

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, June 15

Time	Activity	Place
8:00 – 18:00	Registration/ Info Desk	Putvinskio 23, 1 st floor
9:00 – 10:30	Session 1	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	Putvinskio 23 (room tbc)
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	See recommendations
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	Putvinskio 23 (room tbc)
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
17:45 – 19:00	Welcome Address and Plenary	Daukanto 28, VMU Great Hall
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome Reception	Daukanto 28, VMU Great Hall

Friday, June 16

Time	Activity	Place
8:00 – 18:00	Registration/ Info Desk	Putvinskio 23
9:00 – 10:30	Session 5	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break (sponsored by <i>Journal of Baltic Studies</i>)	Daukanto 28, VMU Great Hall
11:00 – 12:15	<i>Plenary</i>	Daukanto 28, VMU Great Hall
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch break	See recommendations
14:00 – 15:30	Session 6	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	Putvinskio 23 (room tbc)
16:00 – 17:30	Session 7	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
17:45 – 20:00	Film Screening and Discussion: <i>Mariupolis 2</i>	Putvinskio 23 (room tbc)

Saturday, June 17

Time	Activity	Place
9:00 – 14:00	Registration/ Info Desk	Putvinskio 23
9:00 – 10:30	Session 8	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	Putvinskio 23 (room tbc)
11:00 – 12:30	Session 9	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	See recommendations
14:00 – 15:30	Session 10	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break	Putvinskio 23 (room tbc)
16:00 – 17:30	Session 11	Putvinskio 23 (see the program)
19:00 – 22:00	Closing Reception	Restaurant “SALA” in Žalgiris arena, Karaliaus Mindaugo 50

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

The program of the conference is arranged in 11 academic divisions.

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion
Communication, Media, and Journalism
Digital Humanities, Museums, and Libraries
Environment, Resources, and Sustainability
Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy
Higher Education, Science Policy, and Knowledge Management
History, Memory, and Identity
International Law, Economics, and Political Studies
Literature, Arts, and Culture Studies
Language Studies, Education, and Psychology
International Relations and Regional Security

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

SESSION 1 9:00 – 10:30

001. GEOPOLITICAL SHIFTS IN THE BALTICS FROM HISTORICAL AND MODERN PERSPECTIVES

History, Memory, Identity (Room 103)

Chair: Vaida Kamuntavičienė (tbc), Vytautas Magnus University

Baltic Colonialism or European Colonialism: The Duchy of Courland as a Part of Europe's Atlantic Expansion – *John Freeman*, University of Greifswald

The Strategic Dilemmas of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and Ukraine in 1654–1667 – *Peter Brown*, Rhode Island College

In the Service of the Dutch VOC – Origin Riga – *Mirjam van Immerzeel*, Independent Scholar

Shifting Strategies: Russo-Danish Relations and Copenhagen's Shift from Baltic to Arctic Geostrategic Aims – *Earl Hodil*, Northern Arizona University

The Grand Duchy of Lithuania's Lasting Impact on Regional Security – *Zachary Egan*, American University of Paris

002. BALTIC POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WARS
History, Memory, Identity (Room 103)

Chair: (tbc)

Latvians in the Spanish Civil War (1936–1939): The Group Named after Janis Jansons-Brauns – *Ginta Ieva Bikše*, University of Latvia

Military Policy of the Third Reich Towards the Baltic States in the Late 1930s – *Igor Kopotin*, Estonian Military Academy

Latvian-Lithuanian Economic Relations 1918–1940 – *Viesturs Pauls Karnups*, University of Latvia

Bachelorhood on Trial: Eugenics, Pronatalism, and Local Responses in Authoritarian Estonia – *Paris Pin-Yu Chen*, University College London

003. BOOK PRESENTATION

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Navickaitė, R. 2023. *Marija Gimbutas: Transnational Biography, Feminist Reception, and the Controversy of Goddess Archaeology*. Routledge.

Presenter:

Rasa Navickaitė, University of Vienna

Discussant:

Dovilė Budrytė, Georgia Gwinnett College

004. NOVEL PERSPECTIVES ON BUILDING CIVIC RESILIENCE AND ADVANCING ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNICATION

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Kristina Juraitė, Vytautas Magnus University

Three Types of Knowledge Gaps Concerning the Practice of Public Communication Ethics. The Overall Objectives of the Diacomet Project – *Epp Lauk, Vytautas Magnus University/ University of Tartu; Kristina Juraitė, Vytautas Magnus University*

Theoretical Foundations of the Diacomet Project: The Application of the Concept of Dialogic Communication – *Halliki Harro-Loit, University of Tartu*

All Together Now: Fostering Inclusive Practices of Media Accountability – Lessons from a Comparative Study – *Tobias Eberwein, Austrian Academy of Sciences; Colin Porlezza, Università della Svizzera Italiana; Krisztina Rozgonyi, Austrian Academy of Sciences*

Toward an Open and Free Public Debate: Epistemic Agency as a Factor for Civic Resilience Development – *Auksė Balčytienė, Vytautas Magnus University*

005. LANGUAGE, HERITAGE, AND CHANGE IN THE LATVIAN AND LITHUANIAN DIASPORAS

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Ineta Dabašinskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Diagnosing Latvian Language Change in Sweden – *Signe Rirdance, Stockholm University*

Raised in the Diaspora and Parenting as (still) Lithuanian – *Jogilė Teresa Ramonaitė, Institute of the Lithuanian language; Meilutė Ramonienė, Vilnius University*

Lithuanian Heritage Language: Grammar Acquisition in Children – *Skirmantė Gribauskiene, Vytautas Magnus University*

Voice of the Youth in Riga: Democracy, Gender Rights and Green Politics. School Survey: A Case Study – *Kaspars Zalāns, Greifswald University*

006. CULTURAL MEMORY AND IDENTITY IN LATVIAN AND LITHUANIAN LITERATURE

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Rūta Eidukevičienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Expressions of Cultural Memory in Lithuanian Diaspora Memoirs by Daiva Markelis and Antanas Šileika – *Laima Vince Sruoginis, University of Southern Maine*

Troubling the Notion of Nation: Questions of Identity and Belonging in Giedra Radvilavičiūtė's Writing – *Adelheid Rundholz, Johnson C. Smith University*

The Shifting Latvian Identity in Contemporary Historical Fiction: 13 Authors, One Novel Series – *Madara Stāde, University of Latvia*

Shared Memory in Inara Strungs' Novel "Sydney Via Siberia" – Ingrida Žindžiuvienė, Vytautas Magnus University

007. THE INTERSECTION OF DIASPORA AND NATIONAL MINORITIES

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Imagined Futures: Latvian Roma Sense of Home and Belonging in Migration – Ieva Gardarozenberga, University of Latvia

Diaspora, Identity, Integration: Georgians in Latvia – Zane Varpina, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

Understanding Immigrant Identity. The Transnational Connections of Lithuanian Americans – Ann Senn, Bethel University; Daiva K. Kuzmickaitė, Mykolas Romeris University

Travel Behaviour of the Latvian Diaspora in Latvia – Aija van der Steina, University of Latvia

008. SOCIETIES AND RELIGION I

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Religious Politics in Lithuania: Competing Claims on National Identity – Michael Strmiska, State University of New York

"All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes": The Missionary Life of Sister Aldona Kezyte – Ann Traitor, University at Albany

Restoring Traditions of Religious Education: The Case of Cooperation of Latvian, Lithuanian and Polish Old Believers in the 1920s and the 1930s – Maija Grizāne, Daugavpils University

Lithuanian Catholics in the Diaspora in Relations with the Roman Catholic Church in Soviet-Occupied Lithuania from the 1960s to the 1980s: Problems and Obstacles – Ignas Stanevičius, Vilnius University

009. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION: ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES I

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Maja Povrzanović Frykman, Malmö University

Remigration, Development, and Social Change in Lithuania and Croatia – A Nexus (Un-) Wanted? – Caroline Hornstein Tomic, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar

Challenging Assimilation: Strategies and Experiences of Reclaiming Diasporic Heritage by the Descendants of Lithuanian Exiles in Trans-Volga Russia – Vytis Čiubrinskas, Vytautas Magnus University

Political and Civic Remittances: Impact of Time, Place and Ties with Countries of Origin – Ingrida Gečienė-Janulionė, Vilnius University

Profitization of Ethnicity: A Case of Lithuanian Diaspora in Kazakhstan– *Jolanta Kuznecovienė*, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences

010. ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION IN THE BALTIC STATES
International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Rejecting Liberal Democracy: Concurrent Support for Populism, Technocracy and Strong Executive Leadership in the Baltic States – *Kjetil Duvold*, Dalarna University

First Democratic Elections in Post-Communist Lithuania – *Mindaugas Jurkynas*, Vytautas Magnus University

Democracy and Political Representation of Women in Lithuania: The Role of Political Parties and Electoral Systems – *Gifty Ann Babu*, Jawaharlal Nehru University

SESSION 2 11:00 – 12:30

011. SHIFTING IDENTITIES OF THE BALTICS IN THE 15th–20th CENTURIES
History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Identity Preservation Chronicle of Kreewings Sub-Ethnics in the Territory of Latvia in the 15th–19th Centuries – *Dmitrijs Ščegojevs*, University of Latvia

Adam Johann von Krusenstern’s International Network, 1809–1827 – *Feliks Gornischeff*, Estonian Maritime Museum

Curonian/ Latvian-speaking Maritime Communities in Lithuania: Historical Background, Identity and Research Problems – *Krišs Kapenieks*, University of Latvia

012. SOVIET PERIOD IN THE BALTICS
History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Resistance and Collaboration in Latvia during the Second World War and Post-War Years: History, Memory, and Politics – *Uldis Neiburgs*, University of Latvia

Social Adaptation of the Youth in Eastern Latvia after the Second World War – *Irena Saleniece*, Daugavpils University

Everyday Life Practices in Soviet Estonia – through the Example of Dvigatel Plant – *Ivan Lavrentjev*, University of Tartu

Captive and Soviet Partners. Cooperation between Estonian and Ukrainian Emigrants, 1973–1991 – *Paul Heikkilä*, University of Helsinki

013. BOOK PRESENTATION

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Furmonavičius, D. 2023. *Lithuania Transforms the West. Lithuania's Liberation from Soviet Occupation and the Enlargement of NATO (1988–2022)*. Columbia University Press.

Presenter: *Darius Furmonavičius*, Lithuanian Research & Studies Centre (UK)

014. WHERE DOES DISINFORMATION START, AND WHERE DOES IT END? THE BALTIC-NORDIC EXPERIENCE IN COMBATTING INFORMATION DISRUPTIONS Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Hannu Nieminen (tbc), Vytautas Magnus University

Microinterventions: Testing Information Activism as a Media and Information Literacy Tool
– *Maia Klaassen*, University of Tartu

Libraries as Promoters of Societal Resilience Towards Disinformation – *Agnese Dāvidsone*,
Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

Digital Disinformation and Structural Resilience: Lithuania in a Regional Context – *Ignas Kalpokas*, Vytautas Magnus University

Comparative Analysis of Fact-Checking Practices and Genres – *Marju Himma-Kadakas et al.*,
University of Tartu & BECID Consortium

Learning about Passive and Active Resilience Outcomes and Prospects in a Small State –
Auksė Balčytienė, Vytautas Magnus University; *Kristina Juraitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

015. BALTIC DIPLOMACY, SOFT POWER AND POLITIC OF MEMORY: FROM POST-SOVIET TRANSFORMATION TILL THE EUROPEAN UNION

Chair: Ginta Palubinskas, West Virginia State University

Soviet Monuments as a Security Threat: Insights from Central and Eastern Europe –
Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik, Central Europe Institute in Lublin; *Dominika Czarnecka*, Central
Europe Institute in Lublin

**Decolonizing Diplomacy: Bringing Postcolonial Perspective into the Post-Soviet Studies. The
Case of the Baltic States.** – *Emilija Pundziūtė-Gallois*, Vytautas Magnus University

**Women in the Baltic States' Diplomacy (1991–2021): Changes, Disparities, and Challenges
Ahead** – *Aušra Park*, Siena College

The Spartan Way: Wings and Lithuanian Foreign Representations Flying to Official Visits –
Mindaugas Kavaliauskas, Vytautas Magnus University

016. BALTIC STUDIES AND LANGUAGES Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Meilutė Ramonienė (tbc), Vilnius University

Baltic Studies at Stockholm University: A Historical Retrospective – *Lilita Zaļkalne*, Stockholm
University

Teaching of Baltic Languages in Finland: Traditions and Innovations – *Laimutė Balode*, University of Helsinki

The National Language Encounters: Soviet Russian and Global English at the University of Tartu – *David Ilmar Beecher*, University of Tartu; *Kerttu Rozenvalde*, University of Tartu

Chernivtsi Baltic Studies Centre: Challenges of Work during the War Period – *Alona Shyba*, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University

Estonian Refugees and German-Language Refugees, 1933-1945. Embeddedness or Fruition in Scholarly Worlds and Multiple Representations of “the German University” – *Ragnar Björk*, Södertörn University

017. SOVIET PERIOD AND CULTURAL SHIFTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE BALTICS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Edgaras Klivis, Vytautas Magnus University

Popularity of Existentialism in Soviet Lithuania: Early Works of Arvydas Šliogeris – *Ramūnas Čičelis*, Vytautas Magnus University

Reworking Trauma: Ignas Šeinius’ “Raudonasis tvanas” – *Audronė Raškauskienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Modernist Poetics in Latvian Soviet Poetry: Imants Ziedonis – *Ausma Cimdiņa*, University of Latvia

Prague Spring and Kremlin Frost: The Case of Latvia 1968 – *Luboš Švec*, Charles University in Prague

018. POLISH PERSPECTIVES ON LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE AND BILATERAL RELATIONS DURING THE INTER-WAR PERIOD

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: Halina Paraſianowicz, University of Białystok

The Independence of Lithuania in Political Concepts of Polish Politicians and Decision-Makers in the Early 1920s – *Vadzim Pauliuchuk*, Independent Scholar

Lithuanian Americans’ Support for Lithuanian Territorial Claims to the Vilnius Region (1918-1922) – *Piotr Szlaużys*, University of Białystok

Searching for Allies: Baltic Republics in “Kurier Białostocki” – *Łukasz Niewiński*, University of Białystok

019. SOCIETIES AND RELIGION II

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Human Agency, Religion and Socialism: Construction of the Soviet Past by Russian Orthodox Community Members in Post-Socialist Lithuania – *Kristina Šliavaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

The Specific Features of the Theology of History of the Chronicle of Henry – *Guntis Kalme*, Luther Academy

The Pious Muslim Women Finding Agency in Islam as Individuals, Wives, Mothers and Sisters in the Changing Baltic Societies – *Morta Vidūnaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

020. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION: ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES II

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Vytis Čiubrinskas, Center for Social Anthropology, Vytautas Magnus University

Discussant: Maja Povržanović Frykman, Department of Global Political Studies, Malmö University, Sweden

The Role and Meaning of Post-War Resettlement of Poles from Lithuania to Poland in the Contemporary Construction of the Polishness in Both Countries – *Anna Pilarczyk-Palaitis*, Center for Social Anthropology, Vytautas Magnus University

“Even if You Have All the Money but Your Family Is Not with You, You Won’t Be Happy Anyways”: Lithuanian Roma (Im)mobility Experiences and Family Relations on the Move – *Agnieška Avin*, Lithuanian Centre for Social Science

The Impact of the Contemporary Uncertainty and Insecurity Situation on the International Migrant Students in Lithuania: Ambivalent Identities and Life Trajectories – *Ilona Kazlauskaitė*, Center for Social Anthropology, Vytautas Magnus University

Different Narratives and Attitudes Towards Refugees and Other Immigrants in Lithuania – *Rūta Dapkūnaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

021. ECONOMIC CRISES, TRANSFORMATIONS, AND ADAPTABILITY

International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (room)

Chair: (tbc)

Economic Adaptability in the Absence of Democratic Corporatism: Explaining Lithuania’s Export Performance – *Vytautas Kuokštis*, Vilnius University

Do Populists in Power Influence Civic Culture? Evidence from Hungary, Estonia and Beyond – *Denis Ivanov*, Corvinus University

Political Change in the Baltic States: Thirty Years of Independence – *Ahalya Sial*, Emarti Devi Women’s College/ Ramadevi Women’s University

SESSION 3 14:00 – 15:30

022. HISTORY OF RELIGION: FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TILL THE 20th CENTURY
History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Counter-Baptism': Rejections of Christianity in Henry of Livonia's Chronicle – *Ido Kons*, University of Cambridge

The Importance of the Kaunas Dominicans to the Life of Kaunas in the Early Modern Times – *Vaida Kamuntavičienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Nature, Nationalism, Catholicism: A Comparison of Lithuanian and German Inter-War Youth Organizations – *Indrė Čuplinskas*, University of Alberta

Perceptions of Religious Festivities in Latvian Exile Periodicals in Latgalian (1940-1980) – *Oksana Kovzele*, Daugavpils University

023. SOVIET OCCUPATION

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

The Road to Global Conquest. Stalinist Expansionism and the Baltic Region, 1917-1953 – *Alexander Gogun*, Freie Universitaet Berlin

Discovering Russia: Estonian Communist Evacuees in Soviet Rear, 1941-42 – *Kristo Nurmis*, Tallinn University

"Stalin Died Yesterday": Discriminatory Pension Policy against the "Former People" in the Baltic Soviet Socialist Republics, 1956-1990 – *Elmar Gams*, University of Tartu

Hybrid Identity Formation in Soviet Lithuania: The Impact of Emotions, Art, and Literature – *Vasantha Kalal*, Jawaharlal Nehru University

024. CRISES AS TRIGGERS FOR FEMALE SELF-EMPOWERMENT AND VALUE CHANGE IN THE 20TH CENTURY BALTIC SEA REGION

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Elke Bauer, Herder Institute

Did 1905 Cause a Turning Point in the Aspirations of Baltic German Women in Estonian and Livonian Governorates? – *Lembi Anepaio*, Tallinn University

The 1905 Revolution as a Starting Point for Women's Emancipation? The Attempt to Implement New Gender Constructions in Baltic-German Society. A Case Study of the Journal "Baltische Frauenzeitschrift. Monatsschrift zur Förderung der Frauenbildung und der Frauenarbeit" – *Anja Wilhelmi*, Nordost-Institut Lüneburg

Activism through Publications? Female Self-Empowerment through Moral Reform in Early 20th Century Poland – *Heidi Hein-Kircher*, Herder Institute

Temperance Movement as a Tool of Social Discipline in Latvia, 1891-1940 – *Guntis Vāveris*, University of Latvia

025. TRADITIONAL AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN THE INTER-WAR PERIOD: THE CASES OF ITALY, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE BALTIC STATES

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Rosario Napolitano, Riga Technical University

The Diplomatic Relationships between Italy and Lithuania during the Inter-War Period: From de jure Recognition (1922) to the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (1939) – Alessandro Vitale, University of Milano

The Looped Road to the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Consular Rights between Latvia and the United States – Marika Selga, University of Latvia

The Italian Diplomatic Corps in Latvia during the Inter-War Period – Rosario Napolitano, Riga Technical University

026. GEOPOLITICS AND SECURITY OF THE BALTIC-NORDIC REGION IN THE CONTEXT OF NEW CHALLENGES

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chair: Justinas Juozaitis, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

Internal and External Drivers of Lithuania's Foreign and Security Policy Change – Ieva Karpavičiūtė, Vytautas Magnus University

Finnish Membership in NATO: Threats and Opportunities – Adam Kuź, Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz

Finland in the Security Complex in the Arctic Region: Building Foreign Policy and Representations of Otherness – Tarik Zeraoui, Ibero-American University in Mexico

Ukraine War and Baltic Sea Region: An Indian Perspective – Akanksha Singh, Sri Guru Gobind Singh College, Punjab University

027. FUTURE SCHOOLING

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Stefanija Ališauskienė (tbc), Vytautas Magnus University

Future Classrooms and Ed-Tech Imaginaries: Visual and Discursive Analysis of Innovativeness in Tomorrow's School – Signe Opermann, Michael Forsman, Ingrid Forsler, Emanuele Bardone, University of Tartu

Creativity Development Strategies: Orientation towards the Evaluation of Creativity – Tandzegolskienė-Bielaglovė, Nijolė Čiučiulkienė, Irena Raudienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Augmented Reality as a Teaching Tool in Preschool Education: Teachers' Points of View – Monika Kelpšienė, Vytautas Magnus University; Ona Monkevičienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Developing Eco-Literacy through a Curriculum of Gardening and Art: A Pedagogy of Eco-Poetic Inquiry and Engagement between North-American and Latvian Local Places – Andrejs Kulnieks, University of Saskatchewan

Homeschooling and Functions of Parents-Educators: The Case of Lithuania – *Edita Naidaitė*, Kaunas Maironis University Gymnasium; *Eglė Stasiūnaitienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

028. NEW PERSPECTIVES IN BALTIC LITERATURE

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Dimensions of Syncretic Spirituality in the Prose Work “When Water Shimmers” by Nora Ikstena – *Ilze Jansone*, University of Latvia

Worlds in Conflict: Oppression and Subversion in Andrus Kivirähk’s “The Man Who Spoke Snakish” – *Alfie Howard*, University of Leeds

The Animal as Human Companion in the 1980s Latvian Fiction – *Ruta Kurpniece*, University of Latvia

Eco-Poetic Inquiry to Inspire Relationships with Local Places: A Curriculum of Visual and Avant-Garde Poetry – *Andrejs Kulnieks*, University of Saskatchewan; *Karlis Jirgens*, University of Windsor

029. COLD WAR COOPERATION, CULTURAL DIPLOMACY, AND THE BALTIC DIASPORA

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: Arūnas Antanaitis (tbc), Vytautas Magnus University

Baltic Athletic Cooperation in North America (1950-1990): Baltic Diaspora or a Coalition of Diasporas? – *Egidijus Balandis*, Vytautas Magnus University

Attempts to Achieve Radio Free Europe Broadcasts in the Latvian Language in the Context of Latvian Diaspora Political Activities – *Kristine Bekere*, Institute of Latvian History, University of Latvia

The Cooperation of Baltic Diaspora(s) in the USA: Lithuanian Citizen Diplomacy in the Cold War Politics – *Giedrius Janauskas*, Vytautas Magnus University

Tālvāldis Ķeniņš and Canadian Cultural Diplomacy within the Latvian SSR (1973-1991) – *Daniel Jordan*, University of Toronto

030. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES, (NON)EFFECTIVE TACTICS, AND EMERGING CONSEQUENCES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Tadas Šarapovas, University of Management and Economics, ISM

Religious Education and Dynamics of Religiosity: Parents-Offspring Differences – *Dainius Genys*, Andrei Sakharov Research Center for Democratic Development and Educational Research Institute, Vytautas Magnus University

Faith Transmission Tendencies in Lithuanian Families – *Vincentas Vobolevičius*, ISM University of Management and Economics

Religiosity Habits: Lithuanian Catholic Online Media's Role in Education – *Judita Kasperiušienė*, Vytautas Magnus University; *Dainius Genys*, Vytautas Magnus University; *Vilma Žydžiūnaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Forced Migration and Religion: Ukrainian Families' Case in Lithuania – *Пола Наталья Сергеевна*, Kaunas archdiocese Caritas; *Daiva Kristina Kuzmickaitė*, Mykolas Romeris University

031. SECURITY AND POLITICS

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Geopolitical Identity of the Inhabitants of the Baltic Countries in the Face of Current Security Threats – *Aida Savicka*, Lithuanian Culture Research Institute

Conflict between Traditional and Progressive Values in Lithuanian Society – *Rūta Žiliukaitė*, Vilnius University

The Old New Politics of Imitation: Ironic Paradoxes of Neoliberal Higher Education Reforms within a Post-Communist Context – *Rūta Petkutė*, Yale University/ Kaunas University of Technology

Solidarity in Europe: Mapping Perceived Roles of and between the EU Member States – *Inga Gaižauskaitė*, Technical University of Darmstadt

032. SOCIETAL DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE IN THE BALTIC STATES AND BEYOND

International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

The Emerging Importance of the Concept of NTA – Theoretical Considerations, Recent Practices, and ENTAN Experiences – *Natalija Shikova*, International Balkan University

Civil Union and Political Alliances in the Baltic: The Case of Latvia – *Uldis Ozolins*, Western Sydney University

How Societal Resilience Supports National Security: Learning from Ukraine – *Oleksandra Keudel*, Kyiv School of Economics

Reimagining Baltic Space Following Russia's 24 February 2022 Invasion of Ukraine – *Sandra Hagelin*, University of Tartu

033. THE BALTICS AND THE WORLD DURING THE SOVIET OCCUPATION

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Propaganda vs Reality: Latvian Armed Anti-Soviet Resistance of 1941 in the Light of the Latvian Printed Press in Nazi-Occupied Latvia – *Janis Tomaševskis*, University of Latvia/ Latvian War Museum

“Dahomey Has No Position”: Baltic Appeal to the United Nations (BATUN) from Decolonization to Human Rights – *Kaarel Piiromäe*, University of Tartu/ University of Helsinki

Responses to the Prague Spring in Lithuanian Society in 1968 – *Jindrich Čeladin*, Charles University of Prague/ Vytautas the Great War Museum

Big Data – The Challenge in Maritime and Migration History – *Teele Saar*, Estonian Maritime Museum

034. INDEPENDENCE AND EMPOWERMENT OF THE BALTIC STATES IN THE 1920s AND 1930s. CONTINUITIES AND DISCONTINUITIES OF ECONOMIC POLICIES IN ESTONIA, LATVIA, AND LITHUANIA AFTER WWI

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Klaus Richter, University of Birmingham

Taking Over the Economy. “Ethnic Business,” “Economic Empowerment,” and Their Limits in Inter-War Estonia – *David Feest*, Nordost-Institut Lüneburg

The Inter-War Period as Catalyst of Economic Empowerment in Lithuania – *Klaus Richter*, University of Birmingham

Promoting the Economic Agency of Latvians. Policies of the National Government of Latvia and Its Effect on Riga’s Merchants and Entrepreneurs (1921–1939) – *Katja Wezel*, University of Latvia

035. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. On the Border: Baltic Transitions from One Front to Another in 1917-1920

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Aigi Rahi-Tamm, University of Tartu

Participants:

Mart Kuldkepp, University College London

Toivo Kikkas, University of Tartu, PhD student

Mari-Leen Tammela, Estonian War Museum

Aigi Rahi-Tamm, University of Tartu

Liisi Esse, Stanford University

036. TACKLING FALSE NARRATIVES: HOW MEDIA LITERACY AND ART CAN FIGHT DISINFORMATION

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Marju Himma-Kadakas, University of Tartu

Storytelling as a Legitimation Strategy in Disinformation Texts – *Jūratė Ruzaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Russian Propaganda and Disinformation Narratives in the Baltic Region and Ukraine: Current and Upcoming Challenges – *Dmytro Iarovyj*, Vytautas Magnus University

Women’s War Experience: Activism in the Baltic States as Transgressive Artistic Practice – *Riina Oruaas*, University of Tartu, Estonia

Development of Media Literacy Projects and Initiatives in Latvia – *Klinta Locmele*, University of Latvia

037. THE PAST AND FUTURE OF REGIONALISM FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF POLAND AND THE BALTIC COUNTRIES

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chair: Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik, Central Europe Institute in Lublin

European States Established after the Collapse of the Soviet Union, Polish Eastern Policy and Theory of Realism – *Wojciech Łysek*, Polish Academy of Sciences

Transformation of Global Order or a New Opportunity for Regionalism? – *Ieva Karpavičiūtė*, Vytautas Magnus University

What do We Expect from Strategic Partners? Map of Expectations of Lithuania's Strategic Partnerships Foreign Policy and Representations of Otherness – *Ieva Gajauskaitė*, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

Between Future and Political Tradition: Lithuanian Foreign Policy in 2020-2022. The Contexts of Lublin Triangle and the Three Seas Initiative – *Andžej Pukšto*, Vytautas Magnus University

038. LANGUAGE POLICY. MINORITY EDUCATION

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Ineta Dabašinskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Education Policy and the State Language: Preschool – *Tija Ziriņa, Dace Markus, Agrita Tauriņa*, University of Liepāja

Facilitating Communication in Experimental Settings between Estonians and Ukrainians – *Anna Branets*, University of Tartu

New Educational Spaces in a Double Minority Context: An Analysis of the Narva State Gymnasia Online Identity Construction – *Kara Brown*, University of South Carolina/ University of Tartu; *Kadri Koreinik*, University of Tartu

Estonian in the Family of Ethnic Russians: Changing Values – *Anna Verschik*, Tallinn University; *Reili Argus*, Tallinn University

039. BALTIC LITERATURE AND ITS EUROPEAN CONTEXTS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Rūta Eidukevičienė, Vytautas Magnus University

“Wo die Seele jauchzt / Where the soul rejoices” – Italy in the Eyes of Baltic Germans Perceptions of North and South in the Frame of Cultural Belonging – *Anja Wilhelmi*, Nordost-Institut Lüneburg

Lithuanian Literature and French Romanticism: A Daina in Victor Hugo – *Claudio Barna*, University of Milano

Poetry from the Baltic Countries in English Translation – *Ivars Steinbergs*, University of Latvia

Translations of Aspazija's Poetry into Russian in Inessa Latysheva's Book "Солнце с нами"
– *Andrejs Daņiļins*, University of Latvia

040. FROM HOMELAND LOSS TO INDEPENDENCE: EXILES' VOICES, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND POLITICAL AND CIVIC REMITTANCES
Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: Daiva Kuzmickaitė (tbc), Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania

Political and Civic Remittances: Impact of Time, Place and Ties with Countries of Origin –
Ingrida Gečienė-Janulionė, Vilnius University

To Learn and Pray in Lithuanian Chicago – *Liutauras Nekrošius*, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University

From Homeland Loss to Independence: Writing Silenced Trauma Expressively through Recuperating Exiles' Voices, Oral Traditions, and Photography – *Eve Puodžiūnaitė Wicks*, Griffith University

The Renewing of the Catholic Church in Eastern and Central Europe: US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Aid to the Post-Soviet Countries in 1990-2004 – *Arūnas Antanaitis*, President Valdas Adamkus Library and Museum/ Vytautas Magnus University

041. MIGRATION PROFILES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY
Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

At Home or in Tension with "EU Values"? Analyzing Lithuanian Catholic Discourse – *Rosita Garškaitė-Antonowicz*, Vilnius University

Refugees in Lithuania: The Experiences of Muslim Women in Asylum System – *Raminta Jakucevičienė*, Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore

Who's in the Forest Dark and Deep? Lithuania's Illiberal Response to Migration – *Aimee Herring*, University of South Carolina

042. SOCIAL EXPERIENCES AND IMAGINARIES
Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Rethinking Folktale: From the Personality to the Modern Society in Ethnographic Research –
Akvilė Sadauskienė, Lithuanian Institute of History

"And I Also Remember How People Were Tracked Back Then": Experiences and Imaginaries of Surveillance in a Cross-Cultural and Generational Perspective – *Veronika Kalmus*, University of Tartu

Urbanization in a "White Gown" – Jews in Inter-War Kaunas Medical System – *Motti Zalkin*, Ben-Gurion University

043. DEFENSE STRATEGIES OF SMALL STATES IN THE FACE OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (Room)

Chair: Dovydas Rogulis, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

Strategies of Small States: From Political Discourse to Doubtful Securitization – *Dovydas Rogulis, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

Defence of the Small States in the Initial Stage of the War: Lessons from Russia’s Invasion in Ukraine 2022 – *Giedrius Česnakas, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

Comparative Analysis of Recent Military Strategies of the Baltic States – *Andželika Blinovaitė, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

Achieving Security through International Institutions: Baltic States and NATO’s Military Presence – *Justinas Juozaitis, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

SESSION 5 9:00 – 10:30

044. HISTORY OF LITHUANIAN JEWRY

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Saulius Sužiedėlis (tbc)

Who Wrote the History of “Yerushalayim de-yiddish”? The Role of Compilations about Vilna and Its Jews in the Era of New Jewish Historiography (1916–1939) – *Diana Shapiro, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

From Vilijampolė’s “Amulet Box” to the High-Street clinic: Jewish urbanization in the 19th Century Kaunas – *Mordechai Zalkin, Ben-Gurion University*

Perspectives of Outside – JDC Archives on the Situation in Lithuania 1940 – *Linas Venclauskas, Vytautas Magnus University*

Prosecuting War Crimes Suspects: The Problem of Lithuanian-Jewish Relations in the United States during the Cold War – *Justas Stončius, Klaipėda University*

045. RUSSIAN-SOVIET LEGACY IN THE BALTICS

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Soviet Reassessment of 19th-Century Romanticism: A Reception History of Architectural Conservation in Estonia – *Kristina Joekalda, Estonian Academy of Arts*

The Role of Kaliningrad Oblast in the Memory Politics of Russian Authorities. The Case of the ‘Russian Prussia’ Movie – *Milosz Jeronim Cordes, Lund University*

The Occupied Königsberg Region: Stalin's Legacy within the Enlarged NATO – *Darius Furmonavičius*, Lithuanian Research and Studies Centre

Russian Research Centre's Role in Spreading False Myths about the Baltic Countries – *Algo Rammer*, Estonian Academy of Security Sciences

046. COLONIAL LEGACY (1)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Rytis Bulota (tbc)

"Critical Situations" and Mnemonic Legislation: Memory Politics in the Baltic States and the War in Ukraine – *Dovilė Budrytė*, Georgia Gwinnett College

Russophone Estonians and the State, 1990-1993: Lessons for Today – *Samuel Kramer*, University of St. Andrews

The New Wave of Iconoclasm in the Post-Soviet Baltic States: Debates, Methods, Responses – *Kristina van Kuyck*, Dublin City University

047. MEDIA AS ARENA AND CHANGE AGENTS: TRANSFORMING THE CHARACTER OF INSTITUTIONS

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Halliki Harro-Loit, University of Tartu

Lithuanian Journalism in the Vortex of Economic Risks – *Deimantas Jastramskis*, Vilnius University

They Tried to Explain: The Latvian Government's Communication about Covid-19 and the Publics Assessment of It during the Three Waves of Covid-19 – *Mārtiņš Pričins*, University of Latvia

Institutionalization of Media and Communication Research in Smaller Countries in Europe – *Anda Rožukalne, Ragne Kõuts-Klemm, Zrinjka Peruško, Dina Vozab, Alnis Stakle, Ilva Skulte & Tobias Eberwein*, Rīga Stradiņš University

048. CHILD LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Tija Ziriņa (tbc), University of Liepāja

The Effect of Different Pedagogical Strategies on the Development of Metacognitive Self-Monitoring and Control Processes in 5-7-Year-Old Children – *Jelena Vildžiūnienė*, Vytautas Magnus University; *Ona Monkevičienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Narrative Structure in Lithuanian-Speaking Preschoolers with Typical and Atypical Language Development – *Ingrida Balčiūnienė, Ineta Dabašinskienė, Laura Kamandulytė-Merfeldienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Teaching Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Primary Schools in Israel and Lithuania: The Personalized Learning Approach – *Julija Grigėnaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University; *Stefanija Ališauskienė*, Vytautas Magnus University; *Yael Kimhi*, Bar Ilan University

Lithuanian Non-Word Repetition Test. Experimental study: Typical Language Development vs Developmental Language Disorder – *Eglė Krivickaitė-Leišienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

049. THE ROLE OF INTELLECTUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS UNDER CHANGING HISTORICAL CONTEXTS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Jurgita Staniškytė, Vytautas Magnus University

Rethinking Theater Identity in Wartime: The Case of Balys Sruoga – *Vitalija Truskauskaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Between East and West: Worldview and Cultural Priorities of Juozas Žilevičius – *Danutė Petrauskaitė*, Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre

Latvian Poet Imants Ziedonis: The Leader and Driving Force of a Long-Term Social Group – *Jānis Oga*, University of Latvia

Kaija Saariaho: A Composer of Many Semiospheres – *Benjamin Schweitzer*, University of Greifswald

050. SOCIOCULTURAL TRANSITIONS AND THEIR REPRESENTATION IN THE ARTS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Mythologizing Independence: Lithuania's Reverberating Singing Revolution and Generational Fissures Beyond the Post-Soviet Urge – *Živilė Arnaškaitė*, University of Chicago

“Rock March” Festivals in Photography: Rock Subculture and Symbolic Representation of Political Changes – *Tomas Pabedinskas*, Vytautas Magnus University

In Search of Identity: How and Why Traditional Baltic Culture Appears in Contemporary Music – *Eglė Gelažiūtė-Pranevičienė*, Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore

Folklore Revival in the World Tour of Latvian Folklore Ensemble “Mičotāji” – *Iлга Vālodze Ābele*, University of Latvia

051. POLITICS, MINORITIES, AND MEMORY IN THE BALTIC STATES

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Political Support Instruments and Policy Barriers to Migrants' Knowledge Transfer in Latvia – *Zane Melke*, University of Latvia

National Minorities in Political Discourse: Cases of Lithuania and Latvia – *Aistė Žemaitytė*, Vytautas Magnus University

War as the Content and Context: Museum Anthropological Fieldwork Among the Russian-Speaking Veteran Mining Workers – *Terje Anepaio*, Estonian National Museum

052. HISTORICAL PROFILES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: *(tbc)*

Turning Points in Historical Narration: An Aristotelian Story about Latvians and Emotion –
Krista Anna Zalāne, University of Greifswald

Liberation and Violation: Soviet Army Crimes against Holocaust Survivors at the End of World War II – *Daina Eglitis*, George Washington University

Ontological Security during Crisis and the Times of Change – *Ausrine Bremner*, Brooke House College

053. THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR AS AN IMPETUS FOR A NEW EU NEIGHBOURHOOD AND ENLARGEMENT POLICY

International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (Room)

Chairs: *Tomasz Stepieniewski*, IES, KUL, Poland; *Grzegorz Barth*, KUL

Evolving Ontological Security Dilemmas in Central Europe in Light of the War in Ukraine –
Louis John Wierenga, Baltic Defence College; *Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik*, Catholic University of Lublin/ Institute of Central Europe; *George Soroka*, Harvard University

Eastern Partnership as a Geopolitical Hostage between the EU and Russia – *Tomasz Stepieniewski*, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin/ Institute of Central Europe; *Grzegorz Barth*, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

The Baltic States and Russian Influences – *Gediminas Kazėnas*, Mykolas Romeris University

Migration from Eastern Europe to Poland (Central Europe) – *Andrzej Szabaciuk*, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin/ Institute of Central Europe

Russia's Aggression against Ukraine and the Question of Further Enlargements in the Balkans: Polish Perspective – *Artur Adamczyk*, University of Warsaw; *Kamil Zajackowski*, University of Warsaw

054. TEACHERS' LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING CURRICULUM FOR THE EDUCATION OF LEARNERS' POLITICAL LITERACY COMPETENCES

Higher Education, Science Policy, and Knowledge Management

Chair: *Rasa Nedzinskaitė-Mačiūnienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Teacher Leadership and Educational Policy – *Judita Kasperiušienė*, Vytautas Magnus University; *Vilma Žydžiūnaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Curriculum Development within the Educational System and Policy – *Vilma Žydžiūnaitė*, *Lina Kaminskienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Teacher Competences and Their Role in Educational Policy – *Vaida Jurgilė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Political Literacy and Its Index in Relation to Teacher Training and Educational Policy –
Vilma Žydžiūnaitė, Vytautas Magnus University

SESSION 6

14:00 – 15:30

055. WORLD WAR I AND GEOPOLITICAL CHANGES UNTIL 1923

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: *Donatas Kupčiūnas (tbc)*

Encountering Heimat in Occupied Land. Cultural Perceptions, Front Experiences, and the German Military Administration in Latvia in 1915 – *Klavs Zarins*, Latvian War Museum

Supplying Lithuanian Army with Weapons at the Clashes of Interests between Entente and Germany in 1919-1920 – *Kęstutis Kilinskas*, Vilnius University

The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk and the Repatriation of East Prussian Deportees from Simbirsk during World War I – *Charles Perrin*, Kennesaw State University

Romanian Foreign Policy and the Construction of the Baltic Region in the Early 1920s – *Silviu Miloiu*, Valahia University of Targoviste

056. POST-HOLOCAUST ISSUES IN THE BALTICS

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: *(tbc)*

Perceptions of the Holocaust East and West: Problems in the Case of Independent Lithuania – *Saulius Sužiedėlis*, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Zellis and the Holocaust in Rēzekne, Latvia – *Peters Vecrumba*, Independent Scholar

Preservation of the Holocaust Memorial Sites in Latvia: Example of Latgale – *Kaspars Strods*, University of Latvia

Young People's Attitudes, Visiting and Information-Seeking Practices of Holocaust Sites in Latvia – *Diana Popova*, University of Latvia/ Latvian Academy of Culture

~~057. WORLD WAR I IN THE EASTERN BALTIC AREA (1)~~

~~History, Memory, Identity (Room)~~

~~Chair: *Vasilijus Safronovas*, Klaipėda University~~

~~Discussant: *Halina Parafianowicz*, University of Białystok~~

~~**New Land in the East: German Colonization Plans in the Baltic, 1914-1919** – *Ron Hellfritsch*, Deutsches Optisches Museum, Jena/ Universität Greifswald~~

~~**Encountering Heimat in Occupied Land: Cultural Perceptions, Front Experiences, and the German Military Administration in Latvia in 1915** – *Klavs Zarins*, University of Latvia/ Latvian War Museum~~

~~**The Treaty of Brest-Litovsk and the Repatriation of East Prussian Deportees from Simbirsk during World War I** – *Charles Perrin*, Kennesaw State University~~

058. THEORIES AND PHILOSOPHIES IN BALTIC HISTORY-WRITING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Viktoras Bachmetjevas (tbc)

Renegotiating the Value of Presentism – *Juhan Hellerma*, Tallinn University

Welcome to Twin Peaks: Writing History in the 21st Century – *Aurimas Švedas*, Vilnius University/ Lithuanian Institute of History

Ideas behind Latvian History-Writing in the 21st Century – *Edgars Engīzers*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia/ The College of Law/ University of Latvia

059. DRIVERS OF ADVANCED DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES: TECHNO DETERMINISM vs TECHNO ENTHUSIASM

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Krisztina Rozgonyi, Austrian Academy of Sciences

What is Space in Cyberspace? An Integrative Literature Analysis – *Gytis Dovydaitis*, Vytautas Magnus University

Seeking a Sustainable Proliferation of AI in the Creative Industries: An Exploration of CSR and ESG measures – *Julija Kalpokienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Partnered Latvian and US students in Media Studies – Changing Enthusiasm for International Online Collaborations – *Liene Ločmele, Barbara Ruth Burke*, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences/ UMass-Amherst

060. BOOK PRESENTATION

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Andžāns, M. & U. A. Bērziņa-Čerenkova. 2022. *China in the Baltic States – from a Cause of Hope to Anxiety*. Rīga Stradiņš University.

Discussant:

Giedrius Česnakas, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

Participants:

Māris Andžāns, Rīga Stradiņš University

Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova, Rīga Stradiņš University

061. LEXICOGRAPHY, ORTHOGRAPHY, AND ATTITUDES

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Laimute Balode (tbc), University of Helsinki

The First Edition of the Latvian Bible (1685-1694) – Changing the Principles of Orthography – *Pēteris Vanags*, Stockholm University/ University of Latvia

Bilingual Dictionary or Machine Translation? – *Aušra Valančiauskienė*, Vilnius University

Towards the Concept Construction: Image Component in a Latvian Concept ‘Mokas’ Structure – *Jekaterina Tasireva*, University of Latvia

Attitudes towards Personal Names in Latvia: Looking for a Turning Point – *Dace Strelēvica-Ošina*, Independent Scholar

Inclusive Language in Latvia: Recent Development and Attitude of Linguists and Language Users – *Aiga Veckalne*, Ventspils University of Applied Sciences

062. PERFORMANCE AND POLITICS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Anneli Saro, University of Tartu

A Moving Target: Performance as a Tool of Socio-Political Activism. A Lithuanian Case – *Jurgita Staniškytė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Traviata as a Figure of Political Awareness in the Context of Lithuania – *Justina Paltanavičiūtė*, Vilnius University

Prose Dramatizations in Professional Theatres in Latvia: The 21st Century – *Evija Laganovska*, University of Latvia

Changes in Literature Adaptation: Between Dialogue and Conflict – *Miglė Munderzbakaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

063. (RE)INTERPRETATIONS OF BALTIC HERITAGE

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Soviet Reassessment of the 19th Century Romanticism: A Reception History of Architectural Conservation in Estonia – *Kristina Jõekalda*, Estonian Academy of Arts

Gustav Brasche and Scenarios of Latvian Future in the First Half of the 19th Century – *Pauls Daija*, National Library of Latvia

Identity in Transition: The Years 1918 and 1990 in the Lithuanian and Latvian Cultural Press – *Viktorija Jonkutė*, Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore

Who Wrote the History of “Yerushalayim de-yiddish”? The Role of Compilations about Vilna and Its Jews in the Era of New Jewish Historiography (1916–1939) – *Diana Shapiro*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Yiddishkeyt Rishon Lezion

064. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. Many Regions in the Baltic Sea Area

Higher Education, Science Policy, and Knowledge Management (Room)

Chair: Emilija Pundziūtė-Gallois, Vytautas Magnus University

Participants:

Kazimierz Musiał, University of Gdańsk

Alexander Drost, University of Greifswald

Damian Szacawa, University of Lublin

SESSION 7

16:00 – 17:30

065. BALTIC INDEPENDENCE IN 1918

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Escaping the Prison: Experience of Latvian Prison Administration during Latvian War of Independence, 1919–1920 – *Aiga Berzina-Kite*, University of Latvia

The Lithuanian Council (Taryba) and the Mass Return of WWI Refugees to Lithuania in 1918 – *Tomas Balkelis*, Lithuanian Institute of History

Between the Lines: The Idea of a Latvian-Lithuanian State in Lithuanian-American Public Relations Campaigning, 1918–1919 – *James Montgomery Baxenfield*, Tallinn University

The Development of Naval Strategic Thought in the Estonian Navy, 1920–1940 – *Arto Oil*, Estonian Maritime Museum

066. WORLD WAR I IN THE EASTERN BALTIC AREA (2)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Charles Perrin, Kennesaw State University

Discussant: Halina Parafianowicz, University of Białystok

Controversy Among Politicians Over the Building of the Lithuanian State during the First World War and its Long-lasting Impact – *Vasilijus Safronovas*, Klaipėda University

Bolshevism in Estonia, 1917-1919 – *Olavi Arens*, Georgia Southern University

The Repatriation of Estonian Prisoners of War during the Estonian War of Independence – *Mart Kuldkepp*, University College London

067. COLONIAL LEGACY (2)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

The meaning of May 9th in the Baltic States after February 24, 2022 – *Tomas Kavaliauskas*, Vytautas Magnus University

The Memory of Pride in the Narratives of Post-Communist Transformation in Lithuania – *Jogilė Ulinskaitė*, Vilnius University

Studying the Orthodoxy in the Baltic region and the Rhetoric of Decolonisation – *Irina Paert*, University of Tartu

Afghanistan War (1979-1989). Veterans Community in Post-Soviet Lithuania – *Gabija Strumylaitė*, Vilnius University

068. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. Resistance and Collaboration in the 20th Century

Latvia: Toward a New Biography of Vilis Samsons

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: *Matthew Kott*, Uppsala University

Participants:

Mike Loader, University of Glasgow

Paula Oppermann, University of Munich

Harry Merritt, Brown University

069. EMERGENT DIGITAL DISCOURSES: NEW INSIGHTS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: *Jūratė Ruzaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

The Energy Trilemma in the Baltic Sea Region: A Methodology for an Index Assessing the Discursive Environment of Energy Security, Energy Equity and Environmental Sustainability
– *Judith Kärn*, *Vineta Kleinberga*, University of Greifswald

The Role of Emojis in Multimodal Posts on Social Networks – *Sintija Ķauķīte*, University of Latvia

Words as Weapon or Words as Armour: Figurative Language in Political Discourse at the Time of War – *Līga Romāne-Kalniņa*, University of Latvia

Discussing Gender Equality on Twitter. Analysis of @Sievieteiveicas's Posts and the Discussions Created by Them – *Marita Zitmane*, University of Latvia

070. BOOK PRESENTATION

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Von Carlsburg, G.-B. & G. Kvieskienė (eds.). 2022. *Prototype Modelling in Social-Emotional Education: At the Example of a COVID-19 Online Learning Environment*. Berlin: Peter Lang.

Discussants:

Alvyra Galkienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Stefanija Ališauskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Participants:

Nijolė Čiučiulkienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Iona Tandzegolskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Giedrė Kvieskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

071. “DO NOT FORGET, YOU ARE NOT IN LITHUANIA” (“Nepamiršk, čia jums ne Lietuva”)

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

A Visual and Musical Performance about a Child's Experience Growing Up in Siberia – artists *Martha Thomas*, Seattle, WA; *Gabija Vačekonis*, Vytautas Magnus University
Discussant: *Daina Klimauskaitė* (Kaunas, Lithuania)

072. AREA STUDIES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: *(tbc)*

“Quieter Than Water, Lower Than Grass”: On Silence in a Former Socialist Town in the Baltics – *Marija Norkūnaitė*, University of Oxford

The Structure of Dwellings from the Upper Palaeolithic Settlements (Mezhyrich, Dobranichivka, Hintsy) – *Marharyta Chymyrys*, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Untangling Field Failures: On Doing Ethnography in Shetland (Scotland) and Haapsalu (Estonia) in Troubled Times 2020-2022 – *Sophie Qiaoyun Peng*, University of Glasgow

073. BOOK PRESENTATION

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Česnakas, G. & J. Juozaitis (eds.). 2023. *European Strategic Autonomy and Small States' Security in the Shadow of Power*. London-New York: Routledge

Discussant: *Dovilė Budrytė*, Georgia Gwinnett College

Participants:

Giedrius Česnakas, Ieva Gajauskaitė, Gerda Jakštaitė-Confortola, Justinas Juozaitis, Ieva Karpavičiūtė, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

074. BOOK PRESENTATION

Higher Education, Science Policy, and Knowledge Management (Room)

Kaminskienė, L., Žydžiūnaitė, V. & V. Jurgilė (eds.). 2022. *Teacher Leadership: Learning, Teaching and Leading. Experiences of Teachers and School Administration*. Frankfurt/ Bern/ New York: Peter Lang.

Discussant: *Inga Minelgaitė*, University of Iceland/ Honorary Consul of Lithuania in Iceland, Visiting Professor at the University of Johannesburg

Participants:

Vilma Žydžiūnaitė, Vytautas Magnus University
Vaida Jurgilė, Vytautas Magnus University
Rasa Nedzinskaitė-Mačiūnienė, Vytautas Magnus University
Nijolė Putrienė, Lithuanian Ministry of Education, Research and Sports

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

SESSION 8 9:00 – 10:30

075. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. The impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on Right-Wing Populism in the Baltic States

International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (Room)

Chair: Matthew Kott, Uppsala University

Participants:

Daunis Auers, University of Latvia
Andres Kasekamp, Toronto University

Mindaugas Jurkynas, Vytautas Magnus University

076. EDUCATION DURING TRANSFORMATION TIMES: EXPERIMENTS OF THE 20TH AND THE 21ST CENTURIES

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

The First Belarusian State Gymnasium in Daugavpils in Its Early Years (1922-1927) – *Tomasz Blaszczak, Vytautas Magnus University*

School for Democracy: Cooperation Movement as a Platform for Democratic Opposition in Estonia in 1934–1940 – *Liisi Veski, University of Tartu/ University of Glasgow*

How Not to Lose Yourself in Times of Uncertainty in Higher Education? In Search of a Researcher's Identity – *Marius Daugėla, Vytautas Magnus University; Vilma Žydzūnaitė, Vytautas Magnus University*

077. REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES IN THE BALTIC STATES IN 100 YEARS (I)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Gatis Krūmiņš, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

Regional Economic Productivity Disparities in the Inter-War and Restored Independent Latvia: A Cross-Time Comparison – *Ola Honningdal Grytten, Norwegian School of Economics; Jurgita Markevičiūtė, Vilnius University; Zenonas Norkus, Vilnius University*

Perceptions and Attempted Solutions to Regional Disparities in Inter-War Latvia: The Case of Latgale Region – *Jānis Šiliņš, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences*

Demographic Trends in Latvian Regions in the Inter-War Period – *Ilmārs Mežs, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences*

078. MEDIA HISTORIES, TIMELINE, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: PERCEPTIONS OF CHANGE

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Hannu Nieminen (tbc), Vytautas Magnus University

Formation of Advertising in the Latvian Press from 1822 to 1839 – *Gunta Ločmele, University of Latvia*

Indiana Dream – Outdoor Advertising Culture in Lithuania – *Mindaugas Kavaliauskas, Vytautas Magnus University*

A chapter in Latvian Cinema History: The Process of Cinefication (1940-1941; 1944-1953) – *Rosario Napolitano; Epp Lauk, Riga Technical University*

Media Perceptions, Identity, and Self-Silencing of Young Estonian Russians – *Triin Vihalemm, University of Tartu*

079. FEMINISM AND ITS CULTURAL REPRESENTATIONS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Waves of Feminism in Islam as a Woman's Search for Identity – *Inese Davidsons*, University of Latvia

Spatial Autobiography and Bildungsroman in Latvian Women Writing – *Zita Kārkla*, University of Latvia; *Eva Eglāja-Kristsons*, University of Latvia

Eco-Feminism in the Latvian Mitten Knitting Tradition – *Elīna Apsīte*, University of Latvia

An Echo of Antiquity: Mythological Motives in R. Blaumanis' Novella "Raudupiete" – *Dina Eiduka*, University of Latvia

080. COMMUNITIES AND CITIES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

When Symbolic Border Becomes a Real One: A Regional Identity in Southeastern Lithuania – *Vidmantas Vyšniauskas*, Vytautas Magnus University

Anchoring the Šančiai Identity to the Nature in the Neighbourhood – "The Only Untouched Nature in the City" – *Mykolė Lukošienė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Affective Contradictions in the Making of a City of Literature: The Case of Vilnius – *Vaiva Aglinskas*, Graduate Center CUNY/ Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore

The Notion of Territorial Capital and Location: Implementation of Childcare Policy in Rural Municipality in Lithuania – *Jurga Bučaitė-Vilkė*, Vytautas Magnus University

081. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND BEHAVIOR OF ORGANIZATIONS

Environment, Resources, and Sustainability (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Measurement of Corporate Sustainability Maturity of Organisations Based in Lithuania – *Joana Ramanauskaitė*, Kaunas University of Technology

Intentions Towards Pro-Environmental Behaviour Concerning Household Waste Management Practices: The Perspective of Social Cognitive Theory – *Agnese Davidsons*, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences; *Linda Veliverronena*, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

Common Sense in the Competing Discourses of Nature in Contemporary Latvia – *Artis Svece*, University of Latvia

Developing an Environmentally Themed Poster through the Use of Food Design: A Qualitative Study on Product Innovation in Hotels – *Bo Xia*, Universiti Putra Malaysia

082. MUSEUM PRACTICES AS MEMORY WORK

Digital Humanities, Museums, and Libraries (Room)

Chair: Ene Kõresaar, University of Tartu

How to Remember? Memory Mediation in Baltic Museums – *Linara Dovydaitytė, Vytautas Magnus University/ University of Tartu*

Dark Heritage in Tallinn: Memory Narratives at Museums of Soviet and Nazi Repression – *Margaret Comer, University of Tartu*

Curator as a Mnemonic Agent: How Baltic Curators Position Themselves in the Field of Remembering – *Ene Kõresaar, University of Tartu*

The Position and Practice of Baltic History Museums in the Collecting Work – *Jana Reidla, University of Tartu*

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083. GENDER IDENTITY AND ETHNIC MINORITIES IN THE INTER-WAR PERIOD History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Tomasz Błaszczak (tbc)

Activities of Temperance Movement in Inter-War Latvia in the Context of Gender Roles during the 1920s and 1930s – *Guntis Vaveris, Latvian National Archives*

“You Are Expelled...”: Female Students Offenses in the Study Process of the University of Latvia (1919–1940) – *Zane Rozīte, University of Latvia/ National Library of Latvia*

Women Thinking about Women’s Rights and Opportunities in Estonia between 1905 and 1914 – *Janet Laidla, University of Tartu*

Society of Marginal Regions’ Activities Regarding Minority Groups in Estonia and Latvia during the Silent Era (1934–1940) – *Marju Meschin, Estonian Institute of Historical Memory*

084. CONTEMPORARY BALTIC IDENTITY, FOREIGN POLICY, AND POLITICS OF MEMORY History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Illiberal Democracy and Conservative Nationalism: The Eastern European Destiny? – *Rytis Bulota, Vytautas Magnus University*

Constructing European Values as Cultural Heritage: Citizens’ Perspective – *Sigrid Kaasik-Krogerus, University of Helsinki*

“Baltic Identity” and Lithuanian Foreign Policy – *Katažyna Berštanska, University of Warsaw*

Guiding Jewish Latvia after 1991: Social Transformations, Private Challenges, and Reshaping of Memories – *Inese Runce, University of Latvia*

085. POST-SOVIET TRANSFORMATION (1)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Military Security of the Baltic States after the Collapse of the Soviet Union: The Case of the Republic of Latvia (1991–1994) – *Viesturs Rasnācis*, Latvian War Museum/ University of Latvia

Lessons from the Baltic Countries' NATO Path – *Natāia Latsabidze*, Tbilisi Technical University

Decolonization of Law? Crime and the Criminal Justice System's Transformation in Post-Soviet Lithuania – *Monika Rogers*, Lithuanian Institute of History/ Invest Lithuania

Voice of the Youth in Riga: Democracy, Gender Rights, and Green Politics – a School Survey Case Study – *Kaspars Zalans*, Greifswald University

**086. BETWEEN “COMMUNIST MORALITY” AND THE POST-SOCIALIST
“TRADITIONAL FAMILY” DISCOURSE: GENDER, SEXUALITY, CHILDREN
History, Memory, Identity (Room)**

Chair: (tbc)

Juveniles of “Immoral Lifestyle” in Soviet Lithuania: Cases, Stories, and Punishments – *Ieva Balčiūnė*, Miami University

Homophobia as Positive Eugenics: From “Communist Morality” to Post-Socialist Right-Wing Discourses – *Rasa Navickaitė*, University of Vienna

Anti-genderism in Right-Wing and Russian Propaganda and Their Usage of Sex Education Discourse in Lithuania – *Akvilė Giniota*, Vilnius University

Bad Feelings of Far-Right Masculinity in Lithuania – *Artūras Tereškinas*, Vytautas Magnus University

087. REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES IN THE BALTIC STATES IN 100 YEARS

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Zenonas Norkus, Vilnius University

The Financial Policy of the USSR in the Baltics after the Second World War (1945 - 1950): Non-existent Investments – *Gatis Krūmiņš*, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

Estimating the GDP of Soviet Lithuania (1940-1989) – *Adomas Klimantas*, Oxford University

Regional Differences in Latvian Agricultural Productivity after the Second World War (1945-1950) – *Baiba Kļaviņa*, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

**088. ACCOUNTABILITY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO DIGITAL COMMUNICATION:
TECHNOLOGIES AND HUMAN VULNERABILITIES**

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Epp Lauk, Vytautas Magnus University

“Journalists Play Important Roles, but We Can Live without Them”. The Journalists’ Self-Conceptions vs Audiences’ Perceptions of Journalists’ Professional Roles – *Anda Rožukalne*, Rīga Stradiņš University

Accountability Gap: Social Media Platforms as Arbiters of the Public Sphere – *Ignas Kalpokas*, Vytautas Magnus University

The Social Obligations of Influencers in the Context of the War in Ukraine – *Marija Vorkule*, University of Latvia

089. RUSSIAN AGGRESSION IN UKRAINE AND ITS INFLUENCE FOR NEW UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL SECURITY, NATIONAL THREATS, AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chair: Tomasz Stepniewski, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

Western Tools Short of War: Impact Assessment of Selected Use Cases in Ukraine – *Eglė Murauskaitė*, University of Maryland

Russia’s Containment Strategy during Biden’s Presidency and Its Implications to the Baltic States: Old Wine in New Bottles? – *Gerda Jakštaitė-Confortola*, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

Sustaining the Resilience to Disinformation as an Instrument of National Security: The Cases of the Baltic Region and Ukraine – *Dmytro Iaroyyi*, Vytautas Magnus University

Lithuanian and Ukrainian Constitutionalism: Two Perspectives – *Vaidotas Vaičaitis*, Vilnius University

090. BALTIC MUSIC OF CHANGES AFTER THE 1990s

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Rūta Stanevičiūtė, Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre

“One World, One Future”: Musical Exchange and Utopian Longing on the Transit Riga-Berlin, 1987–1992 – *Kevin C. Karnes*, Emory University

From New Festivals to New Opera – *Vita Gruodytė*, Independent Scholar

Learning the “New Rules of the Game”: Social Change in the Early 1990s in the Narratives of Estonian Jazz Musicians – *Heli Reimann*, Independent Scholar

The Prior Mainstream in the New Reality: Aesthetic Landmarks in the Academic Music of Latvian Composers during the Last Thirty Years – *Jānis Kudiņš*, Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

Breaking Soviet Canons: Changes in Opera Staging Aesthetics in Latvia in the Late 1990s and the Turn of the Millennium – *Lauma Mellēna-Bartkeviča*, Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

091. GENERATION RESEARCH

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Lithuanian Students' Values in Contemporary Insecure Times – Rasa Račiūnaitė-Paužuolienė,
Vytautas Magnus University

Family Structure and Wealth in the 19th Century Lithuania: Findings from the Historical Demography Research – Irma Diršytė, Institute of Sociology of the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences

The Arrangement(s) of Life Events in Contemporary Baltic Countries: The Occurred and Desired Transition to Adulthood Analysis – Apolonijus Žilys, Vytautas Magnus University

Intergenerational Communication of Values in Latvia: Qualitative Research Results – Ilze Kacane, Daugavpils University

092. TRANSFORMING CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE BALTICS

Digital Humanities, Museums, and Libraries (Room)

Chair: Linara Dovydaitytė, Vytautas Magnus University

Social Media Usage in Museums after the Pandemic: Thematic Analysis on Facebook Posts by the Lithuanian National and State Museums – Aya Kimura, Hiroshima University

The Influence of Social Democrats in the Library Sector during the Parliamentary Period of the Independent Republic of Latvia: The Example of Liepāja City Library – Jana Dreimane, National Library of Latvia

Intersections and Parallel Paths: 6 Lithuanian Diaspora Cultural Memory Institutions in Today's Landscape – Ramunė Kubilius, Northwestern University/ Independent Scholar

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093. INTER-WAR PERIOD IN LITHUANIA

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

“We Will Not Allow the Destruction of Our Vilnelė! [River]” – The Meanings of Nature Protection in Vilnius Between the World Wars – Viktorija Kurienė, Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania

Sport as National Identity during the Inter-War Period (1918-1940 m.) in Lithuania – Renata Rachmanovaitė, Vytautas Magnus University

The Polish Ultimatum to Lithuania in the Spring of 1938 in Romanian Diplomatic Reports and Analyses – Bogdan Alexandru Schipor, Romanian Academy

Western Ukraine in 1921-1939 in Lithuanian Historiography – Karolis Laurinavičius, Vytautas Magnus University

094. POST-SOVIET TRANSFORMATION (2)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

A Baltic Tiger Teaches Abroad: Estonian Exportation of Neoliberal Thought, 1985-2008 –
Kevin Axe, Free University of Berlin

Estonia's Decolonial Nation-Building in the Late 1980s: Neoliberal Revolutionaries –
Epp Annus, Tallinn University

First Democratic Elections in Post-Communist Lithuania –
Mindaugas Jurkynas, Vytautas Magnus University

Political Trust, the Unity of 'The People', and Democratic Identity Construction in Latvia: A Reassessment –
Lelde Luik, University of Tartu

095. IDENTITY OF KAUNAS FROM HISTORICAL AND MODERN PERSPECTIVES

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Mykolė Lukošienė (tbc), Vytautas Magnus University

The Influence of the Nobility on Kaunas City in the Second Half of the 16th Century – the First Half of the 17th Century –
Ričardas Jaramičius, Vytautas Magnus University

Legacy of Kaunas 2022: Co-Creating European Cultural Identity Narrative –
Donata Bocullo, Vytautas Magnus University

Shock and Solidarity: The Temporary Transformation of the Urban Landscape of Kaunas in the Wake of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine in the Spring of 2022 –
Nicola Belli, Kaunas University of Technology

Protest Mobilization and Innovative Repertoires of Collective Action: A Case of Šančiai Neighbourhood in Kaunas, Lithuania –
Paul Draus, University of Michigan-Dearborn

096. GERMAN SETTLEMENT COLONIALISM IN THE BALTICS IN POSTCOLONIAL PERSPECTIVES

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Tim Buchen, TU Dresden

Colonial Discourse and German Peasants in Estonian and Baltic German News Media (1900-1939) –
Kaisa Langer, TU Dresden

The Making of the Russian-German Settler. Colonists, Refugees, and POWs as Pioneers for German Expansion –
Tim Buchen, TU Dresden

The "Bermondts Adventure". Colonialist Ideas and Dynamics in the Civil War in the Baltics 1919 –
Thomas Rettig, University of Greifswald

097. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. Machines with a Human Touch: Conversation-Based Solutions for Chatbot User Experience Enhancement Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Igors Gubenko, University of Latvia

Participants:

Normunds Grūzītis, University of Latvia

Aleksandrs Aleksandrov, University of Latvia

Marta Valdmane, University of Latvia

098. OLD AND NEW CHALLENGES FOR GLOBAL, AMERICAN, AND EUROPEAN SECURITY

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chair: Ieva Karpavičiūtē, Vytautas Magnus University

Danish Exile Diplomacy during WWII: Lessons for Belarus – *Lizaveta Dubinka-Hushcha*, European Humanities University

When Crises Unite. Changing Party Positions on Foreign Policy during National Threats – *Christina Stremming*, University of Greifswald

The Implications of Russia's War on Ukraine for Baltic Security and the Future of Transatlantic Peace – *Ginta Palubinskas*, West Virginia State University

The Turning Point in German Foreign and Security Policy? – *Justinas Juozaitis*, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

099. BALTIC GERMAN WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LOCAL CULTURAL PROCESSES IN THE 19th AND FIRST HALF OF THE 20th CENTURY

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Eva Eglāja-Kristsons, University of Latvia

Women's Participation in the Work of the Riga Art Society in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries– *Baiba Vanaga*, Rundāle Palace Museum

Baltic German Female Musicians in Latvia: Outside the Canon – *Ilze Šarkovska-Liepiņa*, University of Latvia

Publicist Laura Marholm's Contribution to the Discourse of Women's Emancipation in the Latvian German Press at the Turn of the 19th and 20th Centuries – *Rasa Pārpuce-Blūma*, University of Latvia

Baltic German Women Between Two Cultures: The Translators of Latvian Fiction – *Māra Grudule*, University of Latvia

100. MEDIA AND TRUST CHALLENGE

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: (tbc)

Security vs Civil Liberties: Dynamics of Public Opinion in Lithuania – *Diana Janušauskienė*, Institute of Sociology of the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences

Trust in Conspiracy Theories in Lithuania – *Arvydas Grišinas*, Kaunas University of Technology

“I Am a Human, I Am Free”: Speaking of Freedom in Lithuanian Operas (1990–2022) – *Rasa Murauskaitė-Juškienė*, University of Cambridge

101. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Environment, Resources, and Sustainability (Room)

Chair: *(tbc)*

Impact of Land Use Changes for Climate Change Mitigation Goals – *Vaiva Kazanavičiūtė*, Vytautas Magnus University; *Renata Dagiliūtė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Organic Granular Fertilizers from Bio-Waste for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment –

Eglė Jotautienė, *Ramūnas Mioldažys*, *Raimonda Zinkevičienė*, *Vaidas Bivainis*, *Aloyzas*

Gaudutis, Vytautas Magnus University

The Society Itself Has Not Yet Figured Out What It Wants: Nature Values of Gauja National Park Inhabitants – *Karina Ješkina*, University of Latvia

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102. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WARS

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: *Tomas Balkelis (tbc)*

Between Experimental Internationalism and Old Diplomacy: The Vilnius Dispute in the League of Nations, 1920-1923 – *Donatas Kupčiūnas*, University of Cambridge

“The Key to the Russian Problem Is in the Baltic States”: The Ties between Lithuanian Agency and American National Interests from 1917 to 1940 and Its Impact on Today’s Geopolitics – *Mallory Needleman*, American University

The Baltic Entente in Romanian Diplomatic Reports – *Adreea Dahlquist*, Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies

103. OPPOSITIONAL AGENCY IN LATE SOVIET LATVIA

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: *Matthew Kott*, Uppsala University

Discussant: Saulius Grybkauskas, Lithuanian Institute of History

Latvians in Severomorsk in 1960: Spreading Pro-Independence Ideas while Doing Military Service in the Soviet Army – *Daina Bleiere*, University of Latvia

“A Deliberate Act of Deceit”? Television Editor Freinberga vs Latvian Glavlit in 1970 – *Toms Zariņš*, University of Latvia

Breaking Frame: A Contemporary Man and the Party Apparatus in the Cultural Discourse of Late Soviet Latvia – *Mārtiņš Kaprāns*, University of Latvia

104. POLI04. DEFENSE STRATEGIES OF SMALL STATES IN THE FACE OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (Room)

Chair: Dovydas Rogulis, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

Strategies of Small States: From Political Discourse to Doubtful Securitization – *Dovydas Rogulis, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

Defence of the Small States in the Initial Stage of the War: Lessons from Russia's Invasion in Ukraine 2022 – *Giedrius Česnakas, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

Comparative Analysis of Recent Military Strategies of the Baltic States – *Andželika Blinovaitė, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

Achieving Security through International Institutions: Baltic States and NATO's Military Presence – *Justinas Juozaitis, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

105. BOOK PRESENTATION

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Kalpokas, I. & J. Kalpokienė. 2023. *Regulating the Metaverse: A Critical Assessment*. New York: Routledge.

Discussant: Donata Bocullo, Vytautas Magnus University

Presenters: Ignas Kalpokas, Julija Kalpokienė, Vytautas Magnus University

106. BALTIC COUNTRIES AND NEW PARTNERSHIPS: VALUES ABOVE PRAGMATISM?

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chair: Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova, Riga Stradins University

Transforming Baltic Networks into Hard Power – *Nathan Colvin, Old Dominion University*

What Is Behind the Lithuanian Decision to Open Up the Taiwanese Representative Office? – *Danguolė Bardauskaitė, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania*

China as a Geopolitical Factor in Lithuania's National Security – *Jiabin Song, Vytautas Magnus University*

Baltic States and Central Asia: Challenges and Perspectives for Cooperation – *Giedrius Kviklys, Vytautas Magnus University*

107. THE ARTISTIC AND SOCIAL POTENTIAL OF PERFORMATIVE TRANSGRESSIONS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Jurgita Staniškytė, Vytautas Magnus University

Sexuality and Transgression of Gaze in Theatre – *Anneli Saro, University of Tartu*

Early Modern Dance and Transgression. The Case of Elmerice Parts and Herman Kolt-Oginsky – *Anne-Liis Maripuu*, University of Tartu

Deconstructing Toxic Nationalism by Using the Symbols of Nationalism – *Hedi-Liis Toome*, University of Tartu

Discussing Suicide: Theatre That Does (Not?) Make Change – *Monika Jašinskaitė*, University of Tartu

Women’s War Experience: Activism in the Baltic States as Transgressive Artistic Practice – *Riina Oruaas*, University of Tartu

108. MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: *(tbc)*

Adaptation Strategies for Recovering Addicts: “Wow, I Like My Life So Much Now” But “I Remember Who I Am Every Day” – *Juozapa Živilė Mieliauskaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Everything Is Getting Better and Better (But Not Fast Enough): Imagining the Past, Present, and Future of LGBTQ+ Friendly Lithuania – *Rasa Kamarauskaitė*, UCL

Entangled Modernity: Between the Project of Soviet Modernity and the Modern Society – *Vylius Leonavičius*, Vytautas Magnus University

Revisiting Baltic Austerity Politics: The Buried Panoramas of Struggle and Resistance – *Jokubas Salyga*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley