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INSTITUTES OF THE FACULTY

Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies

Institute of Educational Sciences

Institute of Philosophy

Institute of Psychology

Institute of Sociology and Social Work

RESEARCH AREAS

The historical genesis, nature and role of modern philosophy.

Psychological factors of society, community and personality development.

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

Sociological analysis of the structure and change of society.

Social work and social welfare development.

RESEARCH SUPPORTED BY UNIVERSITY BUDGET

Cultural Studies of Asia. Leader Prof. Dr. A. Beinorius

Anthropological Studies of Asia. Leader Prof. Dr. D. Brandišauskas

The History of Philosophy and Nowadays: Framework Methodological Controversies. Leader Prof. Dr. M. P. Šaulauskas.

Contemporary research on the tradition of continental philosophy and religious studies. Leader Prof. Dr. R. Šerpytytė.

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

Principles of Cognitive Processing. Leader Assoc. Prof. dr. R. Stanikūnas.

Children's and youth development and supporting environment: assessment, analysis of interaction, education. Leaders Prof. Dr. R. Jusienė, Assoc. Prof. Dr. G. Gintilienė.

Factors and Outcomes of Psychosocial Interactions and Decision Making. Leader Prof. Dr. G. Valickas.

Risk and Coping Factors of Psychosocial Stress and Psychological Disorders and the Effectiveness of Support. Leaders Prof. Dr. G. Gudaitė, Assoc. Prof. Dr. N. Grigutytė, Assoc. Prof. Dr. P. Skruibis.

Psychological, social and organisational factors of employee performance and well-being in contemporary organisations. Leaders Assoc. Prof. Dr. D. Bagdžiūnienė, Assoc. Prof. Dr. J. Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė.

Research on the risk, manifestation, and development of psychopathology in childhood and adolescence from the perspective of contemporary developmental psychopathology. Leader Prof. Dr. R. Barkauskienė.

Analysis of the diversity of violence: the phenomenon, opportunities for prevention and intervention. Leader Prof. Dr. I. Laurinaitytė.

Factors of biopsychosocial functioning of older age people. Leader Assoc. Prof. Dr. A. Kairys.

Current psychotraumatology: theoretical and empirical studies of stress- and trauma-related disorders risk factors and internet interventions effectiveness. Leaders Prof. Dr. E. Kazlauskas, Assoc. Prof. Dr. P. Želvienė.

Psychological aspects of health promotion and disease prevention. Leader Prof. Dr. L. Bulotaitė.

Sociological Analysis of Social Structure and Change. Leader Prof. Dr. Z. Norkus.

Social Control and Construction of Criminological Discourses. Leader Prof. Dr. A. Dobryninas.

Research on the paradigms and models of innovative social work and social services. Leader Assoc. Prof. Dr. D. Petružytė.

Social policy challenges and opportunities for its improvement. Leader Assoc. Prof. Dr. D. Skučienė.

Education and training culture for sustainable development. Leader Prof. Dr. L. Duoblienė.

Development of global and local education policy. Leader Prof. Dr. R. Želvys.

Changes in educational curricula and teacher training. Leader Assoc. Prof. Dr. R. Makarskaitė-Petkevičienė.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS MAINTAINED IN 2023

Alfredas Buiko. *Demonological Aspects of Conspiracy Theories.*

Austėja Agnietė Čepulienė. *The Meaning and Experience of Spirituality Amongst Women Experiencing Bereavement Following Partners' Suicide.*

Austėja Dumarkaitė. *The Efficacy of Mindfulness-Based Internet-Delivered Interventions in the Context of Stress and Trauma.*

Dovilė Galdauskaitė. *Childbearing in the Context of Changing Gender Roles and Personal Life Planning.*

Justina Garbauskaitė-Jakimovska. *Becoming Non-Formal Education. Post-Structural Analysis of (Youth) Non-Formal Education.*

Justinas Grigas. *The Conception of Anxiety in Existential Philosophy (S. Kierkegaard, M. Heidegger) and Existential Psychology (R. May, E. Spinelli).*

Dovilė Grigienė. *Association Between Suicidality and Masculinity.*

Laurynas Jacevičius. *Direct and Indirect Communication in Christian Apologetics. A Contemporary Perspective.*

Monika Kvedaraitė. *Complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Assessment and Risk Factors.*

Elzė Sigutė Mikalonytė. *Mind-Independent, Yet Intuitive: A New Methodological Approach to the Ontology of Musical Works.*

Šarūnas Rinkevičius. *The Modern Maronite Identity in the Twenty First Century Lebanon: Historical and Ethnological Perspectives.*

Miroslavas Seniutis. *The Role of the Information System in Constructing the Everyday Work Practice of Child Welfare Specialists.*

Gabrielė Skabeikytė-Norkienė. *Adolescents at Risk for Personality Pathology: Characteristics and Risk Factors in the Changing Approach to Personality Disorder*.

Julita Slipkauskaitė. *Ockham and Paris Ockhamists: Towards a New Approach to the Study of Late Medieval Philosophy*.

Jogaila Vaitekaitis. *STEM Education in Lithuania: a Posthumanist Perspective*.

Vijolė Valinskaitė. *A Phenomenological Analysis of Melancholy. Aspects of Temporality and Corporeality*.

MAIN CONFERENCES ORGANIZED IN 2023

International conference "Philosophy in the Times of Crises", Vilnius University, Lithuania, June 12-14, 2023.

The 20th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions "Religions and Technologies", Vilnius University, Lithuania, September 4-9, 2023.

International conference "Prevention of sexual harassment in night entertainment venues", Vilnius university, Lithuania, January 27, 2023.

International conference "Innovative Solutions in Education: from Gamification to Artificial Intelligence", Vilnius university, Lithuania, November 22-23, 2023.

11th Vilnius Trauma Psychology Conference, Vilnius, March 3, 2023.

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023

Norkus, Z. (2023). *Post-communist transformations in Baltic Countries: a restorations approach in comparative historical sociology*. Cham: Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-031-39496-6

Norkus, Z. (2023). *The great restoration: post-communist transformations from the viewpoint of comparative historical sociology of restorations*. Leiden: Koninklijke Brill.
doi:10.1163/9789004683327_001

Gailienė Danutė was awarded the 2022 Lithuanian Science Prize (in the field of social sciences) for the cycle of papers "*Psychological Consequences of Historical Traumas and Social Transformations in Lithuania (2007-2021)*". 2023-01-31, The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Lithuania. <https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5287-paskirtos-2022-m-lietuvos-mokslo-premijos>

Šerpytytė Rita was awarded the 2022 Lithuanian Science Prize (Humanities) for the cycle of papers "*Western Nihilism between Diagnosis and Theory (2007-2021)*". 2023-01-31, The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Lithuania. <https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5287-paskirtos-2022-m-lietuvos-mokslo-premijos>

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

Associate professor in partnership: H. Ph. N. Diab (part-time).

Assistant professors: Dr. K. Dolinina, Dr. E. Jančenkas (part-time), Assist. Prof. Dr. K. Simonson (part-time).

Teaching assistants: B. Astrauskas (part-time), F. Belafatti (part-time), M. Ignatas (part-time), J. Ignotienė, I. Kondrataitė (part-time), M. Larbi, Š. Rinkevičius (part-time), M. Orechova, G. Sereikaitė.

Lecturers: R. Aleksandravičiūtė, V. Bačianskas, J. Driuk, I. Driukienė, G. Kliokytiė (part-time), N. Statkienė, V. Vidūnas, N. G. Vosyliūtė (part-time), H. Wang (part-time), A. Wojciechowicz.

Guest lecturers: Assoc. Prof. Dr. K. Andrijauskas, Assoc. Prof. Dr. I. Balčaitė, Dr. Akin Gurbuz, D. Yumru, D. Janavičienė, J. Kašelionytė-Radet, Assist. Prof. Dr. V. Korobov, Assoc. Prof. Dr. M. Lebednykaitė, lect. A. Litvinas, Assoc. Prof. Dr. G. Miškinienė.

Senior researchers: Prof. Dr. Donatas Brandišauskas, Prof. Dr. V. de Munck, Dr. Kristina Garalytė, Dr. Kristina Šliavaitė.

Researchers: Dr. K. Jonutytė, Dr. Hyunhee Lee.

Junior researcher: Dr. E. Liutkevičius.

Doctoral students: B. Astrauskas, I. Kondrataitė, D. Lobzang, D. Plachovičiūtė, D. Sabaliauskienė, Š. Rinkevičius, G. Sereikaitė-Motiejūnė, J. Stankus, U. B. Starkutė, M. Šulskutė, D. Žemaitaitytė.

DEPARTMENTS AND RESEARCH TEAMS

India Research Center. *Head – Prof. Dr. Audrius Beinorius*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion, philosophy and traditional knowledge systems in Asia

Asian languages and literature

Visual and performative cultures in Asia

Human and animal relations

Everyday religiosity: contemporary practices and lifestyles

Identities in crisis

THE BEST PUBLICATIONS

Beinorius, Audrius (sudarytojas). Ezoterizmo fenomenas: tarp Rytų ir Vakarų: mokslinių straipsnių rinktinė / sudarytojas Audrius Beinorius. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2023. 344 p. ISBN 9786090709030. eISBN 9786090709047. [M.kr.: H 006] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Brandišauskas, Donatas. Rock art research in Southeast Siberia: A history of ideas and ethnographic interpretations // The Siberian World / edited by: John P. Ziker, Jenanne Ferguson, Vladimir Davydov: Taylor and Francis, 2023. ISBN 9780367374754. eISBN 9780367374754. p. 575-586. DOI: 10.4324/9780429354663-47. [DB: Scopus] [M.kr.: H 006] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Clini, Clelia; **Valančiūnas, Deimantas.** Bollywood and slum tours: poverty tourism and the Indian cultural industry // Cultural Trends. Abingdon: Taylor & Francis Ltd. ISSN 0954-8963. eISSN 1469-3690. 2023, vol. 32, iss. 4, p. 366-382. DOI: 10.1080/09548963.2023.2212618. [DB: Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 3.100, AIF: 1.050, IF/AIF: 2.596, (2022, AHCI); 3.100, AIF: 2.150, IF/AIF: 2.596, Q1 (2022, SSCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 3.80, SNIP: 1,769, SJR: 0.806, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: H 006] [Indėlis: 0,500].

De Munck, Victor Celestin. Is there a cultural grammar to courtship: a comparison of different courtship styles in the United States?// Qualitative psychology. Washington: American Psychological Association (APA). ISSN 2326-3601. eISSN 2326-3598. 2023, vol. 10, iss. 2, p. 307-323. DOI: 10.1037/qup0000244. [DB: Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 8.500, AIF: 1.400, IF/AIF: 6.071, (2022, ESCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 3.80, SNIP: 1,389, SJR: 0.840, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: H 006] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Valančiūnas, Deimantas. The traumatic legacy of the Sri Lankan civil war in selected writings of Nayomi Munaweedra // Narratives of trauma in South Asian literature / edited by Goutam Karmakar, Zeenat Khan. London: Taylor and Francis, Routledge, 2023, Chapter 18. eISBN 9781003353539. p. 220-231. DOI: 10.4324/9781003353539-25. [DB: Scopus] [M.kr.: H 006] [Indėlis: 1,000].

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2023

Projects Supported by University Budget

Shifting forms of ethnic minority belonging at a time of war: Buryat case study, No. MSF-JM-09/2023. Supported by the Vilnius University Science Promotion Fund, 2023. Leader dr. Kristina Jonutytė.

International Research Projects

South Asian cinema and video online distribution (VOD) research network. The project is funded by UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AH/W006464/1), 2022-2024. Team: Prof. Dr. Valentina Vitali (University of East London, Principal Investigator), Dr. Deimantas Valančiūnas (Co-Investigator).

National Research Projects: Researcher Groups projects

Love relationships in contemporary Lithuania and their effect on marriage, fertility and family choices, No. S-MIP-21-47. Research Council of Lithuania, 2021–2024. VU – coordinator, head of research group – prof. Victor de Munck.

Human and predators' interactions: relations with animals in the context of changing environment, No. S-MIP-21-43. Research Council of Lithuania, 2021-2024. VU – coordinator, research leader – prof. Donatas Brandišauskas.

Ethnic, national and transnational identities and geopolitical attitudes of third-country nationals in Lithuania in the context of the war in Ukraine, No. S-MIP-23-39. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – partner, VU part corrdinator dr. Kristina Garalytė, coordinator dr. Monika Frėjutė-Rakauskienė, (Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences).

National Research Projects: Postdoctoral Fellowship Projects

Urban religion and spatiality in multi-ethnic post-socialist Ulan-Ude, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0059. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2021 – 2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Kristina Jonutytė, research supervisor prof. Donatas Brandišauskas.

Dealing with traumata: Involvement of spiritual beings in Christianity (Research Council of Lithuania), No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0116. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2021 – 2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Eeugenijus Liutkevičius, research supervisor prof. Donatas Brandišauskas.

Transformations in Love, Marriage and Gender Relations in Contemporary South Korea (Vilnius University Funds). 2023-2025. Researcher – Dr. Hyunhee Lee. Project supervisor – Prof. Victor de Munck.

National Research Projects: Students Research Projects

The Change of Religious Identity: Motives and Experiences of Lithuanian Female Converts to Islam No. S-SV-23-66. Research Council of Lithuania, summer scholarship, 2023 07-08. Student Milda Janeikaitė, research supervisor assoc. prof. Kristina Garalytė.

Ritual meal in the Old Baltic Faith “Romuva“ Community: Analysis of Communal Perspectives on Religion and Meals, No. S-SV-23-142. Research Council of Lithuania, summer scholarship, 2023 07-08. Student Orinta Labutytė, research supervisor assoc. prof. Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson.

Peculiarities and Expression of Islamic Female Image: the Perspective of Female Muslims in Lithuania, No. S-ST-23-131. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2023-2024. Student Milda Janeikaitė, research supervisor assoc. prof. Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson.

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

Universities

University of Delhi (India)
Jawaharlal Nehru University (India)
Tribhuvan University (Nepal)
National Sun Yat-sen University (Taiwan)
Tohoku University (Japan)
Yarmouk University (Jordan)
Bethlehem University (Palestine)
Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland)
Jagiellonian University (Poland)
University of Tartu (Estonia)
Aarhus University (Denmark)
Uppsala University (Sweden)
University of East London (UK)
University of Leipzig (Germany)
University of Granada (Spain)
Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)
Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore (Lithuania)
Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre (Lithuania)

Academic networks

Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (currently coordinated from Denmark)
Nordic Center in India (currently coordinated from India and Finland)
Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies (currently coordinated from Latvia)
Society for Anthropological Sciences (currently coordinated from the USA)

Libraries and cultural associations

National Central Library (Taiwan)
Asian Art Center (Lithuania)
Lithuania-India Forum (Lithuania)
Arabic Culture Forum (Lithuania)
Asian Languages and Cultures Center (Lithuania)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Audrius Beinorius. Editorial board member of the journal *Studia Orientalia Tartuensia* <https://www.tyk.ee/sot>

Audrius Beinorius. Editorial board member of the *International Journal of Indo-Baltic Culture and Studies*. <http://ibj.dsyy.ac.in/editorial-board/>

Victor De Munck. Member of the organizing committee of the international seminar “On Matters of love”. <https://howdowelove.org/index.php/events/call-for-papers-on-matters-of-love/>

Kristina Jonutytė. President and founding member of the Lithuanian Association of Anthropologists (LAA).

Kristina Garalytė. Member of the organizing committee of The 20th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions “Religions and Technology”. <https://www.easr2023.org/>

Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson. Chair of the organizing committee of The 20th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions “Religions and Technology”. <https://www.easr2023.org/>

Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson. Chairman of the Audit Committee of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR).

Loreta Poškaitė. Editorial board member of the journal *Sinología hispánica. China Studies Review*: <http://revpubli.unileon.es/ojs/index.php/sinologia/about/editorialTeam>

Vytis Silius. Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the European Association for Chinese Studies <https://journals.univie.ac.at/index.php/jeacs/about/editorialTeam>

Deimantas Valančiūnas. Editorial board member of book series “South Asian Literature in Focus” (Routledge)

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

Dalia Švambarytė was awarded 2023 St. Jerome Prize by the Ministry of Culture together with the Lithuanian Literary Translators’ Union. 2023 09 30 Lithuania.

<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5681-sv-jeronimo-premija-mokslininkai-vertejai-daliai-svambarytei>

Vytis Vidūnas was awarded “For Services to India-Lithuania Friendship”. 2023 07 22 Lithuania. <https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5627-vyciu-vidunui-iteiktas-apdovanojimas-uz-nuopelnus-indijos-ir-lietuvos-draugystei>

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

Karina Simonson. Expert on the Ethnic Culture and Intangible Heritage at the Lithuanian Council for Culture (since 2022). <https://www.ltkt.lt/apie-ltkt/darbo-grupes/76>

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Vytis Vidūnas. A cycle of public lectures on Sanskrit – Lithuanian Linguistic links at Jawaharlal Nehru University (Delhi), Deccan College (Pune), Calcutta University (Kolkata) under the invitation of Lithuanian Embassy in India (October 2023).

Vytis Vidūnas. Consultations concerning names and terms for State Commission of the Lithuanian Language.

Natela Statkienė provided interpretation service for the high level political delegations from Turkey. She participated as interpreter for the first lady of Lithuania Diana Nausėdienė during her visit and meeting in Ankara with the first lady of Turkey Emine Erdogan (March 2023). She also contributed to the implementation of the NATO summit in Vilnius by ensuring the smooth participation of the Turkish delegation at the NATO meeting by helping with translation and other important tasks such as mediating for the team of the Turkish first lady Emine Erdogan.

Audrius Beinorius provided a number of training seminars for public and business enterprises: training seminar “On Hindu and Buddhist Ethics”- Public enterprise „Business Clubs“ (Vilnius, Mabre Residence) and training seminar „Are Eastern Practices Effective in the West?“- for Ignitis group leaders.

Šarūnas Rinkevičius. On the invitation of the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in the Republic of Turkey participated at the opening of the exhibition held at the Turkish Ottoman Archives, Istanbul, organized by the Lithuanian and Turkish archives. He also consulted Lithuanian archives and the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Turkey regarding archival material on Turkish-Lithuanian diplomatic relations.

Jevgenia Druk. Provided translation service from Korean to Lithuanian language of visitors’ reviews from The Mažeikiai Museum.

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Audrius Beinorius. Discussion and debates of the film “Managers of luck”, director Eglė Vertelytė. <https://www.facebook.com/events/976886877049251/976888940382378/?ref=newsfeed>

Kristina Jonutytė. LRT Radio broadcasts on anthropology “Homo cultus. Ten ir atgal”. <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/audio/homo-cultus-ten-ir-atgal>

Maritana Larbi. Arabic Culture Forum, mentoring all Forum activities. www.arabic-forum.com

Vytis Vidūnas. Sanskrit reading tour for students and the public “Upių sanskritas” 2023. https://azijosmenucentras.lt/upiu-sanskritis23/?fbclid=IwAR0NjWXsU4RHpl-c1sTOo7ghq_9me0hbWplUhPs4YzEO9ia9VRrUSTVWTQ

Victor de Munck. “Is love outdated?” in the ARQUS knowledge pills. <https://arqus-alliance.eu/news/arqus-podcast-16-is-love-outdated/?fbclid=IwAR2WBs1WDl9zi6vkxJmZ6dcb-4dllsXVICGbuh647HPC643p4FnqgBcmU5M>

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Associate professors: Dr. T. Bulajeva, Dr. M. Brėdikytė (part-time), Dr. V. Grabauskienė, Dr. E. Jasutė, Dr. A. Jevsikova (part-time), A. Juškevičienė (part-time), Dr. A. Šimkienė, Dr. Sandra Kairė, Dr. S. Kontrimienė, Dr. A. Meškauskienė, Dr. R. Makarskaitė-Petkevičienė, Dr. S. Neifachas, Dr. E. Sakadolskis, Dr. V. Schoroškienė, Dr. I. Stonkuvienė, Dr. A. Žemgulienė, dr. V. Venslovaitė, Dr. S. Šabanovas, Dr. G. Stupurienė (part-time).

Assistant professors: Dr. D. Lepaitė (Part-time), Dr. O. Mockaitytė-Rastenienė, Dr. Š. Nagrockaitė, Dr. G. Stonkuvienė, Dr. J. Garbauskaitė-Jakimovska, Dr. J. Vaitekaitis.

Junior assistant professors: R. Bružienė, I. Ivanavičė (maternity leave), A. Giniotaitė, V. Voidogaitė.

Lecturers: J. Labokas, J. Sidabrienė, N. Venskuvienė, R. Aškinytė (part-time), J. A. Juozaitis (part-time).

Partnership professors: K. Kaminskas (part-time)

Partnership associate professors: V. Būdienė (part-time)

Postdoctoral fellows: dr. S. Kairė, J. dr. G. Stupurienė, dr. D. Stumbrienė.

Doctoral students: K. Alshinbayeva, J. Bagdonaitė, E. Burokė, R. Bružienė, R. Gajauskaitė, A. Giniotaitė, G. M. Ivanauskienė, I. Ivanavičė, L. Kildė, J. Labokas, I. Lebedytė-Mečionienė, K. Levanaitė, M. Orechova, V. Voidogaitė.

DEPARTMENTS AND RESEARCH TEAMS

Department of Educational theory and culture. *Head – Prof. Dr. Lilija Duoblienė*

Teaching competence and professional development centre. *Head – Assoc. Prof. Asta Meškauskienė*
Education Policy Center. *Head – Prof. Dr. Rimantas Želvys*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education theory and culture for sustainable development

Development of local and global education policy

Higher education

Childhood education and didactics

Teacher training and processes of general education

Didactics and STEAM education

Research of curriculum development

Gender differences in education and science

THE BEST PUBLICATIONS

Duoblienė, Lilija; Kairė, Sandra; Vaitekaitis, Jogaila. Education for the future: applying concepts from the new materialist discourse to UNESCO and OECD publications // Journal of environmental education. Abingdon: Routledge. ISSN 0095-8964. eISSN 1940-1892. 2023, vol. 54, iss. 3, p. 213-224. DOI: 10.1080/00958964.2023.2188576. [DB: Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 3.100, AIF: 4.050, IF/AIF: 0.895, Q2 (2022, SSCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 6.00, SNIP: 1,578, SJR: 0.955, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 007] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Stonkuvienė, Irena; Ivanavičė, Ingrida. "Looking for pen pals": internationalist upbringing in a school of the Lithuanian SSR in the late Soviet era // *Paedagogica Historica*. Abingdon: Routledge journals; Taylor & Francis Ltd. ISSN 0030-9230. eISSN 1477-674X. 2023, first published online, p. [1-20]. DOI: 10.1080/00309230.2023.2286599. [DB: Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 0.500, AIF: 1.950, IF/AIF: 0.210, Q4 (2022, SSCI)] [M.kr.: S 007] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Stonkuvienė, Irena. The equal and the more equal: pupils' experiences of school in Lithuania in the late Soviet era // *Journal of education culture and society*. Wrocław : Foundation Pro Scientia Publica. eISSN 2081-1640. 2023, vol. 14, no. 1, p. 124-142. DOI: 10.15503/jecs2023.1.124.142. [DB: Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science); Academic Search Complete] [Citav. rod.: 1.100, AIF: 0.800, IF/AIF: 1.375, (2022, ESCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 1.00, SNIP: 0,721, SJR: - 1.000, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 007] [Indėlis: 1,000].

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RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2023

Projects Supported by University Budget

Feasibility study on digitisation of MATEMA methodology for primary school mathematics learning. Supported by the Vilnius University Innovation Fund, 2022-2023. Leader assoc. prof. Vaiva Grabauskienė.

National Research Projects: support for publishing

Publishing the journal "Acta Paedagogica Vilnensis", No. S-LIP-22-54. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022-2024. Leader assoc. prof. Irena Stonkuvienė.

National Research: Postdoctoral Fellowship projects

"Like the ocean we rise": learner-education relation in the epoch of Anthropocene, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0162. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2020-2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Sandra Kairė, supervisor assoc. prof. Irena Stonkuvienė.

Integrated Teaching of Computing: attitudes and digital competences of primary school teachers, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0083. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2021-2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Gabrielė Stupurienė, leader prof. Valentina Dagienė.

The performance assessment of education systems in post-socialist and old democracy EU member states from the perspective of equity, No. S-PD-22-87. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022-2024. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Dovilė Stumbrienė, leader prof. Rimantas Želvys.

National Research: co-funded by the European Structural Funds

Optimization of the network of higher education institutions and improvement of the quality of studies by merging Šiauliai University and Vilnius University, No. 09.3.1-ESFA-V-738-03-0001. VU - coordinator, leader of II part: assoc. prof. Agnė Šimkienė.

Modernising and expanding the infrastructure needed for the study process at Vilnius University, No. 09.1.1-CPVA-V-720-15-0001, 2019-2024.

Tėsk: ateik, tobulėk, prisidėk! / Keep it up: come, improve, contribute! No. 10-045-P-0001. Joint activity agreement with National Agency for Education, No. (1.78 Mr) SU-2119, 2023-2027. VU - partners, leader assoc. prof. Asta Meškauskienė.

National professional development programmes. Joint activity agreement with National Agency for Education, No. (1.78 Mr) SU-2741, 2023-2026. VU - partners, leader assoc. prof. Asta Meškauskienė.

Digital transformation of education ("EdTech"), No. 10-004-P-0001. Joint activity agreement with National Agency for Education, 2022-2024. VU - partners, leader assoc. prof. Asta Meškauskienė.

International Research Projects

Meaningful Open Schooling Connects Schools To Communities (MOST), No. 871155. Horizon 2020, 2020–2023. VU – partner, leader assoc. prof. Eglė Jasutė.

Accelerating Digital Innovation in Schools through Regional Innovation Hubs and a Whole-School Mentoring Model Start (iHub4Schools), No. 101004676. Horizon 2020, 2021-2023. VU – partner, leader prof. Valentina Dagienė.

Teaching standard STEM topics with a key competence approach (STEMkey), No. KA203-214856C6-EN_200420. Erasmus+ KA2, 2020-2023. VU – partner, leader assoc. prof. Agnė Šimkienė.

Development of STEAM education, No. 2020-1-LT01-KA201-077935. Erasmus+ KA2, 2020 – 2023. VU – partner, leader dr. Gabrielė Stupurienė.

Teacher training for Data Literacy & Computer Science competences (TrainDL), No. 626145-EPP-1-2020-2-DE-EPPKA3-PI-POLICY. Erasmus+ KA3, 2020-2023. VU – partner, leader prof. Valentina Dagienė.

Perspectives for Lifelong STEM Teaching - Career Guidance, Collaborative Practice and Competence Development (3C4Life), No. 626 139-EPP-1-2020-2-DE-EPPKA3-PI-POLICY. Erasmus+ KA3, 2020 – 2024. VU – partner, leader dr. Anita Juškevičienė.

Fostering STEM Education in Schools (EDUSIMSTEM), No. 612855-EPP-1-2019-1-TR-EPPKA3-PI-FORWARD. Erasmus+ KA3, 2019-2023. VU – partner, leader dr. Anita Juškevičienė.

Reforming doctoral education in Armenia in line with needs of academia, industry and EU practices (ARMDOCT), No. 609850-EPP-1-2019-1-AM-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP. Erasmus+ CBHE, 2020-2023. VU – partner, leader assoc. prof. T. Bulajeva.

A Practical Toolkit for integrating eLearning in Higher Education Curricula (Onlinehe), No. 2020-1-RO01-KA226-HE-095434. Erasmus+ KA2, 2021-2023. VU – partner, leader – Lina Vinikienė.

Women's Legacy: Our Cultural Heritage for Equity, No. 2020-1-ES01-KA201-083060. Erasmus+ KA2, 2021-2023. VU – partner, leader dr. Daiva Lepaitė.

Digital social place for the next normalin education (PLACEDU), No. 2021-1-LT01-KA220-HED-000023512. Erasmus+ KA2, 2021-2023. VU – partner, leader – dr. Simonas Šabanovas.

e-Pedagogy and Virtual Reality Based Robotic Blended Education (JANUS), No: 2020-1-PL01-KA226-HE-095371, Erasmus+ KA2, 2021-2023. VU – partner, leader assoc. prof. Dr. Agnė Šimkienė.

Computational Thinking and Mathematical Problem Solving, an Analytics Based Learning Environment (CT&mathABLE), No. 2022-1-LT01-KA220-SCH-000088736. Erasmus+ KA2, 2022-2025. VU – coordinator, leader prof. Valentina Dagienė.

Designing higher Education Curricula for Agility, Resilience & Transformation (DECART), No. KA220-HED-7E4A0FDA. Erasmus+ KA2, 2022-2025. VU – partner, leader prof. Valentina Dagienė.

ICSE Academy - European collaboration and mobility in professional development of pre- and in-service STEM teachers (proSTEM), No. 101052670. Erasmus+ TEACH, 2022-2025, VU - partner, leader assoc. prof. Eglė Jasutė.

Digital tech as the first language: Informatics for digital natives (DIGITAL FIRST) No. 101132761. Erasmus+ FOWARD, 2023-2026. VU - partner, leader prof. Valentina Dagienė.

Development of Computational Thinking Learning Paths via Bebras like Tasks with Analytics, No. NPHZ-2022/10045. Nordplus Horizontal, 2022-2024. VU - partner, leader prof. Valentina Dagienė.

Assessing CT in Nordic Maker Education, No. NPHZ-2020/10096. Nordplus Horizontal, 2020-2023. VU - partner, leader prof. Valentina Dagienė.

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

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OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

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Simonas Šabanovas. Vice President of the Lithuanian Geographical Society

Rimantas Želvys. Network of Education Policy Centres (NEPC). Official representative of Education Policy Center (Vilnius university).

Justina Garbauskaitė-Jakimovska. Expert of the European Platform on Learning Mobility in the youth field.

Gabrielė Stupurienė. European Commission's SELFIEforTEACHERS Network of experts. Expert.

Daiva Lepaitė. Tuning community. Study program evaluation expert in Tuning community.

Valentina Dagienė. Editor-in-chief Journal Olimpiads in Informatics.
<https://joininformatics.org/page/ioi-journal/1>

Irena Stonkuvienė. Editorial board member of the *Journal of Education, Culture and Society* <https://jecs.pl/index.php/jecs/about/editorialTeam>

Vaiva Grabauskienė. Editorial board member NOMAD, Nordic Studies in Mathematics Education. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Rita Makarskaitė-Petkevičienė. Member of the editorial board of Journal of Baltic Science Education <http://www.scientiasocialis.lt/jbse/>.

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

Rimantas Želvys, Jogaila Vaitekaitis, Saulė Raižienė was awarded by Vilnius University Rector for the best publication in the humanities and social sciences „(Ne)išmatuojamasis švietimo efektyvumas ir našumas“. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2022. 2023 06 30 Vilnius University, Traditional "Finis anni academici" ceremony, Lithuania.

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Rimantas Želvys and co-authors from TU Dortmund University contributed in writing book chapter "The Role of Universities in the Knowledge-Based Society in Lithuania". The CIHE Research Award for significant Research on International Higher Education in 2022 (announced in 2023). The book "Universities in the Knowledge Society: The Nexus of National Systems of Innovation and Higher Education" (ed. by Timo Aarrevaara, Martin Finkelstein, Glen A. Jones, Jisun Jung, 2021, Springer) has received the CIHE Award for Significant Research on International Higher Education. <https://www.ashe.ws/ciheaward>

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

Irena Stonkuvienė. Member of Education Council of Lithuania, Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania. https://www.lrs.lt/sip/getFile3?p_fid=51243

Agnė Šimkienė, Rita Petkevičienė. Members of working group for implementation of the Curriculum Reform in Lithuania (preprimary education).

Sandra Kairė. Advisory Board Member of the Programme "I Choose to Teach!" <https://www.renkuosimokyt.lt/apie-mus/patariamoji-valdyba/>

Sandra Kairė. Expert in working group for creation of National Teacher Competences model in Lithuania, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

Agnė Šimkienė. Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania. Working group to prepare a description of the procedures for assessing the achievements of pupils participating in general education programmes and for using the results of assessments. <https://eseimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/672dadcd2de2011eda305cb3bdf2af4d8?jfwid=ha0ap0ce0>

Rita Makarskaitė-Petkevičienė. Member of the Teacher of the Year Election Commission in the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports in Lithuania.

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Irena Stonkuvienė. Network of Equal Rights established by Equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women group (Ministry of Social Security and Labour in Lithuania). Consultations

regarding issues related with promotion of equality and combating all forms of discrimination in educational institutions.

Sandra Kairė. Delegation of the Republic of Lithuania to UNESCO, Education Programme Unit. Consultation and assessment of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPNet) member school activities in Lithuania.

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Lilija Duoblienė, Simonas Šabanovas. The School of Creativity, LRT. Comments provided by scholars in different episodes of the *How to change the school?* <https://bit.ly/3IOPg0f>; *Will there be place for us in the future?* <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/irasas/2000257863/kurybingumo-mokykla-ar-bus-ateityje-vietos-ir-mums; So you think about the water?>

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Jogaila Vaitekaitis. Creator of Youtube channel "Edu Papers".
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Oksana Mockaitytė – Rastenienė. Presentation of the MATEMA study and methodology.
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Sandra Kairė. Education in the Anthropocene: What can we learn from the experience of young climate activists? (Bernardinai). <https://www.bernardinai.lt/ugdymas-antropoceno-epochoje-ko-galime-ismokti-is-jaunu-klimato-aktyvistu-patirciu/>

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DEPARTMENTS AND RESEARCH TEAMS

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Premises of phenomenological and hermeneutical philosophy and possibilities of its development
Contemporary Continental philosophy

Basic problems of phenomenology

Philosophical reflection of everyday world

Philosophy of cinema

Philosophical investigations of imagination

Religion and the challenges of the contemporary world

Philosophy of religion

Nihilism, secularization, postsecularization

The Anthropocene and the critique of anthropocentrism

Ecological self-awareness in the Anthropocene

Analytical philosophy and hermeneutics

Logic, philosophy and history of logic

Philosophy in classical and modern civilizations
Controversy of Modernity and Postmodernity
Social and political philosophy
Contemporary Christian philosophy
Classical, Modern and Postmodern Ethics
The impact of globalization on culture and transformation of values
Basic problems of philosophy of science
The impact of social factors on the process of scientific investigation

THE BEST PUBLICATIONS

Daraškevičiūtė, Vaiva. Paradoxes of an image: religion, art and the problem of aura // Meta: research in hermeneutics, phenomenology, and practical philosophy. Iasi : Alexandru Ioan Cuza University Press. ISSN 2067-3655. 2023, vol. 15, no. 1, p. 209-226. Prieiga per internetą: <<http://www.metajournal.org/download.php?id=516&type=articles>>. [DB: Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 0.200, AIF: 0.200, IF/AIF: 1.000, (2022, ESCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 0.30, SNIP: 0,328, SJR: 0.103, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: H 001,H 002] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Gelžinytė, Brigitė. Thinking in the stillness of life: on Hegel's Notion of Experience // Philosophy today. Chicago : DePaul University. ISSN 0031-8256. eISSN 2329-8596. 2023, vol. 67, iss. 3, p. 643-658. DOI: 10.5840/philtoday2023714496. [DB: Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 0.300, AIF: 0.800, IF/AIF: 0.375, (2022, AHCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 0.50, SNIP: 0,686, SJR: 0.245, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: H 001] [Indėlis: 1,000]

Gutauskas, Mintautas. Ecological self-awareness in the Anthropocene // Varieties of self-awareness: new perspectives from phenomenology, hermeneutics, and comparative philosophy /edited by Saulius Geniušas. Cham : Springer, 2023, chapter 9. ISBN 9783031391743. eISBN 9783031391750. p. 153-170. (Contributions to phenomenology, ISSN 0923-9545, eISSN 2215-1915; vol. 121). DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-39175-0_9. [DB: SpringerLink] [M.kr.: H 001] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Kirtiklis, Kęstas; Gedutis, Aldis. Humanities' battlefronts: a discursive "Is the enemy of my enemy my friend?" // Academia in conflict. Engaging stakeholders through transformational crisis communication / editors: Adrienne P. Lamberti, Anne R. Richards. Cham : Palgrave Macmillan, 2023. ISBN 9783031356162. eISBN 9783031356179. p. 23-35. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-35617-9_2. [DB: SpringerLink] [M.kr.: H 001,S 008] [Indėlis: 0,500]

Rita Šerpytytė, The Challenge of the Subject in the Face of the Real // Filosofia V. 68 (2023): Guerra e pace. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.13135/2704-8195/9222>
<https://ojs.unito.it/index.php/filosofia/issue/view/760>

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2023

Projects Supported by the University Budget

Synchronic model of possibility: foundations, development and application, No. MSF-JM-13/2022. Supported by the Vilnius University Science Promotion Fund, 2022-2023. Head of research group – dr. Živilė Pabijutaitė.

National Research Projects Centre of Excellence

(Post) authoritarian landscapes, Institute of Philosophy – partner, research topic “Researching ecosocial ideas”. Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania, "Excellence Centres Initiative" programme and Research Council of Lithuania, 2023–2027. Research group leader – prof. Kristupas Sabolius.

National Research Projects: support for publishing

Publishing the journal "Problemata", No. S-LIP-22-11. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022-2024. Leader assoc. prof. Nijolė Radavičienė.

National Research Projects: support for scientific events

International conference "Levinas Today", No. S-MOR-23-2. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023. Leader assoc. prof. Danutė Bacevičiūtė.

National Research Projects: Researcher Groups projects

Theory of Milieu: Philosophical Premises of Environmental Education, No. S-MIP-22-63. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022-2025. VU – coordinator, head of research group – prof. Kristupas Sabolius.

Nations and Their Religions: Concepts of Religion and Politics of Identity in the end 19th Century -21st century Lithuania, No. S-LIP-22-68. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022–2024. VU – coordinator, head of research group – assoc. prof. Aušrelė Kristina Pažeraitė.

The Reception of Emmanuel Levinas' Thought in Contemporary Philosophical Discourse, No. S-LIP-22-62. Assoc. Prof. Danutė Bacevičiūtė. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022–2024. VU – coordinator, head of research group – assoc. prof. Danutė Bacevičiūtė.

Ontology of Law, No. S-MIP-21-51. Research Council of Lithuania, 2021-2024. VU - coordinator, head of research group – prof. Rita Šerpytytė.

Development of Terminological Dictionary of Analytic Metaphysics Based on the Works of S. Kripke, D. Lewis, A. Plantinga and W. V. O. Quine, No. S-MIP-22-16. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022-2025. VU – coordinator, head of research group – prof. Marius Povilas Šaulauskas.

The Notions of Quality in the Humanities: Novelty, Excellence, Knowledge and Impact, No. S-MIP-21-39. Research Council of Lithuania, 2021-2024. VU - partner, leader assoc. prof. Kęstas Kirtiklis.

National Research: Postdoctoral Fellowship projects

The Problem of Experience in Classical German Philosophy, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0135. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2021-2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Brigita Gelžinytė, supervisor prof. Rita Šerpytytė.

The Anthropocene and the emergence of eco-Marxism, No. S-PD-22-82. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022-2024. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Egidijus Mardosas, supervisor prof. Audronė Žukauskaitė.

National Research Projects: Students Research Projects

The influence of spatiality on the perception of an artwork, No. S-SV-23-46. Research Council of Lithuania, summer scholarship, 2023 07-08. Student Milda Bangardavičiūtė, research supervisor dr. Vaiva Daraškevičiūtė.

City as ecological utopia from a critical theory perspective, No. S-SV-23-47. Research Council of Lithuania, summer scholarship, 2023 07-08. Student Georgii Kalakutskii, research supervisor dr. Egidijus Mardosas.

New theories of visual thinking: an analysis of Alloa's symptomatology, No. S-ST-22-109. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2022-2023. Student Benediktas Vachninas, research supervisor prof. Kristupas Sabolius.

The rise of technical thinking and the transformation of the life-world, No. S-ST-23-83. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2023-2024. Student Justas Žilys, research supervisor prof. Mintautas Gutauskas.

Life's rudiments in contemporary biosemiotic research: the problem of the semiotic threshold, No. S-ST-23-137. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2023-2024. Student Benediktas Vachninas, research supervisor prof. Kristupas Sabolius.

International Research Projects

Filozofia w Rzeczypospolitej XVI-XVIII w. i historiografia filozofii w Polsce, Litwie, Białorusi i Ukrainie. (31H 17 0438 84. *Polonica philosophica Orientalia*) Živilė Pabijutaitė – member of research group headed by dr. Steffen Huber, 2018-2023.

Promoting collaboration for sustainable and circular use of bioresources across agriculture, forestry, and aquaculture (CIRCLE), No. EEA-RESEARCH-24. Funded by the Baltic research programme, 2021-2024. VU – partner, research group coordinator – dr. Diana Mincytė.

Contractual Research

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

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

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University of Lisbon (Portugal)

The Pontifical University of John Paul II Cracow (Poland)

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University of Zielona Gora, Poland

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Rita Šerpytytė. Editorial Board Member of the scholarly journal *HYBRIS: Revista de Filosofia (HYBRIS: Journal of Philosophy)*, <http://revistas.cenaltes.cl/index.php/hybris/about/editorialTeam>

Rita Šerpytytė. Member of scientific committee of the series of publications *Ombre del diritto* („The Dark Side of Law“), University of Salerno, Italy), <http://www.castelvecchieditore.com/categoria-prodotto/ombre-del-diritto/>

Kristupas Sabolius. Member of Editorial Board, “*as a journal”, Lithuanian Culture institute, <https://english.lithuanianculture.lt/lithuanian-culture-promotion-projects/as-a-journal/about-a-journal/>

Mintautas Gutauskas. President of the Lithuanian Philosophical Association, <http://filosofai.lt/nariai/>

Jonas Dagys. Executive secretary of the academic journal “Problemos” published by Vilnius University. <https://www.journals.vu.lt/problemos/about/editorialTeam>

Jonas Dagys. Scientific board member of the journal *Philosophica Critica* (Nitra University, Slovakia). <http://philosophicacritica.ukf.sk/editorial-board.html>;

Marius Povilas Šaulauskas. Editorial board member of the journal *Problemos*, <http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/problemos/apie-zurnala>;

Marius Povilas Šaulauskas. Editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmas (Sociology. Thought and Action)*

Jonas Čiurlionis. Editorial board member of the journal *Studia Philosophiae Christianae* [Studia Philosophiae Christianae | Studia Philosophiae Christianae \(uksw.edu.pl\)](http://studiaphilosophiaechristianaeksw.edu.pl)

Jonas Čiurlionis. Editorial board member of the journal [In Gremium Editorial Board | In Gremium. Studies in History, Culture and Politics](#)

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

Rita Šerpytytė was awarded the 2022 Lithuanian Science Prize (Humanities) for the cycle of papers "Western Nihilism between Diagnosis and Theory (2007-2021)". 2023 01 31, The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Lithuania. <https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5287-paskirtos-2022-m-lietuvos-mokslo-premijos>

Elzė Sigutė Mikalonytė was awarded the Letter of Commendation from the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences for the research paper "Methodological Problems of the Ontology of Musical Works and Experimental Philosophy". (2022). 2023 02 21, The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Lithuania. <https://www.lma.lt/nugaletojai>

Pranciškus Gricius was awarded the Letter of Commendation for the research paper "Naujos nuosaikiojo kontingentizmo teorijos link" (supervisor Dr. Živilė Pabijutaitė). 2023 02 21, The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Lithuania. <https://www.lma.lt/nugaletojai>

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

Kristupas Sabolius. Expert of the Committee for the Future of Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. https://www.lrs.lt/sip/portal.show?p_r=38858&p1=3&p7=2

Laimutė Jakavonytė. Expert Group on the Assessment of Compliance of Proposals with the Horizon 2020 Ethical Standards for Biomedical Research (Rare Diseases Research Project JTC 2022, Francūzija, EJP RD INSERM Hôpital Charles-Foix). <https://www.ejprarediseases.org/>

Kęstas Kirtiklis. Historical Memory Commission of Vilnius City Municipal Council (2019 10 16 – 2023 06 07). <https://aktai.vilnius.lt/document/30331296>

Kęstas Kirtiklis. Expert in the field of philosophy at the Lithuanian Council for Culture. <https://www.ltkt.lt/apie-ltkt/ekspertai/Kestas-Kirtiklis>

Naglis Kardelis. Associate expert of Lithuanian Free Market Institute. <https://www.llri.lt/apie-mus/komanda>

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Kristupas Sabolius. LRT programme series "Kūrybingumo mokykla", 12 programmes in total (author, scriptwriter, presenter). <https://www.lrt.lt/mediateka/video/kurybingumo-mokykla>

Mintautas Gutauskas, Vaiva Daraškevičiūtė, Audrius Pocius, Kristupas Sabolius. Series of events "Reading Milieu: Terpių seminaras" (lectures, seminars, book presentations), 12 events. <https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/4942-reading-milieu-terpiu-seminaras>

Kęstas Kirtiklis. Series of publications in the journal "Literatūra ir menas".
<https://literaturairmenas.lt/s-keltininkai/kestas-kirtiklis-internetinis-serialas-su-archajiniu-poskoniu>

Kęstutis Dubnikas. Philosophy Club (A. Mickevičius Library). <https://amb.lt/lt/renginiu-kalendorius/filosofijos-klubo-susitikimas/3356>

Jolanta Saldukaitytė. Organisation of a qualification development seminar for teachers "Recent Ideas in Contemporary Philosophical Discourse" during the Philosophy Olympiad and presentation of the Philosophy module programme for teachers (VU), discussion with teachers.

<http://www.filosofijamokykloje.lt/informacija-2/olimpiados-naujienos/params/post/4240265/filosofijos-olimpiados-programa-2023>

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DEPARTMENTS AND RESEARCH TEAMS

Department of Health Psychology. *Head – Prof. Dr. Laimutė Bulotaitė*

Department of Clinical Psychology. *Head – Prof. Dr. Neringa Grigutytė*

Centre for Organisational Psychology Research. *Head – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jurgita Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė*

Centre for Psychotraumatology. *Head – Prof. Dr. Evaldas Kazlauskas*

Centre for Developmental Psychopathology Research. *Head – Prof. Dr. Rasa Barkauskienė*

Centre for Research in Suicidology. *Head – Prof. Dr. Paulius Skruibis*

Centre for Child Development and Psychoeducational Research. *Head – Asooc. Prof. Dr. Dalia Nasvytienė.*

Centre for Research on Forensic Psychology. *Head – Prof. Dr. Ilona Laurinaitytė*

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Addiction Psychology

Aging

Clinical psychology

Cognitive psychology

Developmental psychology and psychopathology

Educational psychology
Organizational psychology
Health psychology
Internet and media psychology
Legal psychology
Neuropsychology
Personality psychology
Psychological testing and evaluation
Psychophysics and psychophysiology
Psychotraumatology
Criminal behavior
Social and group psychology
Suicidology
Time perspective
Well-being
Learning and teaching environments
Learning, behavioral and emotional problems.

THE BEST PUBLICATIONS

Barysė, Dovilė; Sarel, Roee. Algorithms in the court: does it matter which part of the judicial decision-making is automated? // Artificial intelligence and law. Dordrecht : Springer. ISSN 0924-8463. eISSN 1572-8382. 2023, first published online, p. [1-30]. DOI: 10.1007/s10506-022-09343-6. [DB: Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science); Scopus; Dimensions] [Citav. rod.: 4.100, AIF: 1.600, IF/AIF: 1.396, Q1 (2022, SSCI); 4.100, AIF: 5.900, IF/AIF: 1.396, Q2 (2022, SCIE)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 8.70, SNIP: 3,525, SJR: 1.544, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 006] [Indélis: 0,500].

Dumarkaitė, Austėja; Truskauskaitė, Inga; Andersson, Gerhard; Jovarauskaitė, Lina; Jovaišienė, Ieva; Nomeikaitė, Augustė; Kazlauskas, Evaldas. The efficacy of the internet-based stress recovery intervention FOREST for nurses amid the COVID-19 pandemic: A randomized controlled trial // International journal of nursing studies. Oxford : Pergamon-Elsevier science Ltd. ISSN 0020-7489. eISSN 1873-491X. 2023, vol. 138, art. no. 104408, p. 1-9. DOI: 10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2022.104408. [DB: Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science); Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 8.100, AIF: 2.600, IF/AIF: 3.115, Q1 (2022, SCIE); 8.100, AIF: 2.600, IF/AIF: 3.115, Q1 (2022, SSCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 11.20, SNIP: 2,727, SJR: 1.774, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 006] [Indélis: 0,900].

Kazlauskas, Evaldas; Jovarauskaitė, Lina; Geleželytė, Odetta. Measuring mental health professionals' trauma care competencies: psychometric properties of the novel readiness to work with trauma- exposed patients scale // Psychological trauma: theory, research, practice and policy. Washington : American Psychological Association. ISSN 1942-9681. eISSN 1942-969X. 2023, vol. 15, suppl. 2, p. S427-S435. DOI: 10.1037/tra0001231. [DB: Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus; Current Contents; PsycInfo] [Citav. rod.: 6.300, AIF: 4.550, IF/AIF: 1.403, Q1 (2022, SSCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 11.00, SNIP: 2,123, SJR: 2.109, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 006] [Indélis: 1,000].

Truskauskaitė, Inga; Dumarkaitė, Austėja; Petrauskaitė, Gabija; Andersson, Gerhard; Brailovskiaia, Julia; Karatzias, Thanos; Margraf, Jürgen; Kazlauskas, Evaldas. ICD-11 PTSD and complex PTSD in Lithuanian university students: Prevalence and associations with trauma exposure // Psychological trauma: theory, research, practice and policy. Washington : American Psychological Association. ISSN 1942-9681. eISSN 1942-969X. 2023, vol. 15, iss. 5, p. 772-780. DOI: 10.1037/tra0001436. [DB: Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus; MEDLINE] [Citav. rod.: 6.300, AIF: 4.550, IF/AIF: 1.403, Q1 (2022, SSCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 11.00, SNIP: 2,123, SJR: 2.109, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 006] [Indélis: 0,920].

Urbanavičiūtė, Ieva; Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė, Jurgita; Žiedelis, Arūnas. Re-drawing the line: work-home boundary management profiles and their dynamics during the pandemic // Applied psychology : Wiley. ISSN 1464-0597. 2023, vol. 72, iss. 4, p. 1506-1527. DOI: 10.1111/apps.12453. [DB: Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 7.200, AIF: 3.700, IF/AIF: 1.945, Q1 (2022, SSCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 9.90, SNIP: 2,787, SJR: 2.279, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 006] [Indėlis: 0,833].

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2023

National Research Projects: R&D Implementation scheme (SMART)

Research project Development of innovative stress analysis and management platform (STAMP), No. 01.2.2-LMT-K-718-03-0072. Research Council of Lithuania, co-funded by the EU Structural Funds, 2020-2023. VU – coordinator, research leader - prof. Evaldas Kazlauskas.

National Research Projects: support for publishing

Publishing of the scientific journal "Psychology", No. S-LIP-22-1. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022-2024. Project leader assoc. prof. Jurgita Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė.

National Research Projects: Research Groups Projects

Happy Childhood: Assessing Traumatic Stress in Young Children in a Structured Game, No. S-MIP-22-22. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022–2025. VU – coordinator, head of research group - assoc. prof. Paulina Želvienė.

The "smart" dimension and employee well-being in today's organizations: Understanding the synergy between job and personal resources ", No. S-MIP-22-23. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022–2025. VU – coordinator, head of research group - assoc. prof. Ieva Urbanavičiūtė.

Perception of stable and the moving image: quantization mechanisms“, No. S-MIP-21-56. Research Council of Lithuania, 2021-2024. VU – coordinator, head of research group - assoc. prof. Rytis Stanikūnas.

Evaluation of applicability of contemporary theories of suicidal behavior and the significance of sociocultural factors to suicidality in Lithuania, No. S-MIP-21-33. Research Council of Lithuania, 2021-2024. VU – coordinator, head of research group - prof. Danutė Gailienė.

A study of personality disorder in adolescence: features, dynamics, and its factors, No. S-MIP-21-20, Research Council of Lithuania, 2021-2024. VU – coordinator, head of research group - prof. Rasa Barkauskienė.

The Optimal Work and Life Balance: the Integrated Analysis of Individual and Organizational Factors, No. S-MIP-23-11. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – coordinator, head of research group - assoc. prof. Jurgita Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė.

Towards the Effective Learning: Analysis of the Psychological Mechanism of Obstacles to Learning Mathematics, No. S-MIP-23-12. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – coordinator, head of research group - prof. Saulė Raižienė.

Psychotherapeutic supervision: a study of supervisory relationship effectiveness and dynamics, No. S-MIP-23-13. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – coordinator, head of research group – assoc. prof. Neringa Grigutytė.

Eating disorders symptoms in Young Adults: Factors and Indicators, No. S-MIP-23-10. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – coordinator, head of research group – assoc. prof. Asta Adler.

Digital technologies in psychotraumatology: Efficacy of an innovative internet-based intervention for posttraumatic stress, No. S-MIP-23-14. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – coordinator, head of research group – dr. Odeta Geleželytė.

Psychological intervention for social anxiety using virtual reality: the role of immersiveness on effectiveness, No. S-MIP-23-86. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – coordinator, head of research group – dr. Jonas Eimontas.

National Research Projects: Postdoctoral Fellowship Projects

Premises of Suicidal Behaviour in the Lithuanian Armed Forces: Stress, Resilience, and Attitudes Towards Suicide, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0163. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2020 – 2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Eglė Mažulytė-Rašytinė, research supervisor prof. Danutė Gailienė.

An effectiveness study of a mentalization-based parenting program in Lithuania, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0152. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2021-2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Lina Gervinskaitė-Paulaitienė, research supervisor prof. Rasa Barkauskienė.

National Research Projects: Students Research Projects

A new look at motivating and demotivating teaching styles: testing and validating the circumplex approach, No. S-SV-23-75. Research Council of Lithuania, summer scholarship, 2023 07-08. Student Ugnius Binkauskas, research supervisor prof. Saulė Raižienė.

Psychometric properties of instruments assessing social anxiety: internal consistency and construct validity, No. S-SV-23-80. Research Council of Lithuania, summer scholarship, 2023 07-08. Student Livija Arcimavičiūtė, research supervisor dr. Olga Zamalijeva.

Analysis of the long-term effectiveness of an internet-based psychological intervention for older people with depressive symptoms after 2 years, No. S-SV-23-141. Research Council of Lithuania, summer scholarship, 2023 07-08. Student Monika Bagociūtė, research supervisor dr. Goda Gegieckaitė.

Complex post-traumatic stress and difficulties in emotion regulation, No. S-ST-22-120. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2022-2023. Student Simona Burlėgaitė, research supervisor dr. Odeta Geleželytė.

Expression of risk and protective factors for eating disorders in adult women, No. S-ST-22-111, Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2022-2023. Student Guoda Stepanaviciūtė, research supervisor assoc. prof. Asta Adler.

Semi structured interview for personality functioning (STiP-5.1): a Lithuanian version preparation and pilot study in a sample of adolescents, No. S-ST-22-111. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2022–2023. VU – coordinator, student Agnė Saročkaitė, leader Prof. Rasa Barkauskienė.

The relationship between health consciousness, compensatory health beliefs and health behaviours, No. S-ST-22-113, Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2022-2023. Student Indrė Kažukauskaitė, research supervisor dr. Arūnas Žiedelis.

Associations between complex post-traumatic stress and substance use, No. S-ST-23-128. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2023-2024. Student Greta Jackūnaitė, research supervisor dr. Odeta Geleželytė.

Using virtual reality in psychological interventions for anxiety-related difficulties: the role of attitudes and expectations No. S-ST-23-161. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2023-2024. Student Livija Arcimavičiūtė, research supervisor dr. Jonas Eimontas.

International research projects

Prevent & Protect Through Support (2PS), No. 101073949. Horizon Europe, 2022–2025. VU – partner, Principal investigator prof. Ilona Laurinaitytė.

Addressing mental health vulnerabilities from adolescence to older age: innovating prevention science for times of change (ADVANCE), No. 101080323. Horizon Europe, 2023–2028. VU – partner, Principal investigator prof. Evaldas Kazlauskas.

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

Sustainable working-life for ageing populations in the Nordic-Baltic region, No. S-NORDFORSK-23-1. ERA-NET, Nordforsk, Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU - coordinator, head of research group - assoc. prof. Antnas Kairys.

Critical thinking development platform for general education settings“ E! (CuRiosiTy), No. 3336. Eurostar 3, Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU - partner, head of research group - assoc. prof. Irena Žukauskaitė.

SHARE Wave 10 in 11 countries to maintain EU coverage (EUCOVII), No. 101102412. European Social Fund Employment and Social Innovation program, 2021-2023. VU – partner, research leader - assoc. prof. Antanas Kairys.

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

COST Action CA18121. Cultures of Victimology: understanding processes of victimization across Europe. Action chair: prof. Simon Green, University of Hull, UK. Implementation period: 2018-2023. Vilnius University coordinators: prof. I. Laurinaitytė, dr. A. Čepas.

Contractual Research

Semi-structured interview for the assessment of personality functioning (StiP-5.1): application to adolescent personality disorder in Lithuania, No. (1.78 MR) SU-1074/ S-144. Research project funded by State Public Health Promotion Fund, 2023-2024. VU – coordinator, principal researcher - prof. Rasa Barkauskienė.

Adaptation of Internet Addiction Identification Instruments to the General Public for Prevention and Intervention Purposes, No. 2023-PRO-00087 (8.12 Mr)/S-164. Research project funded by State Public Health Promotion Fund, 2023-2024. VU – partner, principal researcher - prof. Roma Jusienė.

Learning in Primary School: GET INVOLVED!”, No. (5.74 E) SU-766. The research project under a bilateral agreement with the University of Jyvaskyla, Finland, funded by the Academy of Finland, principal investigator – Gintautas Silinskas, Assoc. Prof., Department of Psychology, JYU, Finland, VU coordinator – Prof. dr. Saulė Raižienė. 2021-2023.

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

Training for mental health professionals, No. (5.74 Mr) SU-686. Agreement with Institute of Hygiene. VU coordinator prof. Paulius Skruibis.

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

Institutions in Lithuania

Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania
National Agency for Education

Institutions abroad

Institute of Psychological Medicine and Clinical Neurosciences, Cardiff University School of Medicine, UK
Danish National Centre for Psychotraumatology, University of Southern Denmark
Munich Center for the Economics of Aging (Max-Planck-Institute for Social Law and Social Policy), Germany
Department of Psychology, Jyväskylä University, Finland
Institute for Applied Psychology, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland
Institute of Education, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan
Internet, health and clinical psychology research group, Linköping University, Sweden
Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies, University of Oslo, Norway
Latvijas University, Faculty of Educational Sciences and Psychology (Latvia)
The World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for research and training in mental health (WHO-CC, Lille, France)
TREATme: European Network on Individualized Psychotherapy Treatment of Young People with Mental Disorders (<https://www.treat-me.eu/>)
International Association for Analytical Psychology (IAAP)
Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) - European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC)

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Laima Bulotaitė. Editorial board member of the journal *Public Health* (Visuomenės sveikata).

Danguolė Čekuoliūnė. President of Family Counceling Society.

Danutė Gailienė. Associate editor of the journal *European Psychologist*, <https://www.europeanpsychologist.eu>

Danutė Gailienė. Associate editor of *Archives of Suicide Research*.

Gražina Gudaitė. Member of Executive committee of International Association for Analytical Psychology, co-chair of Academic Committee of IAAP, chair Research and Evaluation working group in IAAP, regional organizer for Eastern Europe, www.iaap.org;

Evaldas Kazlauskas. Past-President and Board Member of the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS).

Evaldas Kazlauskas. Editorial board member of the European Journal of Psychotraumatology;

Ilona Laurinaitytė. Editorial board member of Current Issues in Personality Psychology.

Ilona Laurinaitytė Editorial board member of Sexual Offending: Theory, Research, and Prevention (SOTRAP).

Jurgita Lazauskaitė-Zabielskė. Editor-in-Chief of the journal Psichologija [Psychology].

Rūta Sargautytė. Editorial board member of the journal Pain Medicine

Paulina Želvienė. President of the EMDR Lithuania Association

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

Danutė Gailienė was awarded the 2022 Lithuanian Science Prize (in the field of social sciences) for the cycle of papers "*Psychological Consequences of Historical Traumas and Social Transformations in Lithuania (2007-2021)*". 2023 01 31, The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, Lithuania.
<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5287-paskirtos-2022-m-lietuvos-mokslo-premijos>

Arūnas Žiedelis was awarded Vilnius University Rector's Prize for Scientific Achievement in 2023. 2023 12 21, Vilnius University, Lithuania.

<https://naujienos.vu.lt/iskilmingame-renginyje-apdovanoti-labiausiai-2023-m-nusipelne-vu-bendruomenes-nariai/>

Paulina Želvienė was awarded the Young Minds in Psychotraumatology Award 2023 as the best young researcher by the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS). 2023 06 15, Ireland
<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5454-doc-dr-paulinai-zelvienei-skirtas-geriausios-jauniosios-mokslininkes-padovanojimas-uz-nuoseklia-ir-kryptinga-veikla-psichotraumatologijos-srituje>

Gražina Gintiliénė, Dalia Nasvytienė, Reda Gedutienė, Dovilė Butkienė, Kęstutis Dragūnevičius, Lauryna Rakickienė, Katažyna Labaniénė, Kira Solovjovienė was awarded by Vilnius University Rector for the best applied work "Preparation of methodology for identifying and evaluating children's dyslexia". 2023 06 30 Vilnius University, Traditional "Finis anni academici" ceremony, Lithuania.

<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5609-finis-anni-academici-metu-apdovanoti-fakulteto-bendruomenes-nariai-2>

Augustė Nomeikaitė received the award for the best poster presentation - "*Exploring attrition in an internet-delivered stress recovery intervention for healthcare workers: a qualitative study*". 2023 09 29, International Psychotrauma Conference "ARQ 50", The Netherlands.

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

Asta Adler. Inter-institutional Adoption Commission under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour. <https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/rs/legalact/TAD/3c8b3592c56f11eb91e294a1358e77e9/>

Antanas Kairys. Expert to discuss OECD findings on active ageing in Lithuania.
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/19dh5qjck8uhf4ndxjwfr/OECD.pdf?rlkey=z8tey116qdkrbj35qt1rqwyg&dl=0>

Evaldas Kazlauskas. EU Centre of Expertise for Victims of Terrorism.
https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/criminal-justice/protecting-victims-rights/eu-centre-expertise-victims-terrorism_en#what-is-the-eu-centre-of-expertise-for-victims-of-terrorism

Ilona Laurinaitytė. Mentoring and supervision of court psychologists; expert services on psychological issues arising in the judiciary (National Courts Administration).
<https://www.teismai.lt/lt/teismu-sistemos-naujienos/lietuvs-teismu-psichologu-veikla-pradeda-kuruoti-dvi-vilniaus-universiteto-mokslininkes/8362>

Paulina Želvienė. EMDR Europe Research Committee. <https://emdr-europe.org/about/committees-2/>

CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE UNIT TO THE PUBLIC OR ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Roma Jusienė. Research based recommendations to prevent problematic use of internet in children. Regular consultations and ongoing advices for the public body (NGO) aiming to inform society and social policy on digital ethics and digital literacy. „Skaitmeninės etikos centras“ (The Centre for Digital Ethics) is a non-profit, independent organisation dedicated to the well-being of the smart society, especially children and young people, in the digital world. R.Jusienė is a team member (scientific expert) regulary providing the advices and consultations on the information presented / issued at the website of this Centre. <https://e-etika.lt/apie-mus/komanda/>

Antanas Kairys. Participation in the festival "Būtent" (August, 2023), in the discussion of the Open Lithuania Foundation "Condemned to live in our own bubbles: can we still have a conversation with those who are different from us?". <https://diskusijufestivalis.lt/#programa>

Ilona Laurinaitė. Presentation at the conference "Sexual assault against children: prevention, detection and assistance" (20th April, 2023), organized by State Office for Protection of Child Rights and Adoptionon. The topic of the presentation "Persons who are sexually interested in children: what are the possible interventions to change their behaviour?". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PT1iUg6bo9w>

Lauryna Rakickienė. Consultation for Baltic Asset Management (June-July 2023) Consulting Baltic Asset Management, a real estate investment and development company situated in Vilnius, on psychological aspects of designing child-friendly spaces. The company was provided with written up-to-date research-based recomendations on how to design play and recreation areas, that foster physical, social, cognitive and emotional development of children of various ages. An online meeting with company representatives also took place, where the recomendations were explained and elaborated on.

Paulius Skruibis. Discussion in the social media open to the public on insecurity and the other relevant psychological problems (31st August 2023), available at: <https://nara.lt/lt/articles-lt/nesaugumas-gyvas-tinklalaides-irasas-banguoja-audiofestivalyje>

MOST IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Rasa Barkauskienė. *Developmental psychopathology conference 2023: Risk for personality disorder in adolescence.* Conference for (medical) psychologists, child and adolescent psychiatrists, psychotherapists working with adolescents and young people in public and private mental health services.<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5452-raidos-psichopatologijos-konferencija-2023>

Ramunė Dirvanskienė. Does Memory Loss Predict Alzheimer's Disease?, *Healthnews.* <https://healthnews.com/health-conditions/alzheimers-dementia/does-memory-loss-predict-alzheimers-disease>

Jonas Eimontas. EFPA PG eHealth – 2023 Webinar series. <https://www.efpa.eu/webinar-1-adopting-internet-based-psychological-interventions-practice-lessons-take-away-three>

Greta Kaluževičiūtė-Moreton. A series of articles: promoting science, research and study on a personal professional blog. <https://gretakaluzeviciute.com/blog/>

Odetta Geleželytė. Facebook profile of the Psychotraumatology Centre of Faculty of Philosophy, Institute of Psychology, Vilnius University, on Trauma and psychological support. <https://lt-lt.facebook.com/psichotraumatologija/>

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Associate professors: Dr. R. Žiliukaitė, Dr. L. Žilinskienė, Dr. V. Rosinaitė, Dr. I. Budginaitė-Mačkinė, Dr. L. Kraniauskas (part-time), Dr. L. Žilinskienė, Dr. A. Čepas, Dr. S. Nikartas, Dr. M. Šupa. Dr. D. Stumbrys, Dr. E. Dunajevas, Dr. J. Buzaitytė Kašalynienė, Dr. V. Gevorgianienė, Dr. L. Gvaldaitė, Dr. J. Mataitytė-Diržienė, Dr. D. Petružytė, Dr. B. Švedaitė-Sakalauskė, Dr. R. Genienė, Dr. J. Charenkova, Dr. R. Brazienė, Dr. J. Navickė, Dr. L. Šumskaitė.

Assistant professors: Dr. J. Aleknevičienė, Dr. I. Adomaitytė-Subačienė, Dr. A. Pocienė, Dr. M. Lankauskas, Dr. M. Švedkauskienė, Dr. D. Čiupailaitė-Višnevskai, Dr. T. Šarūnas, Dr. M. Mačėnaitė (part-time), I. Gavelytė-Kalytienė (part-time), Dr. A. Širvinskienė (part-time), Dr. I. Bankauskienė (part-time), Dr. I. Gečienė-Janulionė (part-time).

Lecturers: A. Girkontaitė, M. Pivoriūtė, L. Lukošius (part-time), E. Ruschhoff (part-time). T. Vencius (part-time).

Doctoral students: I. Brazauskas, Ž. Bučius, G. Damaševičiūtė, L. Daukšaitė, R. Gaičevskytė-Savickė, M. Ignatas, V. Kaktinas, U. Kaklauskaitė, I. Kalinauskaitė, V. Kalpokas, J. Litvinaitė, J. Malažinskienė, L. Matačiūtė, M. Pivoriūtė, O. Suprun, D. Telišauskaitė-Čekanavičė, U. Toleikytė, R. Žilinskaitė.

DEPARTMENTS AND RESEARCH TEAMS:

Department of Criminology. *Head – Prof. D. Aleksandras Dobryninas*

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Department of Sociology. *Head – Prof. habil. Dr. Zenonas Norkus*

Centre for Disability Studies. *Head – Prof. dr. Violeta Gevorgianienė*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social change in Lithuania in the comparative perspective

Comparative historical sociology of restorations

Socio-economic disparities across Lithuanian regions in the long-run

Sociology of science and education

Sociology of family and intimate lives

Urban sociology

Sociology of health and illness

Sociology of migration

Theoretical analysis of deviation and social control

Punishment and reintegration policy

Violence and its perception in the society

Methodological innovations in criminology

Corruption and anti-corruption activity

Social inclusion, social support for vulnerable people

Social prevention, rehabilitation and integration

Community development and empowerment

Migration, intercultural learning and communication
Quality of Social Work
Development of Personal Social Services;
Human rights in mental health
Disability, stigma, stereotypes and discrimination
Family and child welfare
Quality of life and older age
Social Innovations and Social Entrepreneurship
Modern technologies' impact on social work profession and studies
Development of social work education and profession
Policy analysis of social inclusion
Social economy
Analysis of social policy, social security, pensions
Labour market and employment policy
Family Policy
Youth Policy
Gender equality
Equal Opportunities Policy
Housing Policy
Social Dialog
Demography, Ageing, Migration

THE BEST PUBLICATIONS

Norkus, Zenonas. Post-communist transformations in Baltic Countries: a restorations approach in comparative historical sociology. Cham : Springer, 2023. XVI+291 psl. ISBN 9783031394980. eISBN 9783031394966. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-39496-6. [M.kr.: S 005] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Norkus, Zenonas. The great restoration: post-communist transformations from the viewpoint of comparative historical sociology of restorations. Leiden : Koninklijke Brill, 2023. XI+422 p. (International comparative social studies, ISSN 1568-4474 ; vol. 56). ISBN 9789004545731. eISBN 9789004683327. DOI: 10.1163/9789004683327_001. [M.kr.: S 005] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Klimantas, Adomas; Norkus, Zenonas; Markevičiūtė, Jurgita; Grytten, Ola Honningdal; Šiliņš, Jānis. Reinventing perished “Belgium of the East”: new estimates of GDP for interwar Latvia (1920–1939) // Cliometrica. Heidelberg : Springer. ISSN 1863-2513. eISSN 1863-2513. 2023, first published online, p. [1-71]. DOI: 10.1007/s11698-023-00275-y. [DB: Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Arts & Humanities Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 1.600, AIF: 0.400, IF/AIF: 1.956, (2022, AHCI); 1.600, AIF: 1.800, IF/AIF: 1.956, Q1 (2022, SSCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 3.40, SNIP: 1,885, SJR: 1.383, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 005] [Indėlis: 0,500].

Charenkova, Jūratė. “Parenting my parents”: Perspectives of adult children on assuming and remaining in the caregiver's role // Frontiers in public health. Lausanne : Frontiers Media SA. Eissn 2296-2565. 2023, vol. 11, art. no. 1059006, p. [1-9]. DOI: 10.3389/fpubh.2023.1059006. [DB: Science Citation Index Expanded (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 5.200, AIF: 4.000, IF/AIF: 1.184, Q1 (2022, SSCI); 5.200, AIF: 4.800, IF/AIF: 1.184, Q1 (2022, SCIE)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 3.80, SNIP: 1,374, SJR: 1.125, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 005] [Indėlis: 1,000].

Adomaitytė Subačienė, Ieva; Poviliūnas, Arūnas; Ignatas, Mindaugas. The unique and the invariant in the field of social work: The comparison of Lithuania, Japan, and the United States // International social work. London : SAGE Publications. ISSN 0020-8728. eISSN 1461-7234. 2023, Early Access, p. [1-14]. DOI: 10.1177/00208728231194047. [DB: Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science); Scopus] [Citav. rod.: 2.200, AIF: 2.700, IF/AIF: 0.814, Q2 (2022, SSCI)] [Scopus: CiteScore: 4.30, SNIP: 1,390, SJR: 0.711, (2022, Scopus Sources)] [M.kr.: S 005] [Indėlis: 0,750].

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2023

Projects Supported by University Budget

Geopolitics, formal social control, and popular culture in online hacking forums, No. MSF-JM-13/2021. Vilnius University Research Fund, 2021-2023. Project lead dr. Maryja Šupa.

A legal and social study of institutes limiting or repealing legal capacity (VANITS), No. MSF-JM-05/2023. Vilnius University Research Fund, 2023. Project lead dr. Rasa Genienė.

Active Ageing Policy in Lithuania: Challenges and Opportunities, No. FSF-2022-1. Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy research support fund, 2022-2023. Head of the research group – assoc. prof. Jekaterina Navickė.

National Research Projects: Centre of Excellence

(Post) authoritarian landscapes, Institute of Sociology and Social Work – partner, research topic “Research on the ecosocial development of (post)authoritarian societies”. Research funded under the Programme "University Excellence Initiatives" of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sports of the Republic of Lithuania (Measure No. 12-001-01-01-01 "Improving the Research and Study Environment, 2023–2027. Research group leader – dr. Tadas Šarūnas.

National Research Projects: Research Groups Projects

Growing up in Independent Lithuania: Life Courses of 1980-2000 Cohorts, Behavioral Strategies and their Contexts, No. S-MIP-21-19. Research Council of Lithuania, 2021-2024. VU – coordinator, head of the research group - assoc. prof. Laima Žilinskienė.

Transformation of the social service system by increasing its resilience to external threats, No. S-VIS-23-11. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2025. VU – coordinator, head of the research group - assoc. prof. Violeta Gevorgianienė.

Demographic, economic, energetic, food, and epidemiological resilience of modern Lithuanian society and nation (1883-2023), No. S-VIS-23-15. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – coordinator, head of the research group - prof. Zenonas Norkus.

The Intersection of Social and Defense Policies in Lithuania: Resilience of Socially Vulnerable Groups to the Hybrid Threats, No. S-VIS-23-17. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023-2026. VU – coordinator, head of the research group – assoc. prof. Daiva Skučienė.

National Research: Postdoctoral Fellowship projects

Migrants from Lithuania: representations in Lithuanian public discourse and everyday contexts, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0155. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2021-2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė, research supervisor prof. Irena Juozeliūnienė.

Development of the researcher's academic competences through the analysis of the social work professional field, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-19-0197. Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2020-2023. Posdoctoral researcher dr. Ieva Adomaitytė-Subačienė, research supervisor prof. Arūnas Poviliūnas.

Preconditions, motives and process of (in)formal care choices: the perspective of informal carers, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-23-0192, Research Council of Lithuania, European Social Fund, 2021-2023. Postdoctoral researcher dr. Jūratė Charenkova, research supervisor prof. Laimutė Žalimienė.

National Research Projects: support for publishing

Publishing the Social Theory, Empirics, Politics & Practice journal „STEPP“, No. S-LIP-22-53. Research Council of Lithuania, 2022-2024. Leader assoc. prof. Eugenijus Dunajevas.

National Research Projects: support for scientific events

International conference „Social policy responses: from old issues to the new challenges“, No. S-MOR-23-4. Research Council of Lithuania, 2023. Leader dr. Jūratė Charenkova.

National Research: Students Research Projects

The Internet of Bodies Discourse in global online news media: A criminological perspective, No. S-ST-22-110. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2022-2023. VU – coordinator, student Vytautas Kaktinas, research supervisor dr. Maryja Šupa.

Issues of Monitoring the Implementation of Resocialization in Lithuanian Prisons from the Point of View of Experts, No. S-ST-22-117. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2022-2023. VU – coordinator, student Ignė Kalinauskaitė, research supervisor dr. Jolanta Aleknevičienė.

Access to health, social, and educational services for families with children with autism spectrum disorders, No. S-ST-23-141. Research Council of Lithuania, Students research projects during the semester, 2023-2024. VU – coordinator, student Monika Idaite, research supervisor assoc. prof. Eugenijus Dunajevas.

International Research Projects

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

Social Sciences and Humanities in intersectoral Outreach for better education and sustainable innovations (SHOUT), No. 612364. Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliance, 2019-2023. VU – coordinator, project leader prof. Arūnas Poviliūnas.

Sexual Harassment in Nightlife Entertainment Spots: Control and Prevention (SHINE), No. 881652. European Commission's Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme action project 2020-2023. VU – partner, project leader prof. Aleksandras Dobryninas.

Improving enforcement at the intersection of mobile banditry and exploitation (IMOBEX), No. 101003531. European Commission's Justice programme project, 2021-2023. VU – partner, project leader prof. Aleksandras Dobryninas.

Developing a new Network of Researchers on Contemporary European Motherhood (MotherNet), No. 952366. Horizon 2020, Twinning project, 2020-2023. VU Faculty of Philosophy – partner, team leader dr. Eglė Šumskienė.

Tr@ck-IN: Public employment services tracking effectiveness to support rural NEETs, No. 2020-1-0011. EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment, 2021-2024. VU – partner, team leader assoc. prof. Rūta Brazienė.

Experiential Knowledge in Higher Education (USER), No. 2021-1-NL01-KA220-HED-000035868. Erasmus+ KA2, 2021-2024. VU – partner, team leader dr. Jolita Buzaitytė Kašalynienė.

Tackling the challenges of Erasmus+ mobility inclusion and diversity at higher education level (Inclusion+), No. 2023-1-PT01-KA220-HED-000160391. Erasmus+ KA2, 2023-2026. VU – partner, team leader assoc. prof. Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė.

Social Hacking of Higher Education for Sustainability (SOHACK), No. 2022-1-LT01-KA220-HED-000088562. Erasmus+ KA2, 2022-2024. VU – partner, team leader prof. Arūnas Poviliūnas.

COST Innovators Grant IG18123: A quality assurance implementation protocol for family support services in Europe. An evidence-based and culturally informed model for professional practice. 2023-2024. Prof. D. Skučienė National coordinator.

COST action CA18123. The Pan-European Family Support Research Network. A bottom-up, evidence-based and multidisciplinary approach. 2018-2023. Management Committee member Assoc. prof. Daiva Skučienė, working group member asist. prof. Lina Šumskaitė.

COST action CA18213. Rural NEET Youth Network: Modelling the risks underlying rural NEETs social exclusion. 2019-2023. Assoc. prof. Rūta Brazienė, assoc. prof. Daiva Skučienė.

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

COST Action CA19103. LGBTI+ Social and Economic (in)equalities. 2020 –2024. Asist. prof. Lina Šumskaitė.

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

COST action CA21143. Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe. Main coordinator prof. Mieke Schrooten, Odisee University of Applied Sciences, VU coordinator dr. Irma Budginaitytė-Mačkinė. 2022-2026.

COST Action CA21141. Grassroots of Digital Europe: from Historic to Contemporary Cultures of Creative Computing (GRADE), 2022-2026, dr. Maryja Šupa, Management Committee member, lead of WG2 “Institutionalizing Digital Grassroots”.

Contractual Research

EUROMOD - Microsimulation Tool for Modelling the Impact of Policy Measures. European Commission, 2017-2024. VU – coordinator, team leader assoc. prof. Jekaterina Navickė.

Training for social workers and leaders, contractual agreements with Lithuanian Association of Social Workers, 2023. Training organiser dr. Ieva Adomaitytė-Subačienė.

Expert services contract with the European Social Fund Agency, No. (5.74 Mr) SU-2484. 2022-2023, Leader dr. Jurga Mataitytė-Diržienė.

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

East Carolina University, Department of Sociology (USA)

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

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

Silver School of Social Work, New York University (USA)

Department of Psychology and Welfare, Den-en Chofu University (Japan)

Department of Social work, Japan Lutheran College (Japan)

University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration (Switzerland)
Essex University (UK)

Uppsala University (Sweden)

University of Gävle, Department of Social Work and Psychology (Sweden)

Maynooth University (Ireland)

Utrecht University, School of Law, Willem Pompe Institute for Criminal Law and Criminology (Netherlands)

Utrecht Hogeschool (Netherlands)

University of Jyväskylä, School of Social Work (Finland)

The University of Southern Denmark, Department of Political Science and Public Management (Denmark)

School of Social Work, Evangelische Hochschule Dresden (Germany)
Department of Sociology, Università Catt. Di Milano (Italy) Lum Jean Monnet University (Libera Università Mediterranea)
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University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
University of Split (Croatia)
Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Institute of Sociology (Poland)
Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw (Poland)
University of Lodz, Department of Sociology (Poland)
Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences (Valmiera, Latvia)
Tartu University, Institute of Social Studies (Estonia)
Lithuanian social workers association (Lithuania)

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Irena Juozeliūnienė. Associate Editor at the *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, <https://www.utpjournals.press/loi/jcfs>

Zenonas Norkus. Editorial board member of the journal *Research in Social Change* (Slovenia), [Research in Social Change \(sciendo.com\)](#);

Arūnas Poviliūnas. Editorial board member of the journal *Sociologija: Mintis ir veiksmas (Sociology: Thought and Action)*, [Atsakingi redaktoriai | Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmas \(vu.lt\)](#)

Aleksandras Dobrynnas. Member of Editorial Board of Journal „Archiwum Kryminologii“ (Warsaw, Poland), [Zespół redakcyjny | Archiwum Kryminologii \(pan.pl\)](#)

Algimantas Čepas. Member of the editorial board of the academic journal *Kriminologijos studijos*, <https://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/kriminologijos-studijos/about/editorialTeam>;

Aušra Pocienė. Chair of the Board of Lithuanian Association of Criminologists, [kriminologija.lt | Lietuvos kriminologų asociacija](#)

Aušra Pocienė. Editor (criminology, sociology) of the journal “Kriminologijos studijos” (Criminological studies) <https://www.journals.vu.lt/kriminologijos-studijos/about/editorialTeam>

Jolita Buzaitytė-Kašalynienė. President of Group Relations Society, <https://grupiusantykiai.lt/>

Boguslavas Gruževskis. Member of the editorial board of the scientific journal *Education of Economists and Managers* (Warsaw School of Economics (SGH), Warsaw, Poland), http://eeim.kwartalnik.com.pl/?page_id=864.

Boguslavas Gruževskis. Editorial board member of the journal *Human Resources Management (Zarządzanie Zasobami Ludzkimi)*, Academy of Sciences of Poland, <http://zsl.ipiss.com.pl>.

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

Romas Lazutka was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus for many years of fruitful academic activity, dedication to Vilnius University, and promotion of its name. 2023 12 21 Vilnius University, Lithuania.

<https://naujienos.vu.lt/iskilmingame-renginyje-apdovanoti-labiausiai-2023-m-nusipelne-vu-bendruomenes-nariai/>

Zenonas Norkus was awarded The Rector's Science Prize diploma for outstanding annual scientific achievements, contribution to the development of science at the University and in Lithuania, and

raising the prestige of the University's science in the world in 2023. 2023 12 21 Vilnius University, Lithuania.

<https://naujienos.vu.lt/iskilmingame-renginyje-apdovanoti-labiausiai-2023-m-nusipelne-vu-bendruomenes-nariai/>

Arūnas Poviliūnas was awarded the certificate of appreciation by Vilnius University Rector for many years of leadership. 2023 06 30, "Finis anni academici", Vilnius University, Lithuania.

<https://www.fsf.vu.lt/naujienos/fakulteto-ivykiai/5609-finis-anni-academici-metu-apdovanoti-fakulteto-bendruomenes-nariai-2>

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

Aleksandras Dobryinas. Court of Honour of Judges (public representative appointed by the President of the Republic of Lithuania). <https://www.teismai.lt/lt/teismu-savivalda/teiseju-garbes-teismas/sudetis-ir-kontaktai/1737>

Lijana Gvaldaitė. National Family Council (temporary chair). <https://seimostaryba.lt/tarybos-pirmininke/>

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