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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 2015

- A. Lipnevič.** Lithuanian physicians' mobility in transnational social space.
- L. Rakickienė.** Executive functions and school success in primary school children.
- V. Česnuiytė.** Family in Lithuania: conceptions and practices.
- J. Kaliatkaitė.** To Survive a Restructuring: Psychosocial Work Factors and Psychological Condition of Nurses.
- V. Klimaitė.** The grief experience of suicide survivors.
- Š. Nagrockaitė.** Curriculum Concept in Lithuanian General Education School: discourse analysis.
- R. Bartaševičius.** Neoliberalized transformations of general education policy: critical discourse analysis.
- L. Jokubaitis.** The political philosophy of C. Schmitt: the importance of „Politische Romantik“.
- N. Valavičienė.** The international migration of Lithuanian natural sciences and technology professionals.
- J. Navickė.** The Role of Cash Social Benefits in Poverty Reduction in Lithuania: Discipline, Redistribute, Include, Invest.
- S. Krutulienė.** Quality of Life of Adult Persons with Epilepsy.

MAIN CONFERENCES ORGANIZED IN 2015

XIV Conference of European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies: Trauma in Changing Societies: Social Contexts and Clinical Practice. Vilnius, June 10-13, 2015

Lithuanian Psychological Congress: Find, discover, share. Vilnius, May 8-9, 2015.

12th Conference for Young Scientists in Psychology: International Research in Psychology: The Role of a Young Scientist. Vilnius, April 24, 2015.

6th Annual Conference of Trauma Psychology Life after Transition: Coping with Cultural Trauma. Vilnius, April 10, 2015.

V Conference Psychologist in organization: innovation challenges and solutions. Vilnius, April 11, 2015.

Conference “Philosophy, Science, Politics”, Vilnius, 2015 May 29.

ECREA Philosophy of Communication Section (www.philosophyofcommunication.eu) workshop “Models of Communication: Theoretical and Philosophical Approaches”, Vilnius, 2015 October 8 – 11

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

Dr. Vytis Silius – Lithuanian Society of Young Researchers, Best Dissertation 2014 Award.

Doctoral student **Laurynas Adomaitis** – Lithuanian Society of Young Researchers, Distinguished Masters Thesis 2015 Award.

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Docents: Dr. R. Bliumas, Dr. D. Čekuolienė, Dr. I. Čėsniėnė, Dr. M. Dovydaitytė, Dr. G. Gintilienė, Dr. S. Girdzijauskienė, Dr. A. Kairys, Dr. F. Laugalys, Dr. V. Pakalniškienė, Dr. B. Pociūtė, Dr. R. Stanikūnas, Dr. A. Švegžda.

Lecturers: Dr. D. Blažys, D. Butkienė, K. Čunichina, K. Dragūnevičius, Dr. V. Mikuličiūtė, Dr. V. Navickas, L. Rakickienė, Dr. K. Vanagaitė.

Doctoral students: G. Ambrulaitienė, R. Černovaitė, K. Eismontaitė, D. Jančiūrė, J. S. Jasiulionė, I. Juodkūnė, V. Jurkuvėnas, V. Klimukienė, T. Maceina, J. Narmontienė, D. Petkevičiūtė-Barysienė, J. Stasiukynienė, I. Vasionytė, O. Zamalijeva, A. Žiedelis.

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

Offender Risk Assessment and Rehabilitation

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2015

Projects Supported by University Budget

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

Dr R.Stanikūnas. 2011-2015.

Sound induced visual illusion is recently discovered phenomenon: the single flash is perceived as multiple flashes, when a single flash of light is accompanied by multiple auditory beeps (Shams, Kamitani & Shimojo, 2000). The usual procedure to reproduce this illusion is to present white visual flash accompanied by two brief sounds in the near visual periphery. Here, we used colored visual stimuli to investigate whether color has effect on illusion strength and how robust is illusion when two brief sounds precede or follow visual stimuli. In the first experiment visual flash (red, green, blue or white) was presented with two sound stimuli. The time span between two sound beeps was varied, while one sound stimulus was always accompanied by visual flash presentation. Maximum illusion strength for all colors was observed when time span between two sound beeps was around 70 ms. For some subjects the color of stimuli had small but significant effect on illusion strength. In the second experiment white visual flash was presented with two sound stimuli placed in time for maximal illusion strength. The distance in time was varied between visual stimuli and second preceded or first

followed sound stimuli. The illusion strength decreased to 10% at 40 ms distance for both preceded and followed sound stimulus presentations, while at 20 ms distance the stronger illusion was observed when both sound stimuli followed visual flash.

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

In 2015 the two research works were conducted. The first research examined the characteristics of the decisions made by the police officers in critical circumstances. Results of the study showed that at the time of decision making by police officers the stress (cortisol level) significantly increases. It was also found that police officers most often make mistakes related to communication with others, male officers and officers holding the patrol duties made fewer mistakes in decision making tasks than others, self-efficacy of police officers is associated with lower number of mistakes made in decision making task. Finally, the evaluation of performance in decision making task, and the type of mistakes can be predicted, according to police officers self-efficacy, personality traits (agreeableness) as well as coping strategies (problem solving, avoidance).

The second research examined the Lithuanian prosecutors' (n = 349) work-related stress, its main sources and coping strategies, as well as the relations of stress, coping strategies and prosecutors' socio-demographic characteristics. The obtained results have shown that different work-related situations caused moderate stress experienced by prosecutors. The prosecutors' experience of stress is related with the size of city or town where they were working, division of the service, as well as the dependence to different district services. After encountering with stress prosecutors are most likely to apply the problem solving coping strategy and least likely – emotional discharge coping strategy.

The third research was related to time perspective and personality traits. Some meta-analytical strategies were involved. Results showed that time perspective and personality traits are closely interrelated. Theoretical analysis of transcendental time perspective was conducted too. The results were published in the international handbook of time perspective.

According to the Agreement with USA company Psychological Assessment Resources the adaptation of two memory tests Brief Visuospatial Memory Test-Revised (BVMT) and Hopkins Verbal Learning Test-Revised (HVLTR) started. The manuals of both tests were translated, the test material (lists of words for learning and recall of HVLTR) was prepared, stimulus books printed and the pilot studies were performed. Additionally the standardization

of Adenbrook Cognitive Examination Revised test (ACER-R) was started. The preliminary results of HVLt-R and ACE-R adaptation were presented in the Congress of Lithuanian Psychologists and in Journal BMC neurology.

Publications:

- Valickas G., Vanagaitė K. Stress and coping among public prosecutors // Teisė / Mokslo darbai. 2015, t. 96, p. 7–24 (in Lithuanian).
- Kairys, A., & Liniauskaitė, A. (2015). Time Perspective and Personality. In M. Stolarsky, F. Fieulaine, W. van Beek. (Eds.). Time Perspective Theory; Review, Research and Application (pp. 99–115). Cham: Springer.
- Van Beek, W., & Kairys, A. (2015). Time Perspective and Transcendental Future Thinking. In M. Stolarsky, F. Fieulaine, W. van Beek. (Eds.). Time Perspective Theory; Review, Research and Application (pp. 73 – 87). Cham: Springer.

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

Bulotaitė. 2011-2015.

Peculiarities of students alcohol consumption. University students engage in a number of risky behaviours, including alcohol use, drug use, driving under the influence of alcohol, smoking, risky sexual behaviour etc. This is troubling because risky behaviours are associated with academic failure, sexually transmitted diseases, property damage and other personal adverse consequences. The aim of our study was to reveal the spreading of alcohol consumption in so called „emerging adulthood“ period. 664 university students from 8 Universities in Lithuania took part in the study (average age = 20,4 (SD=2,2): 76% female, 24% male. Only 10,7 % of all students are abstainers. The results revealed the peculiarities of students alcohol consumption (frequency and amount), differences between male and female, study years, driving under the influence of alcohol etc. A number of factors have been identified that can increase the students alcohol consumption.

Publications

- **Bulotaitė, L.,** Dragūnevičius, K. (2015). Covariance of risky behaviours of university students. 6th international conference, EUSPR. Changing Behaviour without

Talking: automatic processes and the regulation of behaviour. Ljubljana, Slovenia. October 22-24. 2015. P.38

- **Bulotaitė, L.** (2015). Ar aštrių pojūčių siekis prognozuoja studentų alkoholio vartojimo ypatumus? Ieškoti, atrasti, dalintis. Lietuvos psichologų kongresas, Vilnius, gegužės 8-9 d.P.35

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

1. The Test for Creative Thinking – Drawing Production TCT-DP (Jellen & Urban, 1987) is one of the instruments developed for measuring the divergent and convergent thinking potentials of individuals. The research study of 122 pre-school children (5-6-year-olds) and 105 first grade schoolchildren was carried out in order to study psychometrical properties of TCT-DP for the assessment of creativity of young children. The results of this study showed impact of residence place factor to the results and indicated the importance of data collection based on representative sample. The other focus of the research was the assessment of instrument in terms of gender fairness. The analysis of 227 preschool and first grade children results revealed no significant differences between the mean total scores of two gender groups.

2. Learner's Style Questionnaire (LSQ) was constructed in collaboration with Prof. Thomas Oakland. LSQ consists of 60 items has two alternatives that provide for the assessment of preferred behaviours associated with the one of four bipolar traits. Item analysis was carried out for the selection of the 60 items from the pool of 99 items for the final version of the LSQ. Cronbach's alpha for the scales ranged from 0.67(Thinking/Feeling scale) to 0.82 (Extraversion/Introversion scale).Construct validity supported by exploratory factor analysis using data of 531 Lithuanian school children sample.

3. The objective of the third study was to develop the Lithuanian cut-off points of Strengths and difficulties questionnaire (SDQ) teacher and parent versions for the ages between 5 and 6. Data from the randomly selected representative sample of 181 pupils (90 girls and 91 boys) was collected using SDQ. Cronbach's alphas for the SDQ subscales ranged from 0.58 to 0.80 (teacher version) and from 0.48 to 0.79 (parent version)based on data of two age groups. These coefficients were similar to coefficients, obtained in standardisation study of Lithuanian SDQ for the children ages 7 and 16, conducted in 2003 year. The study revealed some slight differences in the values of cut-off points of SDQ teacher version for 5-6 year

olds compared to cut off points for 7-16 year olds derived in 2003 Lithuanian standardisation study. Teachers rated differently Social behaviour, Hyperactivity symptoms (for 5-6 year olds), Conduct problems and Problems with peers (for 6 year olds). The cut-off points of SDQ parent version for 5-6 year olds were similar to cut off points for 7-16 year olds, derived in 2003 Lithuanian standardisation study(except of Emotional symptoms and Social behaviour subscales for 5 year olds).

National Research Projects

Biopsychosocial Factors of Well-Being in Later Life. Contract No MIP-010/2015. Assoc. Prof. A. Kairys.2015-2017.

The research project “Biopsychosocial factors of well-being in later life” was started. The project is aimed to adapt and implement Lithuanian version of SHARE wave 7 pilot study assessment instrument and, based on the data obtained, analyse biopsychosocial factors of well-being in later life.

The Relationship between Personality Traits and Criminal Risk Factors in a Sample of Incarcerated Violent Offenders. Contract No MIP-004/2015. Assoc. Prof. I. Čėsniėnė. 2015-2017.

The purpose of the project is to analyse the relationship between personality traits of convicted violent offenders and risk of criminal reoffending. A random sample of 300 offenders in custody is planned to be evaluated using tools for evaluation of risk of reoffending (OASys) and personality inventory (MMPI-2). The comparison of the groups of convicted for violent and nonviolent offences will be carried out. On the basis of comparisons the characteristics of personality of violent offenders will be identified. A data about evaluated offenders' institutional misconduct and prosocial behaviour will be collected one year after the evaluation. The risk of reoffending and personality traits as predictors of institutional misconduct will be analysed.

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

This project was focused on high school and university students' vocational identity. Its principal aim was to analyze psycho-social antecedents of vocational identity in the context of school-to-further education transition. The study was mainly grounded on theoretical models of identity development (i.e. the works of Erikson, Marcia, Meeus, Crocetti, etc.) and the theory of career construction (Savickas, 2005; 2013). During the first project stage, a conceptual research model was built, based on recent scientific developments in the field. The model included the following variable groups, which were measured in relation to vocational identity: a) social-demographic variables, b) context variables, c) adaptation-related variables (e.g. time perspective, motivation, exploration behaviours), d) psychosocial resources (i.e. career adapt-abilities).

The following measures were used or developed specifically for this study: a) identity was measured by the U-MICS and the "Possible Selves" measure, b) career adapt-abilities were measured by the CAAS; c) time perspective was measured using the ZTPI, d) motivation was measured by academic and career choice motivation scales (both based on self-determination theory). In addition, scales measuring perceived career barriers and career exploration behaviours were developed specifically for this study.

The study sample was comprised of regular high school students (N = 505), vocational school students (N = 198), and college or university undergraduates (N = 762). Various data analysis methods (analysis of variance, cluster analysis, SEM, and additionally, contents analysis on part of the data) were employed to investigate vocational identity and its relation to the above-mentioned variables. The main findings were as follows:

- The results confirmed the three-factor model of identity proposed by Meeus and Crocetti (Meeus et al., 2012), which distinguishes in-depth exploration, commitment, and reconsideration of commitment as main identity dimensions. In this study, vocational identity was measured using the U-MICS (Crocetti et al., 2008), specifically adapting it for the Lithuanian sample.
- Cross-sectional comparisons provided support for the identity formation hypothesis, revealing vocational identity differences across different age groups. Moreover, regression analyses in all three subsamples showed academic and career choice motivation, career adapt-abilities, and career exploration behaviours to be significant predictors of vocational identity.
- Social-demographic factors explained a very small share of variance in vocational identity.
- The Career Adapt-Abilities Scale was tested on Lithuanian sample. The results confirmed its original four-factor structure. The analysis of career adaptability provided

support for the hypotheses based on career construction theory, which states that career adaptability is an important tool in career construction. In this study, it was positively related to such variables as career aspirations, career exploration behaviours, career decision status, etc.

- The analysis of time perspective revealed this variable to relate to both vocational identity (in-depth exploration, in particular) and career adaptability. Future time perspective and negative past time perspective were particularly salient as correlates of (in)adaptive career construction.
- A test of academic/career choice motivation revealed the distinction between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation types (thus, conforming to the internal-external motivation continuum postulated in self-determination theory). The results also showed motivation to be important in vocational identity.

Finally, an educational tool (student handbook) was prepared and published as an outcome of this project. It generalizes main theoretical approaches, presents some findings from this study and proposes practical guidelines for career guidance practitioners

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

The main aims of this project was to evaluate: 1) the congruence between judges' behaviour and procedural justice requirements (and comparing them to results of 2006 and 2011 year studies); 2) the perceived procedural justice of different participants of litigation process; 3) the image of judges and courts among different age groups.

The following measures were adapted or developed for this study: a) method for the analysis of criminal court hearings was adapted to analyze audio records of criminal court hearings; b) methods for the analysis of audio records of civil and administrative law violations court hearings were created; c) questionnaires of the perceived procedural justice of participants of civil and administrative law violations court proceedings were developed; d) Draw – A – Judge – Test technique (a modified version of Draw – A – Scientist – Test) was developed; e) questionnaires of the perceived image of judges and courts for adolescents and adults were developed; some psychometric characteristics of the questionnaires were assessed (internal

reliability and construct validity), these results show that the questionnaires are suitable for scientific research purposes.

The main findings of the research are as follows:

- The congruence between judicial behaviour and the requirements of procedural justice in criminal justice was determined and compared to the research results, conducted in year 2004 and 2011. The results suggest that positive changes in the judicial behaviour are taking place.
- The congruence between judicial behaviour and the requirements of procedural justice in civil and administrative justice were determined. The results show that in some cases judicial behaviour meets the requirements of procedural justice quite well. However, there is still a large number of existing and target behaviours of judges in civil and administrative law processes.
- The perceived procedural justice of convicts and victims of crime was evaluated, as well as its changes (compared with research results in year 2004 and 2011). The results revealed developments of different nature (positive and negative) in pre-trial investigation officers and judges behaviours (both with convicts and victims of crime).
- The perceived procedural fairness of plaintiffs and defendants was evaluated (e.g., it was found that litigants perceived judicial behaviour and decisions as more or less fair).
- The perceived procedural justice of participants of the cases of the administrative law violations was evaluated (e.g., it was found that judgments of judicial behaviour fairness decreased after the court proceedings).
- The perceived image of judges and courts was evaluated among various age groups (7-10, 18-25, 26-49, as well as 50 years of age and older). The results revealed that the perceived image of judges and courts (image of the environment, image of services provided by judges / courts and image of social services) of both the judges and subjects of all the external groups is positive.
- Relations among the judicial conduct, the perceived procedural justice of the court participants, as well as the image of the judges and courts were established (e.g., those participants, who indicated that the judge exerted pressure on them, has showed opinion on the outcome of the case in advance, showed anger or irritation, evaluated the fairness of judicial conduct after the court proceedings significantly worse than participants, who have not reported such judicial behaviours).

Recommendations on how to ensure greater judicial behaviour compliance with the requirements of procedural justice and how to improve the image of the judges and courts, as well as guidelines for judicial training courses are presented.

Publications:

- Valickas G., Šeršniovaitė D., Mikuličiūtė V. The external and internal images of judges and courts // *Teisė / Mokslo darbai*. 2015, t. 97 (in Lithuanian, in press).
- Petkevičiūtė-Barysienė D., Valickas G. Procedural justice in civil court hearings // *Linking technology and psychology: Feeding the mind, energy for life / The 14-th European congress of psychology*. 7-10 July, 2015. Milan, 2015, p. 1493.
- Cunichina K., Valickas G., Pakalniskienė V., Navickas V. How 7-10 year old children perceive image of judges and courts // *Current challenges for psychology and law / Psychology and law conference*. 4-7 August, 2015. Nuremberg, 2015, p. 44–45.

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

There are several positions that disagree about the scope of morality, ranging from complete monists to complete pluralists (the debate is reviewed in a theoretical article and published in philosophy journal *Problemos*). The goal of current research is to address this disagreement by providing cross-cultural empirical evidence from Mongolia and Lithuania. Following Turiel's moral-conventional task, we characterized moral transgressions in terms of two dimensions: authority independence and generality of scope. Different moral domains are then defined by grouping such moral transgressions in terms of their content (following Haidt's classification of morally relevant domains). The study was conducted in Mongolia. There are two main results of the study. First, since all five Haidtian domains were moralized by the participants, the study provides evidence in favor of pluralism about moral domains. However, the study also suggests that a significant number of participants indicated considerations of fairness across domains (the results are summarized in an academic paper and submitted to *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*). The study in Lithuania employed alternative qualitative methods. In particular, evidence from freelisting indicates of the most cognitively salient moral transgressions to Lithuanian participants. It seems that harm and fairness considerations

are the most prototypical. The results have some bearing to the ongoing debate about the scope of morality that is discussed in the paper (which submitted to *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*).

Publications:

- Berniūnas, R. (2014). Delineating the moral domain in moral psychology. *Problemos* (Supplement).
- Berniūnas, R., Sousa, P., Dranseika, V. (*under review*). Are there different moral domain: evidence from Mongolia. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*.
- Berniūnas, R., Dranseika, V. (*submitted*). Thou shalt not kill, steal and lie: Cognitively salient moral transgressions among Lithuanians. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*

International Research Projects

COST Action IS1302 „Towards an EU research framework on forensic psychiatric care“. Dr. Iona Čėsniėnė, MC Member

The aim of the Action is to exchange, increase and deepen the knowledge on evidence-based practice and (cost) effective services in long-term forensic psychiatry in Europe. In order to achieve scientific progress leading to an improvement of evidence-based treatment in long-term forensic psychiatric services, the Action focuses on three main core areas:

- Characteristics of long-term forensic psychiatric patients
- Towards best practice in long-term forensic psychiatric care
- Meeting needs and optimizing quality of life in long-term forensic psychiatric care

From 15th until 17th of April, the Management Committee (MC) and Working Group (WG) meetings of COST Action IS1302 took place in Ayia Napa (Cyprus). During these meetings of the members of the European funded Research Framework on Forensic Psychiatric Care, progress and developments were discussed regarding patient characteristics, best practices in long-term forensic psychiatric care and patient needs and optimisation of quality of life.

Delegates from 19 countries of the European community gathered for the exciting and innovative exchange of ideas, information and research projects.

The 5th MC & 4th WG Meetings were held on the 7th & 9th of October in Split, Croatia. The second Annual Conference of the COST Action IS1302 “Patients, Research and EU Policy in LFPC” took place at the University of Split as well. WGs presented their latest progress they have made during the last 6 months. The objectives of the Action were evaluated and targets were set for the coming 6 months. Please find more information on website <http://lfpc-cost.eu/>

SPAN - Science for Prevention Academic Network (2012-2016). Members - Prof. L. Bulotaitė, prof. R. Jusienė, lekt. K. Dragūnevičius.

Coordinator - Oxford Brookes University. The project is working with the prevention science community across Europe to strengthen the connection between education, training and research. SPAN launched in 2012 with experts from 32 institutes across 25 European countries, and aims to support the integration of prevention science in higher education across Europe. www.span-europe.eu.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

MAIN 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/redakcine-kolegija>;
- 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/redakcine-kolegija>;
- 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.

Doc. R. Bliumas –

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

- Mentor Scientific Advisory Network
<http://www.mentorfoundation.org/people.php?nav=3-26-90>

- European Health Psychology society (EHPS) <http://www.ehps.net/membership>

Doc. D. Čekuolienė –

- Member of Society for Research of Child Development (SRCD), www.srcd.org/ ;
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- 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/> ;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal „Socialinių mokslų studijos“ („Societal Studies“), http://www.mruni.eu/lt/mokslo_darbai/sms/apie_leidini/;
- Member of The International Association of Applied Psychology <http://www.iaapsy.org/> ;
- Member of The Board of Ethics of The European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA) <http://www.efpa.eu/ethics/board-of-ethics> .

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- Member of Lithuanian Psychological Association <http://www.psichologusajunga.lt/>.
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- Member of the International Study Group on Special Education Needs;
- Member of the Lithuanian Psychological Association, www.lps.vu.lt/;
- Affiliate Member International School Psychology Association, www.ispaweb.org/
- Member of Editorial Team of the Journal “Ugdymo psichologija” (Educational Psychology) <http://www.ugdymopsichologija.leu.lt/index.php/Ugdymopsichologija>

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- Editorial board member of the journal Kriminologijos studijos (Studies of Criminology), <http://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/index.php/kriminologijos-studijos/pages/view/editorial-board>.

Doc. R. Stanikūnas –

- Member of the International Colour Vision Society (ICVS), <http://macboy.uchicago.edu> ;
- Member of the Vision Sciences Society (VSS), <http://www.visionosciences.org/> ;
- Member of the Lithuanian Neuroscience Association (LNA), www.neuromokslai.lt/en/ .

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Culture of education

Education policy

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

Problems of personal identity

Globalization and localization in education

Philosophy of education

Higher education

Child's socialization

Gender differences in education and science

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2015

Projects Supported by University Budget

Educational Policy and Educational Culture. 2015-2019.

The main aim of the research in 2015 was to start the analysis of the tendencies of the educational politics in regard with the educational culture. Some data of theoretical and empirical research are published in research papers written by Lilija Duoblienė, Irena Stonkuvienė, Vilija Targamadžė, Rimantas Želvys and analyzing issues of education policy and culture. The papers were published in Lithuanian and international educational journals.

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

Main publications in 2015:

- Želvys, R., *Lithuania: Education Policy and Reforms, 1988-2014*, Education in the European Union: post-2003 Member States. - Series: Education around the world. Bloomsbury, Bloomsbury Academic. ISBN 9781472522283. 2015. p. 151-170.

- Kestere, I.; Rubene, Z.; Stonkuvienė, I. (2015). *Introduction: power – invisible architecture of education*. Paedagogica Historica: International Journal of the History of Education, Vol. 51(1-2), p. 5-10, DOI: 10.1080/00309230.2014.997759 (ISI Web of Science).
- Targamadžė, V., Minkutė-Henrickson, R., *Cognizable or yet not discovered Generation Z: viewpoint of comprehensive school teachers (case of Lithuania)*. International Journal of Multilingual Education. Tbilisi, Center for Civil Integration and Inter-Ethnic Relations. ISSN 1987-9601. No. 5. 2015. p. 67-77.

National Research Projects

Dominant and demotic school culture: analysis of tension fields. Research project (2014-2015), funded by Research Council of Lithuania. Research leader: prof. L. Duoblienė. The aim of this project is to reveal the links and intersections among teachers' dominant culture from the top and students' demotic culture from the bottom in Lithuanian schools. The main activities in 2015 are empirical data analysis and interpretation, dissemination of the research results in seminars and scientific publications.

Modeling the status and causing factors of Lithuanian education system. Research project (2015-2017) funded by Research Council of Lithuania, Research leader prof. R. Želvys. The aim of the project is to analyse causing factors influencing the results of the international OECD PISA study and to model the system of educational indicators for Lithuania based on the data available from OECD PISA study, National examination and testing databases.

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. Targamadžė). 2012-2015.

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University of Haifa (Israel)

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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>;

Prof. L. Duoblienė:

- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Teachers of Philosophy;
- Member of International Association of Teachers of Philosophy;
- Member of International Network of Philosophy of Education (INPE).
- Deputy Editor-in-chief of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/acta-paedagogica-vilnensia/redakcine-kolegija>.
- Member of the editorial board of the journal *Religija ir Kultūra* (Religion and Culture);
- Member of VU Philosophy Faculty Board <http://www.fsf.vu.lt/lt/apie-fakulteta/taryba>;
- Member of Lithuanian Education Board at Lithuanian Parliament (Seimas).

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- Representative of Educology Department (Vilnius University) at the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Member of the working group for the Internship Regulations at the Faculty of Philosophy;
- Member of the Association for Improvement of Schools <http://www.mtc.lt/lt/mtc-balsas/mokyklu-tobulinimo-asociacija>

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- Editor-in-chief of the Journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/acta-paedagogica-vilnensia>;
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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>.

Prof. V. Targamadžė:

- International PISTA, IMSCI Conferences Reviewer (USA, Florida) since 2006;
- Member of Editorial Board in *International Journal of Multilingual Education (IJME)*, <http://www.multilingualeducation.org/>;
- Editorial Board Member of journal *Socialinis ugdymas* (Social education) (LEU, SKI) 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>;
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- Editorial Board Member of the journal *Acta Paedagogica Vilnensia*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/acta-paedagogica-vilnensia>;
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophical and hermeneutical premises of philosophy

The impact of metaphysics on the rise of modern natural science

Impact of the globalization on culture and transformation of values

Philosophical reflection of everyday world

Philosophy of cinema

Philosophical investigations of imagination

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2015

Projects Supported by University Budget

Contemporary Philosophy and Philosophical Investigations of Culture. Prof. dr. A. Plėšnys, 2015–2020.

The main research titles accomplished in 2015: emancypatory role of hypnosis in imagiantion practises, questions of cinematic violence through lenses of Aristotle's „Poettics“, influence of positivism on political theory of Evaldas Nekrašas.

- Sabolius, K. “Hypnosis and Emancipated Imagination”, in *Problemos*, 2015, Issue 87, p. 117 – 132
- Milerius, N. “The Critique of Visual Violence and “Applied Aristotelianism” in M. Haneke's “Funny Games”, in *Problemos*, 2018, Issue 88, p. 130 – 140
- Stoškus, M. “Reflections of Positivism in the Political Theory of Evaldas Nekrašas”, in *Problemos*, 2015, Issue 88, p. 36 - 43

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Lekt. Jonas Čiurlionis –

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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, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>
- Editorial board member of the international project The Encyclopaedia of Educational Philosophy and Theory, http://www.ffst.hr/ENCYCLOPAEDIA/doku.php?id=on_encyclopaedia.

Doc. K. Sabolius –

- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>
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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/>;
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Lecturers: V. Dranseika (part-time), M. Kubilius, Dr. A. Navickas (part-time).

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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 2015

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 2015: fundamental issues of contemporary moral and political philosophy; recent development and the current stance of Lithuanian philosophy; metaphilosophy and bioethics.

Publications:

- Dranseika, V., Piasecki, J., Waligora, M. 2015 *Non-Beneficial Pediatric Research: Individual and Social Interests*, in: *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy*, Issue 18 (1), Dordrecht, Springer Netherlands, pp. 103-112.
- Noreikaitė, A., Jokubaitis, A. 2015 *Dworkin's Alternative to Berlin's Value Pluralism*, in: *Problemos*, Issue 88, Vilnius, VUL, pp. 153-165.
- Gilaitis, M. 2015 *Causal Theories of Mental Content: Where Is the 'Causal Element' and How Does It Make Intentionality Relational?*, in: *Problemos*, Issue 87, Vilnius, VUL, pp. 19-30.

National Research Projects

Research Council of Lithuania. Publication of the Scholarly Philosophical Journal Problemos. Contract No. LIT-2-56. Assoc. prof. N. Radavičienė. 2013-2015.

Project results 2014 – 2 vol (vol. 85, 86), 2x170 copies (35 author sheets) and the Supplement 2014 (10 author sheets, 170 copies) 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, SCOPUS.

*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.** Project is funded by the Research Council of Lithuania (The National Lithuanian studies development programme for 2009-2015) Contract No. LIT-6-16/LSS-250000-154. assoc. prof. 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 2015, excerpts from Descartes' work "Olympica" and Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Nature" were translated. Translation is forthcoming in Problemos.

*Research Council of Lithuania. **Information Society Research: a New Methodological Paradigm?** Contract No. MIP-072/2014. Assoc. prof. dr. K. Kirtiklis. 2014-2016.*

The present stage of the research project focused on the present situation of the discourse of information society. To reach this goal the research team set themselves three tasks:

- analyze the definitions of information society in the present discourse;
- analyze the theorizing of the new forms of sociality emerging in the cyberspace;
- analyze the principles of theorizing information society.

The results of the present stage were presented at the international conferences (ESA 2015 and NordMedia 2015).

*Research Council of Lithuania. **Digitization and Generation of Access to the Journals of Humanities and Social Sciences.** Contract No. LIT-8-87/LSS-250000-485. Assoc. prof. dr. J. Dagys. 2015-2015.*

There are five academic journals published by the Faculty of Philosophy of Vilnius University: 'Problemos', 'Psichologija', 'Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmai', 'Acta Pedagogica Vilnensis' and 'S.T.E.P.P.'. Until recently the content of the above mentioned journals was not entirely available in the electronic form, complete open access was not ensured, an

effective bibliographical database was absent, and hence the limited visibility and recognition of the publications in the Lithuanian and foreign scientific databases. The situation was leading to an indirect incentive for (especially younger) scholars to be satisfied with the content of foreign databases and publications, and thus to neglect of the local tradition. The principle aim of this project, which is to be complete by the end of 2015, was to ensure the preservation and distribution of the scholarly articles by creating the complete and openly accessible electronic database of the papers published in the journals of the faculty since 1960 (more than 20000 pages). The creation of a suitable system for presenting the content, based on the scanned copy and metadata descriptions of each item, is an effective instrument of research that should contribute to improved conditions of work for researchers, as well as enhance accessibility and recognition of Lithuanian publications in the digital realm.

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC 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 board of Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt>;
- Member of the Appeals Committee of the Faculty of Philosophy at Vilnius University;
- Member of the Faculty Council;

- Member of the Philosophy Master Study Programme Committee.

Lect. V. Dranseika –

- Member of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH), <http://www.espmh.org/>;
- Secretary of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>;
- 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;

Assoc. prof. K. Dubnikas –

- Editorial board member of the journal Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture), <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/religija-ir-kultura>;
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- Editorial board member of the journal Politologija, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/politologija>;
- Advisory board member of the journal Horyzonty Polityki (Horizons of Politics), <http://www.ignatianum.edu.pl/horyzonty.polityki>;
- Advisory board member of the journal Politeja, <http://www.politeja.wsmip.uj.edu.pl/>.

Assoc. prof. N. Kardelis –

- Vice-President of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>;
- Member of the Lithuanian Society of the Study of Religions, <http://religijotyra.lt/about/>;

- Member of the Commission for the Advancement of Lithuanian Studies headed by the Lithuanian Prime Minister;
- 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. K. Kirtiklis –

- Member of the Lithuanian Social Science Forum, <http://www.socforumas.lt/?lang=en>;
- Member of the Lithuanian Philosophical Society, <http://www.filosofai.lt/>;
- Member of Lithuanian Communication Society.
- Member of the organising committee of the ECREA Philosophy of Communication Section (www.philosophyofcommunication.eu) workshop "Models of Communication: Theoretical and Philosophical Approaches" (2015 10 8-11).

Assoc. prof. N. Radavičienė –

- Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Problemos*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/problemos/apie-zurnalą>;
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- Member of the Centre for Information Society Studies, Vilnius University, <http://www.infovi.vu.lt/>;
- Vice-Chairman of the VU Commission for Academic Ethics;

- Member of the Faculty Council;
- Member of the Philosophy Master Study Programme Committee;
- Member of the Academic Commission of Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University.

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. Mintis ir veiksmai (Sociology. Thought and Action), <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/sociologija-mintis-ir-veiksmai>;
- Editorial board member of the journal Informacijos mokslai (Information Sciences), <http://www.leidykla.vu.lt/mokslo-darbai/informacijos-mokslai/>;
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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 2015

Projects Supported by University Budget

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

During the last year of the Project, the main task is to analyse the data of the empirical research and present it at the national and International scientific conferences and in peer-reviewed scientific journals; and to organize a scientific conference.

Projects, Programmes, Issues Supported by Research Council of Lithuania

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.

The main goal of the study was to analyze the factors of traumatic experiences, psychological health and coping in various groups in the context of social transformations. Exploratory studies and methodological designs were composed for 3 tasks of the Project: to analyze factors of traumatic experiences, mental health and coping in different age groups; links between unresolved traumas and suicide risk; traumatic experiences and coping factors of specific social and ethnic groups. 766 participants took part in qualitative and quantitative research. Three national conferences were organized in three years and 22 papers were presented in international conferences.

Publications

- Lithuanian Faces After Transition: Psychological Consequences of Cultural Trauma (2015), Edited by Danutė Gailienė. Vilnius: Eugrimas, 264 p. ISBN 9786094372940. Prieiga: http://www.fsf.vu.lt/dokumentai/Projektai/LMT/Sunkios_traumos_Gailiene/Lithuanian_faces_after_transition_c_1.pdf
- Skeryte-Kazlauskienė M., Mazulytė E., Eimontas J., Kazlauskas E., Gailienė D. (2015) The Effect of Retrospectively Perceived Parental Bonding on Resilience in Adulthood. International Journal of Psychological Studies, 7(2), p. 174-179. Prieiga: <http://www.ccsenet.org/journal/index.php/ijps/article/view/46959>
- Latakienė J., Skruibis P., Dadašev S., Grižas A., Dapševičiūtė I., Gailienė D. (2015). “They don’t take it seriously”: Perceived reactions of surrounding people to suicide communication. *Illness, Crisis & Loss*, online doi:10.1177/1054137315589691. Prieiga: <http://icl.sagepub.com/content/early/recent>

Revelation of personality's integrity: problem of relation with authority and psychotherapy. Contract No NR. MIP-080/2014/LSS-250000-488. Prof. G. Gudaitė. 2014-2016.

The aim of the project is to explore the experience of relation with the authority (in connection with the consequences of Lithuanian historical heritage) and reconstruction of this relation in psychotherapy. As the aim of the project is to explore a dynamic phenomenon, which depends on objective and subjective conditions, quantitative and qualitative (thematic and case analysis) research methods are combined in the project design. 240 participants took part in (200 in quantitative research and 40 in qualitative one). Four presentations (two oral and two posters) based on the results of the primary data analysis were presented in international scientific conferences.

Publication

- Gudaitė G. (2015) Issues of Cultural identity and Authorship When Receiving Training from Other Cultures. In: From Tradition to Innovation Jungian Analysts Working in Different Cultural Settings. Ed. by C. Crowter and J. Wiener. Spring Journal and Spring Books publication.

Brief Adjustment Disorder Psychosocial Intervention Effectiveness Study. Contract No MIP-079/2014/ LSS-250000-644/03-21. Dr. P. Skruibis. 2014-2016.

During the second year of this scientific project, researchers have carried out the preparatory phase of the study and began collecting the empirical data. During the preparatory phase of the study, necessary preparations for the execution of the empirical research were carried out: structural analysis of adjustment disorder construct in Lithuanian population; analysis of evidence-based psychosocial interventions for individuals affected by various stressors; based on these analyses, a brief adjustment disorder psychosocial intervention (BADI) was developed along with a methodological package of its effectiveness assessment and a plan of assessment procedures; BADI program was implemented online via internet website specifically created for this project; the program has been tested and a manual for BADI was created. Scientific results obtained during the preparatory phase were presented in national and international scientific conferences (Annual Conference of Young Psychology Scientists, Lithuanian Congress of Psychologists, Conference of European Society for Traumatic Stress

Studies, European Congress of Psychology), two scientific publications were prepared, and one of them published in a peer-reviewed journal Works of Young Psychology Scientists. The project is carried out further by collecting empirical data, i.e. applying BADI program for individuals who experienced various stressors.

Mediating effects of psychosocial factors on stress and trauma related psychological after-effects in the context of social psychotraumatology. MIP-15266. Principal investigator dr. E.Kazlauskas. 2015-2017.

Research group that proposed this research project is analyzing stressful reactions within the framework of the draft version of the new upcoming version of the World Health Organization's (WHO) 11th edition of International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11). Project is conducted in cooperation with prof. A. Maercker from the University of Zurich. This study would provide more understanding of important psychosocial factors: social acknowledgment, attitudes toward social changes, social support in the context of stressful situations and interactions with other stressful reactions. During the first year of the study dr. E. Kazlauskas visited University of Zurich for a short-term scientific visit. Pilot study methods were selected and procedures planned.

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www.hhpub.com/journals/ep/journals.html;
- International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP), <http://www.iasp.info/>
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- Member of the Lithuanian Committee of Medical Bioethics, www.bioetika.sam.lt;
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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

Gender equality and social work

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2015

Projects Supported by University Budget

Research on social policy, innovative paradigms and models of social work and social services in response to societal changes and the aims to create welfare society. Dr. (HP) L. Žalimienė 2015-2018.

Social work research in interdisciplinary context was carried out, encompassing issues about children and youth welfare, interprofessional intervention practice, emancipation of social

work profession. Another branch of research has been focused on dilemmas of social support policy, labour sphere trends in Baltic states, the rise of dual labour market, quality of social services. Results of research were published at national or international scientific journals, monograph, presented on national or international conferences or used in preparation of practical recommendations for social policy, social work practice or teaching aids.

Publications:

- J. Buzaitytė Kašalynienė, B. Švedaitė-Sakalauskė, L. Gvaldaitė, Emancipation of Social Work Profession and Professional Identity, Motivation and Self-Esteem. Social Work Education in Europe: towards 2025: Abstract book, 2015, p. 26. ISBN 9788890975318
- Labor share trends in three Baltic countries: literature review and empirical evidence / Aušra Razgūnė, **Romas Lazutka**; Vilniaus universitetas. Ekonomika. Vilnius, Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISSN 1392-1258. T. 94, Nr.1.
- Laimutė Žalimienė, Eugenijus Dunajevus. 2015. Dilemma of Social Support: between Autonomy and Paternalism. Monograph. Vilnius University. 335 p.

International Research Projects

Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme of the European Union. Title of the project: „Access to Justice for Children with Mental Disabilities“

Publications (outside of the abovementioned project):

- Sumskiene, E., Orlova, L. Forbidden Sexuality of Women with Intellectual Disabilities Residing in Closed Residential Care Institutions in Post-Soviet Countries" 2015 "Sexuality and Culture", 19, p. 369-387, DOI 10.1007/s/12119-014-9262-1
- Sumskiene, E. „No More Disco: the Rise and Development of Organizations of Parent of Children who Have Intellectual Disabilities in the Baltic States“. Forthcoming in 1915 in “Parental Movements: The Politicization of Motherhood and Fatherhood in Eastern Europe and the Post-Soviet Region” Eds: Fabian, K. and Korolczuk, E. p. 12

- J. Buzaityte Kasalyniene, M. Sher, Developing a group relations institute in Lithuania. In *Group Relations Work: Exploring the Influence and Relevance within and Beyond its Network Vol. IV*, ed. By E. Aram, R. Baxter, A. Nutkevitch. Karnack, 2015, 127-141. ISBN 978 1 78220 197 7

Contractual Research

- The rise of the dual labour market: fighting precarious employment in the new member states through industrial relations. Dublin City University (2015-2016);
- Labor relations and social insurance legal administrative model (Ministry of Social Security and Labour, 2013-2015);
- A Systematic Study on Poverty in Lithuania (CARITAS Lithuania, 2014-2015).

Publication: Zabarauskaitė R., Gruževskis B. (2015). *The systematic study of the problem of poverty in Lithuania*. Lithuania Caritas, Kaunas. p. 74 , ISBN 978-609-95667-1-9.

- Laureckis K., Petružytė D. (2015) Recommendations for institutions and organizations who works with youth having difficult behavior in Molėtai district municipality, 30 p.
- **Eglė Šumskienė**, Jurga Jonutyte, Rita Augutienė, Rūta Karaliūnienė. Multiple Discrimination in Health Sector: the Case of Women with Disabilities. STEPP, 2015, Nr. 11. Pp 98-113. Vilniaus Universitetas.
- External Evaluation of the EC financed PROGRESS project implemented by the Lithuanian Office „Towards the Society Free of Violence“.
- LKMA project "Christians in Lithuania before and after the Independence (LMT, National Lituanus Development 2009-2015. Program, 2013-2015.). Part of the project "Christianity as a Social Posture Factor in the Totalitarian and Post-Soviet Society.

Publication: I. E. Laumenskaitė “The Role of Formal Belief and Religious Indifference in Accepting the Conformist Social Orientation in Post-Soviet Society: The Lithuanian Case” In: *Zarządzanie w Kulturze*, 2015, vol 16, N 4, p. 403–426.

- Buzaitytė – Kašalynienė J. Švedaitė – Sakalauskė B., Gvaldaitė L. Emancipation of

Social Work Profession and Professional Identity, Motivation and Self-Esteem//Social Work Education in Europe: towards 2025//Pranešimo tezės. 2015, p. 26-26.

- Focus groups with representatives of governmental, nongovernmental and private sector representatives about NGO sector issues in Lithuania, Transparency International, Department of Lithuania, October 2015.
- European Social Policy Network - Lithuanian expert, European Commission DG Employment and Social Affairs.
- „Lithuanian legal-administrative model of labour relations and state social insurance“. Ministry of Social Security and Labour. Pilot project for the development of a common methodology on reference budgets (2014-2015).
- European Commission DG Employment and Social Affairs.

Publication: Razgūnė, A., Lazutka, R. Labour share trend analysis in the Baltic countries. // Ekonomika (mokslo darbai), Vilnius: VU, 2015, N.1. 97-116 p.

Research “Coherence between students’ perceived learning outcomes and subject aims“. The following research **abstracts** were published:

- “Do they learn what we teach?“ / International scientific conference “Social work education in Europe: towards 2025“ Abstract book, p. 38, 2015, Milan. ISBN 9788890975318.
- “Coherence between students’ perceived learning outcomes and study programme aims“/ International scientific conference „Towards research-based education“, Abstract book, p. 115-116, 2015, LEU. ISBN978-609-471-018-6.

Research about the interdisciplinary cooperation in Early childhood education services **(article):**

- Ališauskienė S., Gevorgianienė V. Exploring professional boundaries: a shift to inter-professional early childhood intervention practice in Lithuania / Society, integration, education: conference proceedings, Rezekne, 2015, p.15-30. ISSN 1691-5887; ISBN 978-9984-44-163-4.

Reports for European Social Policy Network (ESPN):

- Lazutka R., Poviliūnas A., Žalimienė L. Thematic report on social investment: Lithuania. 2015. ESPN Brussels : European Commission.
- Lazutka R., Poviliūnas A., Žalimienė L. Gaps in the provision of long-term care services in Lithuania. Report. 2015. ESPN. Brussels : European Commission.
- Lazutka R., Poviliūnas A., Žalimienė L. Thematic Report on Integrated Support for the long-term unemployed Lithuania 2015. ESPN. Brussels : European Commission.
- Lazutka R., Poviliūnas A., Žalimienė L. Flash Report : towards the deinstitutionalisation of the State childcare system in Lithuania. 2015. ESPN. Brussels : European Commission.

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

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- 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/mokslodarbai/verslo-ir-teises-aktualijos/redaktoriu-kolegija>.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Scientific Journal „Education of Economists and Managers“ (Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland) http://eeim.kwartalnik.com.pl/?page_id=864
- Public Advisor for the Prime Minister of Lithuania, from 2013.

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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

Sociology of ageing

Sociology of health and illness

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 2015

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. Synchronically and diachronically comparative sociological research of the catching-up development of Lithuania in the long-run perspective. The issues of migration and family life were analysed. 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 analysed. Old age identity and its stigmatization in Lithuanian society were analysed, as well, as experiences of carrying out academic projects in changing bureaucratic environments.

Publications:

- Norkus Z. (2014). „Kiedy na Litwie było więcej demokracji? Porównanie reżimu politycznego Pierwszej i Drugiej Republiki Litewskiej“. Kn. Udana transformacja na peryferiach? / red. Artur Wołek, Justinas Dementavičius. ISBN 9788362628766, Kraków, Ośrodek Myśli Politycznej, p. 177-239.
- Norkus Z. (2015). „Kas turtėjo greičiausiai? Baltijos šalių ūkio augimo 1913-1938 metais palyginimas“ [Who Did Enrich Fastest? A Comparison of the Economic Growth of Baltic Countries in 1913–1938], Politologija, Nr. 3 (79), p.3-54. <http://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/politologija/article/download/8428/6296>
- Rapolienė, G. (2015). „Ageing Identity: Do Theories Match Experiences?“ Corvinus Journal of Sociology and Social Policy 6 (1), p. 3-24, atvira prieiga: <http://cjssp.uni-corvinus.hu/index.php/cjssp/article/view/95>.

National Research Projects

Emigration and Family: Challenges, Family Resources, Ways of Coping with Difficulties. Contract No VAT-39/2012/ LSS-250000-643. Prof. I. Juozeliūnienė. 2012-2014 (2015).

Research project was completed in March 31, 2015. The volume edited by Irena Juozeliūnienė and Julie Seymour „Family Change in Times of the De-bordering of Europe and Global Mobility: Resources, Processes and Practices“ was published in Lithuanian and English languages. This edited volume analyses family changes produced by global migration. By applying three theoretical perspectives – the intergenerational solidarity, family practices and symbolic interactionism – the researchers bring into view family resources, practices, and processes. The international team of nine contributors from Lithuania, Germany and United Kingdom presents data from quantitative and qualitative studies conducted in various countries and reveal how intergenerational relations, kinship and personal networks, and

family memories contribute to the development of new family relations, how the familial “we” comes about, and how family-making takes place across borders.

The findings from the project prompted the topic for the special issue “Reshaping Families in Northern Europe“ of the international journal “The Journal of Comparative Family Studies”, edited by Irena Juozeliūnienė and Aušra Maslauskaitė and accepted for publication in 2016, 47(1).

Publications:

- Juozeliūnienė, I. ir J. Seymour (Eds.) (2015). Šeiminiai pokyčiai atvirų Europos sienų ir globalaus mobilumo akivaizdoje: resursai, procesai ir praktikos [Family change in times of the de-bordering of Europe and global mobility: resources, processes and practices]. - Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, p.379, UDK 316.3(Še23); ISBN 978-609-459-540-0 (in Lithuanian and English).
- Juozeliūnienė, I. (2015). Simbolinio interakcionizmo sąvokos tiriant migracijos šeimas [The Concepts of Symbolic Interactionism in Migrant Family Research]. In Juozeliūnienė, I. ir J. Seymour (Eds.) Šeiminiai pokyčiai atvirų Europos sienų ir globalaus mobilumo akivaizdoje: resursai, procesai ir praktikos [Family change in times of the de-bordering of Europe and global mobility: resources, processes and practices]. - Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, p. 51-62 (237-248).
- Juozeliūnienė, I. (2015). Šeima abipus sienų: pokyčiai, šeimos sampratos ir vaidmens elgsena [Family Across Borders: Changes, Family Concepts, and Role Behavior]. In Juozeliūnienė, I. ir J. Seymour (Eds.) Šeiminiai pokyčiai atvirų Europos sienų ir globalaus mobilumo akivaizdoje: resursai, procesai ir praktikos [Family change in times of the de-bordering of Europe and global mobility: resources, processes and practices]. - Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, p. 168-183 (359-375).
- Žilinskienė, L. (2015). Šeimos atmintis [Family Memory]. In Juozeliūnienė, I. ir J. Seymour (Eds.) Šeiminiai pokyčiai atvirų Europos sienų ir globalaus mobilumo akivaizdoje: resursai, procesai ir praktikos [Family change in times of the de-bordering of Europe and global mobility: resources, processes and practices]. - Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, p. 93-112 (280-302).

Late Socialism in the life stories: the first generation of the Soviet Era. Contract Nr. LIT-15128 Dr. Laimutė Žilinskienė

The project is seeking to analyze the late socialism phenomena through the life stories of the ‘first generation of the soviet era’ born in 1946 to 1959. The project will be developed by means of the biography methodology. The project foresees to examine the features of socialization of this generation during the period of late socialism, especially, the significance of the family institute in socialization and the social maturity processes. The project will study how the memory of late socialism is employed in different social and biographic contexts restoring the consistency of an identity in the collapse of the post-soviet system. In addition to this, the project will be seeking to identify the features of generation identity in life stories by studying both features that, in the opinion of the researcher, are analysable and the apprehensions of collective ‘we’ of the generation.

Publications:

- Žilinskienė, L., (co-author S. Kraniauskiene), (2015), Research Ethics in Soviet Memory Studies in “The Soviet Past in the Post-Socialist Present: Methodology and Ethics in Russian, Baltic and Central European Oral History and Memory Studies”, (eds) Melanie Ilic, Dalia Leinarte. New York: Routledge, eISBN 97813156781914, pp. 92-109.
- Žilinskienė L. (2015), Paauglių delinkvencijos ištakos (delinkvencijos diskurso pokyčiai istorinėje perspektyvoje), Jaunimo delinkvencinis elgesys ir nepilnamečių justicijos politika Lietuvoje: tendencijos ir lyginamieji aspektai : monografija, sud. S. Justickaja, Vilnius: Justitia, ISBN 978-609-8146-02-8, p.17-28.
- Žilinskienė L. (2015), Nepilnamečių justicijos programos formuotojai ir praktikai: Nepilnamečių justicijos programos priemonių efektyvumas ir vertinimo kriterijai, Jaunimo delinkvencinis elgesys ir nepilnamečių justicijos politika Lietuvoje: tendencijos ir lyginamieji aspektai: monografija, sud. S. Justickaja, Vilnius: Justitia, ISBN 978-609-8146-02-8, p.73-104.

Youth Delinquency and Victimization Contract Nr. MIP-018/2013, senior researcher Dr. L. Žilinskienė

There is a lack of plausibility in official youth crime and victimization statistics, therefore researches such as this one is the only way to properly evaluate the current state of youth delinquency and victimization. To fill this gap, every few years a continuous International Self-Report Delinquency Project (ISRD) is carried out in Europe. Now there have already been two such researches and the third one is about to begin.

The purpose of project „Youth Delinquency and Victimization“ is to analyze the problem of youth delinquency and victimization from sociological and criminological approach. Statistical data, gathered during the survey, will be processed in accordance to Lithuanian legal and political (criminal policy, education) regulation context. Evaluation of juvenile crime and victimization prevention policy includes analysis of documents and in-depth, half-structured interviews. In addition to that, the survey Lithuanian schoolchildren (carried out following the methodological requirements of international project) will allow to identify how widely youth delinquency and victimization are spread. Also, this survey is focused on evaluating the plausibility of various criminological theories, creating circumstances for comparative analysis of the dynamics of youth crime. This data is of particular importance in order to distinguish conceptual problems in youth policies and deliver suggestions to solve them.

One of defining points of the project is the aspect of internationality. Statistical data from the schoolchildren survey will provide a chance to adequately compare the current state in Lithuania with the state in another European countries which means wider opportunities for theoretical analysis.

Project will be carried out by researchers, specializing in the fields of criminology, sociology, law and other relevant fields.

Publications:

- Žilinskienė L. (2015), Paauglių delinkvencijos ištakos (delinkvencijos diskurso pokyčiai istorinėje perspektyvoje), Jaunimo delinkvencinis elgesys ir nepilnamečių justicijos politika Lietuvoje: tendencijos ir lyginamieji aspektai : monografija, sud. S. Justickaja, Vilnius: Justitia, ISBN 978-609-8146-02-8, p.17-28.
- Žilinskienė L. (2015), Nepilnamečių justicijos programos formuotojai ir praktikai: Nepilnamečių justicijos programos priemonių efektyvumas ir vertinimo kriterijai, Jaunimo delinkvencinis elgesys ir nepilnamečių justicijos politika Lietuvoje: tendencijos ir lyginamieji

aspektai : monografija, sud. S. Justickaja, Vilnius: Justitia, ISBN 978-609-8146-02-8, p.73-104.

Invisible Society in Soviet Lithuania: Revision of the Distinguishing Between Informal Systemic and Anti-systemic Networks". EU SF global grant project, Contract No. VP1-3.1-ŠMM-07-K-02-053.

The main objective of the project was to reveal the principles of (self-)organization of soviet society by implementing research on informal mircostructure of Lithuanian society during late soviet period. 2013 – 2015.

Dr. Rūta Žiliukaitė (senior researcher) in 2015:

- Žiliukaitė, R. (2015). “Ekonominis „nepaklusnumas“: blatas ir kitos neformalios ekonominės veiklos“ [Economic “Disobedience”: Blat and Other Informal Economic Practices], – Nematoma sovietmečio visuomenė, red. A.Ramonaitė, Vilnius: Naujasis Židinys – Aidai, p. 128-153
- Žiliukaitė, R. (2015). “Kaip pažintys virsta ekonominiu kapitalu: Blato tinklų struktūrinės charakteristikos“ [How Relations Transform into Economic Capital: Structural Characteristics of Blat Relations], – Nematoma sovietmečio visuomenė, red. A.Ramonaitė, Vilnius: Naujasis Židinys – Aidai, p. 325-351
- Žiliukaitė, R. (2015) „Blato ryšių Lietuvoje vėlyvuojū sovietmečiu analizė“ [Analysis of Blat Relations During the Late Soviet Period in Lithuania”], – Sociologija: mintis ir veiksmai, 2014 Nr. 2, p. 252-270

Change of Values of Lithuanian Society during Twenty Years of Independence. Researchers’ Teams Project (Research Council of Lithuania) Contract No. MIP-15288.

The project is aimed at analysis of values’ changes of Lithuanian society during twenty years of independence in comparative context of other European countries, using data of three waves (1990, 1999 and 2008) of European Values Study.

In 2015 three presentations given at the Annual Conference of the Lithuanian Association of Sociologists (13th November, 2015, Kaunas):

1. Poviliūnas, A. (2015). "Is It Possible to Apply P. Bourdieu Theory for Analysis of Data of European Value Study".
2. Savicka, A. (2015). "Development of Postmaterialist Values in Fragile Economic and Political Context of Lithuania".
3. Žiliukaitė, R. (2015). "Application of Modernization Theory in EVS".

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

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

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 Journal Kriminologijos studijos (Studies in Criminology) <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/kriminologijos-studijos>
- 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

- Deputy Dean for Research of the Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal Sociologija. *Mintis ir veiksmas* (Sociology. Thought and Action), <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/sociologija-mintis-ir-veiksmas>
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Filosofija. Sociologija* (Philosophy, Sociology), <http://www.lmaleidykla.lt/filosofijasociologija/2010/3/>;

- Editorial board member of the Journal *Santalka*, <http://www.coactivity.vgtu.lt/> ;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Przestrzeń Społeczna (Social Space)* <http://socialspacejournal.eu/indexpl.html>
- Editorial Board Member of the Universal Lithuanian Encyclopaedia <http://www.melc.lt/lt.php/archyvas/enciklopedijos/visuotine-lietuviu-enciklopedija/>
- Member of the Executive Council of the Lithuanian Sociological Society; <http://www.sociology.lt/>
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Lietuvos istorijos studijos (Studies of Lithuania's History)*
- <http://www.lis.lt/index.php?id=redakcija&lang=LT>
- Member of the Boarc of the Research Network 36 “Sociology of Transformation: East and West,
- <http://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/200-rn36-sociology-of-transformations.html>
- 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/>;
- Editorial Board Member of the Journal *Kriminologijos studijos (Studies in Criminology)* <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/kriminologijos-studijos>
- Member of SUSTAIN Network (Helsinki University), <http://sockom.helsinki.fi/forum/SUSTAIN/network.html>;

- National Coordinators and Expert, European Social Policy Network, European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion DG, <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1135&langId=en>;
- 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.
- Member of the Research Council of the Law Institute of Lithuania http://www.teise.org/Council_of_Law_Institute.html
- Member of the Science Council of the Lithuanian Social Research Centre http://www.lstc.lt/centre_s_c.php

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/>.

Doc. R. Žiliukaitė

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

Dr. A. Čepas

- Member of the Lithuanian Educational Council by the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter/w5_show?p_r=9258&p_d=145652&p_k=1
- Member of the Interagency Commission on Implementation of the National Program for Crime Prevention and Control by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania <https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/TAR.B407818CEA8A>

- Member of the Supervisory Committee on Criminal Procedure Code by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania <https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/TAR.8EEA230B5683>
- Member of the European Commission's Expert Group on the Policy Needs for Data on Crime;
- Member of the Judicial Ethics and Discipline Commission, appointed by the President of the Republic of Lithuania <https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/d820585079fe11e48167c6ffb928f88d>
- Member of the Research Council of the Law Institute of Lithuania http://www.teise.org/Council_of_Law_Institute.html
- Member of the Lithuanian Association of Criminology <http://www.kriminologija.lt/apie-mus/>
- Member of the Editorial Board of Vilnius University Research Journal Teise <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/teise/redakcine-kolegija>
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Law Institute of Lithuania Research Journal Teisės problemos <http://www.teise.org/Redkolegija.html>
- Member of the Editorial Board of the academic journal Kriminologijos studijos <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/kriminologijos-studijos/redakcine-kolegija>
- Member of the Lithuanian Bar
- National representative in the COST IS1106 activity “Offender Supervision in Europe”. Member of the Working Group “European policy and practice” <http://www.offendersupervision.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/OSE-Progress-Report-2014.pdf?b7f3d7>

Dr. G.Rapolienė

- National representative in the COST IS1402 activity „Ageism - a multi-national, interdisciplinary perspective“ Management Committee (2014 – 2018),
- Member of the Lithuanian Sociological Association.

Dr. L. Žilinskienė

Editor-in-chief of the Journal Kriminologijos studijos (Studies in Criminology)

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