.php/IJTASE/about/editorialTeam>.
- Member of organizing committee and member of reviewing committee of International Standing Conference for the History of Education ISCHE 35 - Education and Power: Historical Perspectives. Riga; 21 – 24 08 2013.

**Prof. V. Targamadžē –**

- International PISTA, IMSCI Conferences Reviewer (USA, Florida) since 2006;
- Member of Program Committee of the 10th International Conference on Politics and Information Systems, Technologies and Applications PISTA 2012, USA, Florida);
- Editorial Board Member of journal *Socialinis ugdyimas* (Social education) (LEU, SKI) [http://www.leidykla.vpu.lt/files/redakcija\\_1392-9569.pdf](http://www.leidykla.vpu.lt/files/redakcija_1392-9569.pdf);
- Editorial Board Member of journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia* (VU), <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/acta-paedagogica-vilnensia/redakcine-kolegija>;
- Member of VU Philosophy Faculty Board <http://www.fsf.vu.lt/lt/apie-fakulteta/taryba>;

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### ***RESEARCH INTERESTS***

General trends in the development of philosophy and specific manifestations of these trends at the turn of the Millennia

Changes in the role of philosophy during the transition from the classical to postmodern informational civilization, focusing on the changes in the methods and modes of philosophical reflection

History of positivist philosophy, focusing on relations between positivist and pragmatist philosophy

The problem of value-neutrality of science in philosophy of science, sociology of science and analytical metaethics

The fundamental structure of Western metaphysics

Historical change of the fundamental structure of Western metaphysics

The impact of metaphysics on the rise of modern natural science

Metaphysical elements in modern science

Philosophical reflection of everyday world

Philosophy of cinema

Practical philosophy with special consideration given to ecological ethics

The problem of dialogue in the hermeneutical philosophy

The ontology of language

Language as fundamental philosophical problem

Philosophical poetics in contemporary philosophy

Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein

The place of philosophy in the process of globalization

Methodical problems in the teaching of philosophy at secondary and higher schools

Local and global culture

Philosophy of Martin Heidegger

The place of local cultures in the process of globalization

Natural and artificial language

### ***RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2013***

#### **Projects Supported by University Budget**

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

The main research titles accomplished in 2013: analysis of commercial and non-commercial apocalypse genre cinema, phenomenological research of imagination, examination the role of cultural industries to produce, classify, and implant dreams.

Publications:

1. Milerius, N. 2013 “The Deconstruction of Apocalypse Genre Cinema in Kurosawa’s *Rashomon*”, in *Problemos*, Issue 83, pp. 145-158.
2. Sabolius, K. 2012 “Furiuos Sleep: Imagination and Phenomenology”, Vilnius: University of Vilnius, 279 p.
3. Sabolius, K. 2013 “Escaping the Dream of the Other”, in *Problemos*, Issue 83, pp. 159-172.

### **National Research Projects**

***Research Council of Lithuania. Innovative Practices of Imagination: Art and Philosophy.***  
*Contract No. MIP-086-2013/LSS-250000-1443. Doc. K. Sabolius. 2013-2014.*

This project aims to analyze the most innovative cases of imagination use developed by worldwide renowned today’s artists. The analysis of various artistic activities will provide a background for a new model of imaginative theory and practice. Based on the discoveries of famous artists as well as on current philosophical discourses, the project will develop an original practical methodology, allowing the emancipating cultivation of imagination and the discovery of strategies for fostering creativity.

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### **OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**



**Doc. M. Gutauskas –**

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- Board member of the Lithuanian Association of Phenomenology.

**Doc. L. Jakavonytė –**

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

**Doc. K. Sabolius –**

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society;
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**Doc. A. Mickevičius –**

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**Doc. N. Milerius –**

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

**Prof. A. Plėšnys –**

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

- Member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, <http://lkma.lt/>.

**Prof. A. Šliogeris –**

- Editorial board member of the journal Problemos (Problems), <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39;>
- Editorial board member of the journal Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy. Sociology), [http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/;](http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/)
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### ***RESEARCH INTERESTS***

Philosophy in classical and modern civilizations

Modern – postmodern controversy

Information society studies

Analytical philosophy and hermeneutics

Logic

Postmodern philosophy

Social and political philosophy

Contemporary Christian philosophy

Ethics

Religion studies

### **RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2013**

#### **Projects Supported by University Budget**

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

The main research titles accomplished in 2013: metaphilosophical underpinnings of early modern epistemology and contemporary methodological controversies; recent development and the current stance of Lithuanian philosophy; fundamental issues of contemporary philosophy of mind.

Publications:

1. Dagys, J. 2012 *“The Controversy of Psychophysical Reduction and Its Methodological Implications”*, in: *Problemos*, Issue: Supplement, pp. 22-36.
2. Šaulauskas, M. P. 2013 *“Bifurcating Foundationalism of the Philosophical Modernity IN PECTORE: Persistent Liability of the HYPOKEIMENON-ATOMON Jointure”*, in: *Problemos*, Issue 83, pp. 7-21.
3. Kabelka, G. 2013 *“The Post-Soviet Transformation of Lithuanian Philosophy: Trends, Disciplines, Productivity”*, in: *Problemos*, Issue 83, pp. 22-34.

#### **National Research Projects**

Research Council of Lithuania. **Publication of the Scholarly Philosophical Journal *Problemos***. Contract No. LIT-7-44/LSS-250000-432. Doc. N. Radavičienė. 2013-2015.

Project results 2013 – 2 vol, 170 copies (83, 84, – 33,3 author sheets) published. Journal included in DBs: Arts and Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science, Thomson Reuters list),

Central & Eastern European Academic Source, Humanities International Complete, Humanities International Index (EBSCO list), The Philosopher's Index (OCLC list), CEEOL.

*Research Council of Lithuania (the project is funded by The National Lithuanian studies development programme for 2009-2015). **Translation of Classical Works in Philosophy into Lithuanian: Student Workshop.** Contract No. LIT-6-16/LSS-250000-154. Lect. dr. K. Kirtiklis, lect. V. Dranseika. 2013-2015.*

The workshop is run by young philosophers experienced in translation, a professional translator, and subject consultants who read lectures and provide help in solving practical problems of translation. In the year 2013 the excerpts from "Definitiones" by Pseudo-Plato and "A System of synthetic philosophy" by H. Spencer were translated. Translation is forthcoming in Problemos.

*Research Council of Lithuania. **Moral Responsibility: Attribution Practices and Cognitive Models.** Contract No. MIP-009/2013/LSS-25000-855. Lect. V. Dranseika. 2013-2014.*

The aim of this project is to construct a cognitive model of folk attributions of moral responsibility on the basis of theoretical and empirical analysis of factors influencing folk practices of attribution of moral responsibility. Empirical studies are being designed at the moment. Results are expected to be published in 2014-2015.

*Research Council of Lithuania. **Experimental Philosophy as Empirical Analysis of Folk Conceptual Structures: the Case of 'a person'.** Contract No. PRO-08/2012/LSS-250000-2653. Lect. V. Dranseika. 2012-2013.*

Research idea was to conduct experiments in order to investigate the folk-conceptual structure of 'a person' and related concepts, such as 'agency', 'body', and 'mind'. Six empirical studies were conducted in 2013 on Lithuanian participants and results were submitted to a peer-reviewed journal Philosophical Psychology. The manuscript is currently under review: Berniunas R. & Dranseika V. (ms) Folk Concepts of Person and Identity: a Response to Nichols and Bruno.

## ***MAIN R&D&I (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INOVATION) PARTNERS***

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Jesuit Faculty of Philosophy, Cracow (Poland)

Polish Academy of Art and Sciences (Poland)

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European Humanitarian University, Vilnius

## **OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**

### **Doc. J. Dagys –**

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

### **Lect. V. Dranseika –**

- Member of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH) <http://www.espmh.org/>;
- Member of the International Association of Bioethics, <http://bioethics-international.org>;
- Secretary of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society;
- Member of the Lithuanian Society for History and Philosophy of Science, <http://www.bahps.org/contact-information>;
- Network Coordinator of the Nordic Network for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare, [http://www.imh.liu.se/avd\\_halsa\\_samhalle/nnpmme/hem?l=en](http://www.imh.liu.se/avd_halsa_samhalle/nnpmme/hem?l=en);

- Member of the Nordic Network for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare, [http://www.imh.liu.se/avd\\_halsa\\_samhalle/nnpmme/hem?l=en](http://www.imh.liu.se/avd_halsa_samhalle/nnpmme/hem?l=en);
- Network Coordinator of the Research Ethics Network in Central and Eastern Europe, <http://www.researchethicseurope.com/>;
- Member of the Commission of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania on Awarding the State Independence Stipend, [http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter/w5\\_show?p\\_r=7046&p\\_k=1](http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter/w5_show?p_r=7046&p_k=1).

**Doc. K. Dubnikas –**

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

**Doc. N. Kardelis –**

- Vice-President of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society;

**Lect. K. Kirtiklis –**

- Member of the Lithuanian Social Science Forum, <http://www.socforumas.lt/?lang=en>;
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**Doc. N. Radavičienė –**

- Editor-in-Chief of the journal Problemos, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/problemos/apie-zurnala>;
- Member of the Academic Commission of Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University;
- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society;
- Member of the Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University, <http://www.infovi.vu.lt/>;
- Expert and auditor in the project of Quality Assurance, Vilnius University;
- Member of the project “Internationalization of Sociology and Criminology studies”, financed by the Ministry of Education (No. VP1-2.2-ŠMM-07-K-02-053/LSS-250000-2507).

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- Member of European Association of Chinese Studies, <http://www.chinesestudies.eu/>;
- Member of Baltic Research Centre for East Asian Studies, <http://asiares.lv/people>.

**Prof. M. P. Šaulauskas –**

- Director of the Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University, <http://www.infovi.vu.lt/mps/index.html>;
- Editorial board member of the journal Sociologija (Sociology), <http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/>;
- Editorial board member of the journal Informacijos mokslai (Information Sciences), <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/informacijos-mokslai/>;
- Editorial board member of the journal Problemos, <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/index.php?id=39>.



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### ***RESEARCH INTERESTS***

Investigation of the DSH (deliberate self-harm) and effects of long lasting traumatisation

Research in existential-phenomenological psychology and psychotherapy in cross cultural context

Developmental psychopathology

Work and organizational characteristics as antecedents of employee work motivation, attitudes toward work and organization, citizenship and in role behaviour, job insecurity

### ***RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2013***

#### **Projects Supported by University Budget**

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

Results of investigation of psychological responses to stressful life situations (e.g., pregnancy, traumatic experience of the family member) were analysed and published. Data on attitudes towards suicide survivors and social support were collected.

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

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

The aim of the study was to analyse the phenomenon of employee organizational citizenship behaviour in the context of work motivation in Lithuanian organizations. OCB is defined as discretionary behaviour that is neither formally requested nor directly rewarded by formal motivation system but is functional to the operation of an organization. During the year of 2013 the final version of Lithuanian scale of OCB was prepared, the quantitative research model of OCB, its antecedents and consequences at individual, group and organization levels was developed and research data were gathered in a sample more than 800 employees. A wide variety of results were found during the analysis of research data. For example, job satisfaction, intrinsic work motivation, job demands, burnout, organizational commitment and other characteristics of work and work motivation were related to and predicted OCB. The research findings were disseminated to national and international scientific society, and practitioners as well.

**Publications:**

1. D.Bagdžiūnienė, I.Urbanavičiūtė, J.Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė. Darbuotojų pilietiškąs elgesys organizacijoje: lietuviško klausimyno kai kurios psichometrinės charakteristikos. *Psichologija*, 2013, t. 47, p.7 – 23.
2. D.Bagdžiūnienė, J.Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė , I.Urbanavičiūtė. Attitudes as antecedents of organizational citizenship behaviour of Lithuanian employees. 16th congress of the European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP), May 22nd – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Münster, Germany.

3. I. Urbanavičiūtė; D. Bagdžiūnienė; J. Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė. The Relationship Between Organizational Justice and Citizenship Behavior: the Social Identity Perspective; The Role of Job Satisfaction and Burnout in the Relationship Between Work Characteristics and OCB. The 13th European Congress of Psychology, Stockholm, Sweden, 9-13 July, 2013.

**Psychosocial factors of psychological well-being in the context of psychotraumatology.**

Contract No SIN-01/2012/ LSS-250000-621. Dr. E. Kazlauskas. 2012-2013.

Instrument measuring psychological well-being and cognitions of social changes were developed. Psychological well-being was significantly correlated with acceptance of social changes, but relationship between well-being and trauma exposure and posttraumatic stress was not significant.

**Psychological Effects and Coping of Extreme Trauma and Social Transformations.**

Contract No Nr. VP1-3.1-ŠMM-07-K-02-023/ LSS-250000-2257. Prof. D. Gailienė. 2012-2015.

Exploratory studies and methodological designs were composed for 3 tasks of the Project - to analyze: 1) factors of traumatic experiences, mental health and coping in different age groups, 2) links between unresolved traumas and suicide risk, 3) traumatic experiences and coping factors of specific social and ethnic groups. Scientists took part in 4 international conferences and made 3 presentations. National conference “Psychological Trauma and Suicidal Behavior in Volatile Society” was organized in March 2013.

**Psychological difficulties Dynamics in childhood: personality traits, attachment and mentalization.**

Contract No MIP-016/2012/ LSS-250000-428. Dr. R. Barkauskienė. 2012-2014.

The aim of the study is to reveal the developmental trajectories of psychological difficulties in childhood as related to child’s personality traits and attachment and parental mentalization. The study includes three measurements. In the year of 2013 the second phase of data

collection was completed. The data on child's attachment and parental mentalization are in the coding process. Data analysis from the first measurement was carried out in terms of personality traits dimensions and structure and their link to psychological difficulties levels in diverse groups under study.

#### Publications

1. Grauslienė I., Barkauskienė R. Lietuviškosios Hierarchinio vaiko asmenybės aprašo (HiPIC) versijos psichometrinės savybės // *Psichologija*. 2013, t.47, p. 24-43.
2. Grauslienė I., Barkauskienė R. Vaikų, turinčių aktyvumo ir dėmesio sunkumų, asmenybės bruožai: raiška ir prognostinės galimybės // *Jaunųjų mokslininkų psichologų darbai*. 2013, Nr. 2, p. 108-112.

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

The main aim of this project is to investigate the phenomenon of psychological job insecurity (a perceived threat of losing one's job and/or certain favourable job features), its main dimensions and outcomes at individual and organizational levels. In 2013, the project activities were focused on the methodological work, pilot survey design, implementation of the pilot survey. Main results: two job insecurity dimensions (qualitative and quantitative job insecurity) were distinguished; job insecurity was found to be related to decreased job satisfaction and organizational commitment; employability, career exploration, and career uncertainty were found to partly play a role in the extent of job insecurity effects. The conceptual model based on pilot study results was updated and the second phase of the study was organized.

#### Publications:

1. I.Urbanavičiūtė, D. Bagdžiūnienė, J. Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė. The role of career development factors in job insecurity perceptions. 16th congress of the European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP), May 22nd – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Münster, Germany

2. J.Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė, I.Urbanavičiūtė, D.Bagdžiūnienė. The relationship between job insecurity and employee attitudes: The moderating role of overall justice. 16th congress of the European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP), May 22nd – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Münster, Germany

**Vilnius BEPP efficacy study: comparison with internet-based psychotraumatology program.** Contract No MIP-011/2012/ LSS-250000-425. Dr. E. Kazlauskas. 2012-2014.

Pilot study of Vilnius study on the effectiveness of a Brief Eclectic Psychotherapy for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (BEPP) was conducted. We found a significant reduction of posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms after the BEPP treatment. Positive effects of BEPP intervention were not only the changes in posttraumatic stress reactions, but also included the increase of subjective well-being, better functioning, and the decline of problems and destructive tendencies. Study results indicated the effectiveness of BEPP treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder in Lithuanian sample.

Publications:

1. Kazlauskas E., Mažulytė E., Želvienė P., Dovydaityienė M., Skruibis P. (2013). Trumpalaikės eklektinės potrauminio streso psichoterapijos veiksmingumas: Vilniaus BEPP studijos žvalgomojo tyrimo rezultatai. Sveikatos mokslai, 23 tomas, Nr. 5, p. 23-28, ISSN 1392-6373 print/2335-867X online.
2. Kazlauskas E. (2013). Veiksmingi psichologinės pagalbos būdai psichotraumatologijoje. Psichologija. Vilniaus universitetas. Vilnius : Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-0359. 2013, t. 47, p. 102-115.

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

100 participants took part in the quantitative research and 38 – in qualitative ones: retrospective research of psychotherapy effectiveness and longitudinal study of psychotherapy process. 5 presentations were made in international conferences and 6 – in national ones. 2 articles were printed: “Aggression in Psychotherapy: Qualitative Analysis of Motivation of

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### ***RESEARCH INTERESTS***

Development of social services in Lithuania

Analysis of social policy, social security, pensions

Social support for vulnerable people

Social rehabilitation and integration

Social inclusion

Community development and empowerment

Social prevention and work in dealing with family problems

Rehabilitation and integration of drug and alcohol users

Social and cultural integration of disabled

Dealing with consequences of migration

Intercultural learning and communication

History of social work

Integration into labour market

Labour market policy

Evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and services

Risk factors of young people's successful socialization

Promoting factors of youth participation

Human rights

Stigma, stereotypes and discrimination

Policy of mental health

Developmental cooperation and education in social work

Motivation, identity, development of social work profession

Power relations in social work

### ***RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2013***

#### **Projects Supported by University Budget**

**Searching for Effective Social Work Strategies How to Organize Social Services under Conditions of Welfare Pluralism.** Dr. (HP) L. Žalimienė. 2011–2014.

In 2013 problems of social integration and solutions of those problems were examined by improving Lithuanian social assistance system, and employing different empowering strategies in social work practices. Rural social economic problems were analyzed as a barrier for development of rural cohesion. It was explored how people with mental disorders were represented by mass media, what was and what could be a role of mass media in reduction of stigma of people with mental disorders and enhancement of their integration. Practical recommendations for correct representation of people with mental disorders were produced. It has been participated in research organized by Ministry of Education and Science; the research examined professional skills of specialists of early prevention agencies in 10 different cities. Results of those researches were published in two scientific papers and one teaching aid.

Publications:

1. Jasiukevičiūtė T. The Progress of Alcohol Addiction and Identity in Biographical Stories: From Identity Management to „Alcoholic Madness“.
2. Žalimienė L., Gevorgianienė V. Hindrances to Social Cohesion in Lithuanian Society: the Picture of Rural Area in Post-communist Period. *Journal of US-China Public Administration*, Vol.10, No.2, 2013, P. 184-200.
3. Šumskienė E., Mataitytė-Diržienė J. From Myths to Reality: Mental Health Portrayal in Media. Teaching aid for social work and journalism students. Vilnius: Vilnius University, 2013, p. 68. a.

**Modernization of Labour Market and Social Welfare Systems.** Dr. (HP) R. Lazutka. 2009–2014.

Research on social welfare benefits has exposed their more important role in redistributing income than taxes. Fiscal consolidation measures taken by Lithuania Government during the economic crises in 2009 have brought shift to income-tested social assistance from some contributory and categorical benefits in income protection policy. Research on services in Lithuanian psychiatric hospitals showed that the main requirements for the service of the patients' trust person are personal psychiatric experience, the ability to establish supportive relationship, and the independence.

Publications:

1. Lazutka R., Poviliūnas A. Assessment of the Implementation of the European Commission Recommendation on Active Inclusion: A Study of National Policies: Country Report - Lithuania. Luxembourg : Publications Office of the European Union, 2013. 46p.
2. Ivaškaitė-Tamošiūnė V. Redistribution in the Theories of Welfare State Development. STEPP.N.6. p.64-73.
3. Šumskienė E. Giving a Voice to Individuals with Psychosocial Disabilities: Services of Patients' Trust Person in Lithuanian Psychiatric Hospitals. Revista de Asistență Socială, 2013 (4)  
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### **National Research Projects**

**Benefits in Cash and in Kind: Dilemmas of Creating Optimal Model of Social Assistance.** Contract No SIN-15/2012/LSS-250000-1446). Dr. (HP) L. Žalimienė. 2012-2013.

The aim of the project was to provide the optimal model of social assistance for the special conditions of Lithuania, in order to increase the efficiency and accuracy of social support system. There are residuals of paternalistic philosophy of care in post-communist Lithuania, this is why the activating social policy and empowerment strategies are needed. National and local social support systems of EU countries and post-communist Lithuania have been analyzed and evaluated applying the theoretical approach of neo institutionalism. The project is important for improvement of social policy because it aims to present recommendations how national and local government bodies could construct the optimal structure of social support system.

Results of the research were presented by two presentations given in the national seminar for various actors of Lithuanian social policy (Ministry of Social Security and Labour, municipalities, agencies of social services etc.) and by two presentations in international conferences: Žalimienė L. *Social assistance in cash or in kind? Dilemma Between Autonomy and Paternalism*. In International Conference for Academic Disciplines. 22-25 October, 2013,

Roma; and Dunajevas E. Theoretical Framework of Social Policy Analyses. 5-9 November, 2013, London.

**Challenges of Implementation of Mental Health Policy in Lithuania.** Contract No SIN-16/2012/LSS-250000-1384. Dr. (HP) D. Pūras. 2012-2013.

Results of the research were delivered by two presentations. The first one was “The Role of Trustee of Patient’s Changing Power Relationships in Mental Health Hospitals” (E. Šumskienė) in the international conference “Social work and power” on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 at Vilnius University. And the second one was “Mental Health: Discourse of Mass Media and Policy” (E. Šumskienė ir G. Šumskas) in national conference “Academic Discussion about Mental Health Policy in Lithuania“. And results of the research were published in the article:

Šumskienė E., Giving a Voice to Individuals with Psychosocial Disabilities: Services of Patients’ Trust Person in Lithuanian Psychiatric Hospitals. *Revista de Asistență Socială*, 2013 (4).

**Social Work – Between Dependency and Autonomy.** Contract No SIN-04/2012/ LSS-250000-620). Dr. B. Švedaitė. 2012-2013.

The 2013 year was the second project year. Qualitative research of social workers and managers of social work institutions about their relations with power/authority has been accomplished. Qualitative data has been analysed using methodology of grounded theory (A. Strauss ir J. Corbin version). On the basis of the results from qualitative analysis an instrument for survey of social workers has been developed. Representative national survey of social workers (sample size was 966) was carried out. The aim of the survey was to investigate how social workers relate to authority, how do they perceive and react to the authority. International scientific conference “Social Work and Power” was held at Vilnius University on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. It went with great success, 140 researchers, social workers, administrators, leaders of social work organizations have participated in the conference. The main results of the research have been presented during the conference, and there were given

30 other presentations in 2 plenary sessions and 4 workshops. Results of this research will be published in 3 publications by the end of this year.

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- Member of the National Association of Supervisors, [www.supervizija.lt](http://www.supervizija.lt);
- Member of Vilnius Archdiocese Council for Charitable Affairs, <http://vilnius.lcn.lt/kurija>.
- Chair of Council of Social Work at Ministry of Social Security and Labour, <http://www.socmin.lt/index.php?1823392820> .
- Chair of the Scientific Committee of International Scientific Conference “Social Work and Power”, <http://www.upc.smm.lt/naujienos/atnaujinta/konfe/Tarptautine%20moksline%20praktine%20konferencija.pdf>;
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- Member of organizing committee of the conference Family and Migration Seminar of the ISA RC06 on Family Research, Vilnius, July 17-19, 2013, <http://www.cfr2013.lt/index.php?page=organizing-comittee>.

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- Member of the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science, [www.lkma.lt](http://www.lkma.lt);
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- Member of Lithuanian Social Sciences Forum, <http://www.socforumas.lt>;
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- Member of Laws Preparation Groups in the Seimas and Government of the Republic of Lithuania, [www.lrs.lt](http://www.lrs.lt);
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- Council Member of the Family Support Centre at the Blessed Jurgis Matulaitis Parish, [www.matulaitis.org](http://www.matulaitis.org), [www.spcentras.puslapiai.lt](http://www.spcentras.puslapiai.lt);
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### ***RESEARCH INTERESTS AND TRENDS***

Analysis of theoretical discourses (social constructivism, theories of (post)modernity, critical theory, criminological discourses)

Sociology of education

Sociology of deviations and crime

Rural and urban sociology

Sociology of communities and rural community development

Sociology of science

Sociology of professions

Sociology of youth

Theoretical and empirical issues in the research on family

Corruption and anti-corruption activity

Policy analysis of social inclusion

Social economy

Role of mass media in contemporary society

Post communist social transformation in Lithuania in the comparative perspective

Social theory of Max Weber

Methodology of comparative historical sociological research

Rational choice approach in sociology

Comparative historical sociological imperiology

### ***RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2013***

#### **Projects Supported by University Budget**

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

Research in the field of the history of sociology and analysis of the theoretical discourse was continued. The issues of migration and family life were analyzed. The members of the department were participating in the research programmes of criminology and deviance. The Lithuanian social policy and social policy discourse were critically analyzed. The problem of rationality in sociology was analyzed.

Publications:

1. Lazutka, R., Poviliūnas, A. Assessment of the implementation of the European Commission Recommendation on active inclusion: A Study of National Policies : country report - Lithuania. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2013. p. 46
2. Rapolienė, G. Is old age stigma? // ESA 2013: 11th European sociological association conference: abstract book, Torino, Italy, 28th-31st August 2013. Torino, 2013. p. 54.

3. Valantiejus, Algimantas, Racionalumo problema sociologijoje (I). [The Problem of Rationality in Sociology] // Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmai. Vilnius : Vilniaus universitetas. ISSN 1392-3358. 2013, nr. 1, p. 15-52.

### **National Research Projects**

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

Research in 2013

Content analysis of Lithuanian media: (1) Continuation of the monitoring of TV presentations of Criminal Justice issues; (2) Analysis of the internet portal "lrytas.lt" presentations of Criminal Justice issues in 2011-2012 years. 30 semi-structural interviews with Criminal Justice experts, "well-informed citizens" (politicians, journalist, etc.), public leaders. Continuation of the analysis of previous results of the survey on public attitude towards Criminal Justice (2012). Analysis of recent publications on the problems of the perception of Criminal Justice in society.

Research results have been presented at:

1. The Stockholm Criminological Symposium (Stockholm, June, 2013): Dobryninas, A. "Perception and Evaluation of Criminal Justice Institutions: Lithuanian Case".
2. 13th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology (Budapest, 4-7 September, 2013): Dobryninas, A., Merkevičius R. "Perception of Criminal Justice in Society: Professional vs Public Discourses"; Česnienė, I., Giedraitis, V. "Macroeconomic Factors and the Perception of Criminal Justice in Society: the Role of Shadow Economies" (poster).
3. National Conference of the Lithuanian Sociological Society (11-12 October, 2013): Dobryninas, A. "Problems of the Reception of Criminal Justice."

Publications:

1. Dobryninas, A., Česnienė, I., Giedraitis, V. "Macroeconomic Factors and the Perception of Criminal Justice in Society: the Role of Shadow Economies". Lietuvos kriminologijos studijos/Lithuanian Criminological Studies. 2013/1 (being published)



2. Dobryninas, A., Dobrynina, M., Česnienė, I, Giedraitis, V., Merkevičius, R. “On Perceptions of Criminal Justice in Society.” *Sociology: Mintis ir veiksmai*. 2012/2(31), p. 222-238.

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

Research in 2013

The historical statistical data about the economic, social and political development of Lithuania in 1918-1940 and selected countries of interwar Eastern Europe were collected, analyzed and compared with those about Lithuania since 1990 and selected post-communist parties. Main finding of the analysis was the persistence of Lithuania's semi-peripheric world-systemic position during the third and fifth Kondratieff waves of global economic changes despite the fundamental transformation of its social class structure and the consolidation of liberal democracy due to its membership in European Union.

The findings of the research in progress were presented at the 11th conference of European Sociological Association „Crisis, Critique and Change“ in Turin, August 28-31st (two presentations), international conference „Kingdom of Poland and Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the time of Horodlo union“ in Cracow, September 20-21st, III Lithuanian National Historical Congress „From Political History to the Politics of History“ in Šiauliai, September 26-29th (two presentations), National Sociological Conference „Sociological Imagination and Its Politics“ in Klaipėda, October 11-12, 45th annual convention „Revolution“ of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies in Boston, November 21-24th.

Publications:

1. Norkus Z. “When the Kondratieff Winter Comes: an Exploration of the Recent Economic Crisis from a Long Wave Theory Perspective”, *Przestrzeń Społeczna/Social Space*, 2013, Nr. 1(5), p.47-69.

<http://socialspacejournal.eu/Pi%C4%85ty%20numer/Zenonas%20Norkus%20-%20KondratieffWinter.pdf>

2. Norkus Z. “Lietuvos visuomenės klasinės sudėties kaita 1923–2009 metais: trys pjūviai neovėberiškosios socialinės istorijos požiūriu [The Change of the Class Structure of

Lithuanian Society in 1923-2009: Three Cross-Sections From the Viewpoint of the Neo-Weberian Social History]”, *Lietuvos istorijos studijos*, 2013, Nr. 31, p. 9-66.

<http://www.if.vu.lt/dokumentai/LIS/LietuvosIstorijosStudijosNo31.pdf>

3. Norkus Z. “Kodėl tarpukario Lietuva neteko Vilniaus, o dabartinė – atsiliko nuo Estijos? Why Interwar Lithuania Did Lose Vilnius and Contemporary Lithuania Lags Behind Estonia]?”, *Politologija* 2013, Nr. 2 (70), p. 3-63.

<http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/component/jdownloads/finish/94/873>

### **Emigration and Family: Challenges, Family Resources, Ways of Coping with Difficulties.**

Contract No VAT-39/2012/ LSS-250000-643. Prof. I. Juozeliūnienė. 2012-2014.

Research in 2013

A quantitative pilot research using international research instrument VOC-IR was conducted in four target groups, amounting to 120 interviews in total. Lithuanian VOC-IR research instruments for four target groups were constructed and implemented in a two-stage quantitative research of Lithuanian families. During the first stage a quantitative national representative survey of the Lithuanian population (total of 1,016 respondents) was carried out, during the second stage the total of 1,003 respondents were surveyed in target groups of three generations families. Data sets are being prepared and submitted to the centralized database of the international VOC-IR research in Germany. Data analysis has been performed on issues of migration experience, migration related problems, conceptualization and social reception of migrant families, three generation family solidarity, family networks and family memory.

Publications:

1. Juozeliūnienė, Irena. 2013. „Migraciją patiriančių šeimų sociologinio tyrimo metmenys“ [The Outline of Sociological Research of Families in Migration], *Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmai*, 1 (32), 53-88.
2. Juozeliūnienė, Irena. 2013. „The Development of the Outline for Migrant Family Research: the Case of Lithuania“, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, special issue „Family and Migration“, November-December, Volume XLIV, No. 6. (accepted for publication).

3. Juozeliūnienė, Irena; Trost, Jan. 2013. „Guest Editors‘ Comments“. Journal of Comparative Family Studies, special issue „Family and Migration“, November-December, Volume XLIV, No. 6. (accepted for publication).

**Fostering of the of Lithuanian Sociology’s Tradition in the Journal „Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksma“ (Sociology. Thought and Action).** Contract No LIT-13031. Prof. A. Valantiejus. 2013-2015.

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

### **Projects Supported by European Social Fund Agency**

**Internationalization in the Studies of Sociology and Criminology.** Contract No VP1-2.2.-ŠMM-07-K-02-053/LSS-250000-2507. Prof. A. Poviliūnas. 2011-2013. The aim of the project to increase the number of courses taught in English in the BA programme in Sociology and MA programme in Sociology and Criminology.

### ***COOPERATION***

Department of Sociology, University of Jyväskylä (Finland)

Department of Social Psychology, University of Helsinki (Finland)

Department of Sociology, Eastern Caroline University (USA)

Political Science and Sociology, National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland)

Oslo University College (Norway)

### ***OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES***

**Prof. A. Dobryninas –**

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

- Editorial Board Member of the Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia.

**Prof. I. Juozeliūnienė –**

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

**Prof. A. Matulionis –**

- Member-Expert of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences;
- Member-Expert of the Latvian Academy of Sciences;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology), <http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/>;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Socialiniai mokslai (Social Sciences);
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija (Sociology), <http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/>;
- Member of the International Sociological Association (ISA).

**Prof. Z. Norkus –**

- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Filosofija. Sociologija (Philosophy, Sociology), <http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/>;
- Deputy Dean for Research of the Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija (Sociology), <http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/>;
- Editorial board member of the Journal Santalka, <http://www.coactivity.vgtu.lt/>;
- Editorial Board Member of the Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia;
- Member of the Executive Council of the Lithuanian Sociological Society;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Lietuvos istorijos studijos (Studies of Lithuania's History).

- Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences <http://lma.lt/>

**Prof. A. Poviliūnas –**

- Member of the Committee of Humanities and Social Sciences of Research Council of Lithuania, <http://www.lmt.lt/en/structure-and-contacts.html> ;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija: Mintis ir veiksmai (Sociology: Thought and Action), <http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/> ;
- Member of SUSTAIN Network (Helsinki University), <http://sockom.helsinki.fi/forum/SUSTAIN/network.html>;
- Lithuanian Expert of the Group of Non Governmental Experts in Fight against Poverty and Social Exclusion, European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG, <http://www.peer-review-social-inclusion.eu/network-of-independent-experts>;
- Vice-president of the Lithuanian Association of Sociologists, <http://www.sociology.lt/EN/50/About-the-LSA.htm> ;
- Head of the Doctoral Studies Committee of Sociology, Vilnius University.

**Prof. A. Valantiejus –**

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

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- National programme director, European Value Survey, <http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu/evs/about-evs/organisation/newcouncil/> ;
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