

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, 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

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

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

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

Chair: Kristo Nurmis, Tallinn University

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

Discussants:

Dovilė Budrytė, Georgia Gwinnett College

Viktoras Bachmetjevas, Vytautas Magnus University

Aušra Park, Siena 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: Anna Verschik, Tallinn 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 Gribauskiėnė, 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*

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

007. THE INTERSECTION OF DIASPORA AND NATIONAL MINORITIES

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: *Egidijus Balandis*, Vytautas Magnus University

Imagined Futures: Latvian Roma Sense of Home and Belonging in Migration – *Ieva Gardarozemberga*, 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 Kuzmickaitė*, Mykolas Romeris University

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

008. SOCIETIES AND RELIGION

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: *Inese Runce*, University of Latvia

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 Povržanović 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

SESSION 2 11:00 – 12:30

010. SOVIET PERIOD IN THE BALTICS

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Margaret Comer, University College London/ Tallinn University

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*

011. 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 and Studies Centre (UK)*

Discussant: *Dovilė Budrytė, Georgia Gwinnett College*

012. WHERE DOES DISINFORMATION START, AND WHERE DOES IT END? THE BALTIC-NORDIC EXPERIENCE IN COMBATTING INFORMATION DISRUPTIONS

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Auksė Balčytienė, 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*

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

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chair: Ginta Palubinskas, West Virginia State University

Soviet Monuments as a Security Threat: Insights from Central and Eastern Europe –
Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Institute of Central Europe; *Dominika Czarnecka*, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Institute of Central Europe

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

014. BALTIC STUDIES AND LANGUAGES

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Meilutė Ramonienė, 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/ University of Latvia

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

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

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: Halina Paraŋianowicz, 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

016. SOCIETIES, RELIGIONS, AND SHIFTING IDENTITIES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Jurga Bučaitė-Vilkė, Vytautas Magnus University

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

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

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

017. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION: ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES (II)

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Vytis Čiubrinskas, Vytautas Magnus University

Discussant: Maja Povržanović Frykman, Malmö University

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*, 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 – *Iлона Kazlauskaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

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

018. ECONOMIC CRISES, ELECTIONS, AND DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION IN THE BALTIC STATES

International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (room)

Chair: Małgorzata Myśliwiec, University of Silesia

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

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

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

SESSION 3 14:00 – 15:30

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

Chair: Donatas Kupčiūnas, University of Cambridge

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*

020. SOVIET OCCUPATION

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Liisi Esse, Stanford University

Discovering Russia: Estonian Communist Evacuees in Soviet Rear, 1941-1942 – *Kristo Nurmis, Tallinn University*

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

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

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

021. 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*

Family Crises: Domestic Violence and Birth Control in Soviet Lithuania – *Ieva Balčiūnė, Lithuanian Institute of History*

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

Activities of Temperance Movement in Inter-War Latvia in the Context of Gender Roles during the 1920s and 1930s – *Guntis Vāveris*, University of Latvia

022. 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/ Art Academy of Latvia

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/ Art Academy of Latvia

023. 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, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Institute of Central Europe

Discussants: Louis John Wierenga, Baltic Defence College; *Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik*, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Institute of Central Europe

Evolving Ontological Security Dilemmas in Central Europe in Light of the War in Ukraine – *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

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

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

024. FUTURE SCHOOLING

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Stefanija Ališauskienė, 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

025. BALTIC LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Ingrida Žindžiuvienė, Vytautas Magnus University

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 Book *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

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

026. COOPERATION, CULTURAL DIPLOMACY, AND THE BALTIC DIASPORA

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: Arūnas Antanaitis, Vytautas Magnus University

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

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

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

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

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

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

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

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, Dainius Genys, Vilma Žydžiūnaitė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Forced Migration and Religion: Ukrainian Families' Case in Lithuania – *Natalia Poda*, Kaunas Archdiocese Caritas; *Daiva Kuzmickaitė*, Mykolas Romeris University

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

Religious Education and Dynamics of Religiosity: Parent-Offspring Differences – *Dainius Genys*, Vytautas Magnus University

028. SECURITY AND POLITICS

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Viktoras Bachmetjevas, Vytautas Magnus University

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*, Kaunas University of Technology

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

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

International Law, Economics, and Political Studies (Room)

Chair: Andžej Pukšto, Vytautas Magnus University

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

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

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

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

SESSION 4 16:00 – 17:30

030. THE BALTICS AND THE WORLD DURING THE SOVIET OCCUPATION

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Šarūnas Liekis, Vytautas Magnus University

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 Piirimäe, University of Tartu/ University of Helsinki*

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

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

031. 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: Tomas Balkelis, Lithuanian Institute of History

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*

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

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Liisi Esse, Stanford University

Participants:

Mart Kuldkepp, University College London

Toivo Kikkas, University of Tartu

Mari-Leen Tammela, Estonian War Museum

Aigi Rahi-Tamm, University of Tartu

033. 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

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

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

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chair: Donatas Kupčiūnas, University of Cambridge

Small State in an Unstable Region (2020-2022)? The Example of Lithuania – *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

035. EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE POLICY

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Ineta Dabašinskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

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

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

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

036. 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

**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**

**037. FROM HOMELAND LOSS TO INDEPENDENCE: EXILES' VOICES, THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND POLITICAL AND CIVIC REMITTANCES**

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: Daiva Kuzmickaitė, Mykolas Romeris University

**Political and Civic Remittances: Impact of Time, Place and Ties with Countries of Origin –
Ingrida Gečienė-Jamulionė, 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**

038. MIGRATION PROFILES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Rūta Dapkūnaitė, Vytautas Magnus University

**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**

039. BOOK PRESENTATION

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Čiubrinskas, V., Gečienė-Janulionė, I., Hornstein-Tomic, C., and Parutis, V. (Eds.). 2023. *Returning-Remitting-Receiving. Social Remittances of Transnational (Re)Migrants to Croatia, Lithuania, and Poland*. Berlin: LIT Verlag.

Discussants:

Caroline Hornstein -Tomic, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar

Ingrida Gečienė-Janulionė, Vilnius University

Vytis Čiubrinskas, Vytautas Magnus University

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

SESSION 5 9:00 – 10:30

040. HISTORY OF LITHUANIAN JEWRY

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Saulius Sužiedėlis, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Urbanization in a “White Gown” – Jews in Inter-War Kaunas Medical System – *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

041. RUSSIAN-SOVIET LEGACY IN THE BALTICS

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Charles Perrin, Georgia Gwinnett College

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

The Role of Kaliningrad Oblast in the Memory Politics of Russian Authorities. The Case of the ‘Russian Prussia’ Movie – *Miłosz Jeromin 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

042. COLONIAL LEGACY (I)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Bradley Woodworth, University of New Haven / Yale University

“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

043. BALTIC INDEPENDENCE IN 1918

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Klaus Richter, University of Birmingham

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 Diplomacy, 1918–1919 – *James Montgomery Baxenfield*, Tallinn University

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

044. 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

045. CHILD LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Tija Ziriņa, 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

Macrostructure and Microstructure Measures of Narratives in Young Lithuanian-Speaking Children – *Laura Kamandulytė-Merfeldienė*, *Ineta Dabašinskienė*, *Ingrida Balčiūnienė*, 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

046. 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

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

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

047. SOCIOCULTURAL TRANSITIONS AND THEIR REPRESENTATION IN THE ARTS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: *Sophie Qiaoyun Peng*, University of Glasgow

Mythologizing Independence: Lithuania's Reverberating Singing Revolution and Generational Fissures Beyond the Post-Soviet Urge – *Živilė Arnašiūtė*, 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” – *Ilga Vālodze Ābele*, University of Latvia

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

Migration, Diasporas, and Public Diplomacy (Room)

Chair: Małgorzata Myśliwiec, University of Silesia

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*

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*

049. HISTORICAL PROFILES AND CURRENT EXPERIENCES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Jurga Bučaitė-Vilkė, Vytautas Magnus University

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

“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*

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

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

050. 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, Vytautas Magnus University; Lina Kaminskienė, Vytautas Magnus University*

Teacher Competences and Their Role in Educational Policy – *Vaida Jurgilė, Vytautas Magnus University; Rasa Nedzinskaitė-Mačiūnienė, 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

051. POST-HOLOCAUST ISSUES IN THE BALTICS

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Linas Venclauskas, Vytautas Magnus University

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

052. WORLD WAR I IN THE EASTERN BALTIC AREA (I)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Vasilijus Safronovas, Klaipėda University

Discussant: Mart Kuldkepp, University College London

New Land in the East: German Colonization Plans in the Baltic, 1914–1919 – *Ron Hellfritzsch*,
Optical Museum Jena/ University of Greifswald

Encountering Heimat in Occupied Land: Cultural Perceptions, Front Experiences, and the German Military Administration in Latvia in 1915 – *Klāvs Zariņš*, 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*, Georgia Gwinnett College

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

053. THEORIES AND PHILOSOPHIES IN BALTIC HISTORY-WRITING IN THE 21st CENTURY

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Viktoras Bachmetjevas, Vytautas Magnus University

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

054. BOOK PRESENTATION

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Andžāns, M. and 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

Participant:

Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova, Rīga Stradiņš University

055. LEXICOGRAPHY, ORTHOGRAPHY, AND ATTITUDES

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Chair: Laimute Balode, University of Helsinki/ University of Latvia

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-Ošiņa*, Independent Scholar

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

056. PERFORMANCE AND POLITICS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Anneli Saro, University of Tartu

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

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

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

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

057. 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-Kristsone, 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 Translator of Latvian Fiction – *Māra Grudule*, University of Latvia

**058. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. Many Regions in the Baltic Sea Area
Higher Education, Science Policy, and Knowledge Management (Room)**
Chair: Emīlija Pundziūtė-Gallois, Vytautas Magnus University

Participants:

Kazimierz Musiał, University of Gdańsk

Alexander Drost, University of Greifswald

Damian Szacawa, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin/ Institute of Central Europe

**059. BOOK PRESENTATION
Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)**

Kalmus, V., Lauristin, M., Opermann S., and T. Vihalemm (Eds.). 2020. *Researching Estonian Transformation: Morphogenetic Reflections*. Tartu University Press.

Discussants:

Veronika Kalmus, Tartu University

Signe Opermann, Tartu University

SESSION 7 16:00 – 17:30

**060. WORLD WAR I IN THE EASTERN BALTIC AREA (II)
History, Memory, Identity (Room)**

Chair: Charles Perrin, Georgia Gwinnett College

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

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

061. COLONIAL LEGACY (II)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Rosario Napolitano, Riga Technical University/ Art Academy of Latvia

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*

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

062. 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

063. 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, University of Greifswald; Vineta Kleinberga, Rīga Stradiņš University*

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*

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/ University of Minnesota-Morris*

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

064. BOOK PRESENTATION

Language Studies, Education, and Psychology (Room)

Von Carlsburg, G.-B. and 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

Iлона Tandzegolskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

Giedrė Kvieskienė, Vytautas Magnus University

065. “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 Vačekonytė*, Vytautas Magnus University

Discussant: Daina Klimauskaitė, writer (Kaunas, Lithuania)

066. TRAUMAS, MEMORIES, AND CONFLICTS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Laima Vince Sruoginis, University of Southern Maine

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

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

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

067. AREA STUDIES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Sophie Qiaoyun Peng, University of Glasgow (*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

068. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. On the Boundary of Two Worlds – Legacy and New Perspectives

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Jörg Hackmann, University of Szczecin

Participants:

Kristina Jõekalda, Estonian Academy of Arts
Mart Kuldkepp, University College London
Dainius Genys, Vytautas Magnus University

069. BOOK PRESENTATION

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Česnakas, G. and 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

070. BOOK PRESENTATION

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

Kaminskienė, L., Žydžiūnaitė, V. and 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

071. 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

072. EDUCATION DURING TRANSFORMATION TIMES: EXPERIMENTS OF THE 20th AND THE 21st CENTURIES

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Giedrius Kviklys, Vytautas Magnus University

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

073. 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

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

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Jaq Greenspon, 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, Riga Technical University/ Art Academy of Latvia; Epp Lauk, Vytautas Magnus University/ University of Tartu

075. FEMINISM AND ITS CULTURAL REPRESENTATIONS

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Rūta Eidukevičienė, Vytautas Magnus University

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

Beauty and the Beast: The Case of Medusa – *Dina Eiduka*, University of Latvia

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

076. COMMUNITIES AND CITIES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Paul Draus, University of Michigan-Dearborn

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

077. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND BEHAVIOR OF ORGANIZATIONS

Environment, Resources, and Sustainability (Room)

Chair: Vaiva Kazanavičiūtė, Vytautas Magnus University

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

078. 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 College London/ Tallinn University

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

SESSION 9 11:00 – 12:30

079. TRAUMA, MEMORY, IDENTITY

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Bradley Woodworth, University of New Haven / Yale University

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

Estonian State Propaganda's Policies Regarding Minority Groups in Estonia and Latvia During the Silent Era (1934–1940) – *Marju Meschin*, Estonian Institute of Historical Memory

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

080. CONTEMPORARY BALTIC IDENTITY, FOREIGN POLICY, AND POLITICS OF MEMORY

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Kazimierz Musiał, University of Gdańsk

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; *Aija van der Steina*, University of Latvia

081. POST-SOVIET TRANSFORMATION (I)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Viesturs Rasnācis, Latvian War Museum/ University of Latvia

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 – *Natia 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

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

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

Chair: Rasa Kamarauskaitė, University College London

Juveniles of “Immoral Lifestyle” in Soviet Lithuania: Cases, Stories, and Punishments – *Ieva Balčiūnė*, Lithuanian Institute of History

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

083. REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES IN THE BALTIC STATES IN 100 YEARS (II)

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*, Vilnius University/Oxford University

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

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

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Chair: Kristina Juraitė, 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

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

085. 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, Institute of Central Europe

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

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

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

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

086. BALTIC MUSIC OF CHANGES AFTER THE 1990s (I)

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Lauma Mellēna-Bartkeviča, Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music

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

Lithuanian Music in Transition: From and After the Post-Soviet Condition –
Rūta Stanevičiūtė, Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre

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

087. GENERATION RESEARCH

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Jurga Bučaitė-Vilkė, Vytautas Magnus University

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 Dirsytė, 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

088. TRANSFORMING CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE BALTICS

Digital Humanities, Museums, and Libraries (Room)

Chair: Jurgita Staniškytė, 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, Mejiro 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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089. INTER-WAR PERIOD IN LITHUANIA

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Donatas Kupčiūnas, University of Cambridge

“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*

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*

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

090. POST-SOVIET TRANSFORMATION (II)

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Sophie Qiaoyun Peng, University of Glasgow

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, Södertörn University*

**091. IDENTITY OF KAUNAS FROM HISTORICAL AND MODERN PERSPECTIVES
History, Memory, Identity (Room)**

Chair: Egidijus Balandis, 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*

092. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. Urban Collective Action around Public and Green Spaces

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chairs: Paul Draus, University of Michigan-Dearborn; Jūratė Imbrasaitė, Vytautas Magnus University

Participants:

Ed Carroll, Šančiai community

Vita Gélūnienė, Šančiai community

Evelina Šimkutė, Šilainiai Project

Jūratė Tutlytė, Vytautas Magnus University

093. 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*

094. 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 Aleksandrovš, University of Latvia

Marta Valdmane, University of Latvia

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

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chair: Giedrius Česnakas, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

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

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

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

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

096. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. Baltic States, the Baltic Sea Region, and New Security Challenges in Flux

International Relations and Regional Security (Room)

Chairs: Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik, Tomasz Stepniewski, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Institute of Central Europe

Presenters:

George Soroka, Harvard University

Mariusz Antonowicz, Vilnius University

Zdzisław Śliwa, Baltic Defence College

097. MEDIA, TRUST CHALLENGE, AND JUSTICE

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Emilija Pundziūtė-Gallois, Vytautas Magnus University

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

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

Is Energy Justice Theory Applied for the Rights of Electricity Customers: A Case Study of Lithuania – *Saulė Milčiuvienė, Vytautas Magnus University; Julija Kiršienė, Vytautas Magnus University*

098. BALTIC MUSIC OF CHANGES AFTER THE 1990s (II)

Literature, Art, and Culture (Room)

Chair: Rūta Stanevičiūtė, Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre

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

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

099. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Environment, Resources, and Sustainability (Room)

Chair: Joana Ramanauskaitė, Kaunas University of Technology

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

SESSION 11 16:00 – 17:30

100. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE WARS

History, Memory, Identity (Room)

Chair: Jörg Hackmann, University of Szczecin

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 – *Andreea Dahlquist*, Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies

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

101. 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

102. 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

103. BOOK PRESENTATION

Communication, Media, and Journalism (Room)

Kalpokas, I. and 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

104. 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

105. 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

106. MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES

Anthropology, Sociology, and Religion (Room)

Chair: Rasa Navickaitė, University of Vienna

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*, University College London

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