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## Europe, Nations, and Insecurity: Challenges to Identities

organized by Vytautas Magnus University (VMU),  
in cooperation with the Association for the Study of  
Nationalities (ASN)

30 June – 2 July, 2016  
Kaunas, Lithuania



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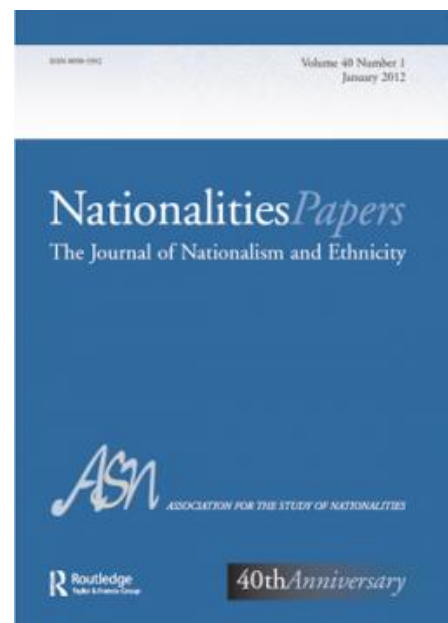
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## Conference Venue

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**Vytautas Magnus University**  
S. Daukanto g. 28, Kaunas

Conference panels will be held in rooms 101, 105, 402, 404, 405, 407 (1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors) and in the Small Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> floor).

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## Registration

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**1st floor lobby**

Thursday (June 30): 8:30–18:00

Friday (July 1): 8:30–18:00

Saturday (July 2): 8:30–17:00



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## Conference Schedule

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### Thursday, June 30

Session I: 10:00–12:00  
Session II: 12:30–14:30  
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Session IV (Opening roundtable): 17:30–19:00  
Opening reception: 19:30

### Friday, July 1

Session V (Keynote speech 1): 9:00–10:30  
Session VI: 11:00–13:00  
Session VII: 14:00–16:00  
Session VIII: 16:30–18:30

### Saturday, July 2

Session IX: 9:00–11:00  
Session X: 11:30–13:30  
Session XI: 14:30–16:30  
Session XII (Keynote speech 2): 17:00–18:30  
Closing reception: 18:30





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## 30 June, 2016, Thursday

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**PANEL 1 // ROOM Small Hall**  
**THURSDAY JUNE 30**  
**SESSION I 10:00–12:00**

**ROUNDTABLE Multidisciplinary Energy Security Research Methods and Results –  
Lithuanian Approach**

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SESSION I 10:00–12:00**

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*Public Construction and Nation-Building in Tajikistan*

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*Language, Economy and Nation-Building in the Republic of Sakha*

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*Muslims, Mortality, and Nation-building in Russia*

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*“Scandinavia's Best Kept Secret” – Imagining the Estonian Nation in Tourism and Branding*

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SESSION I 10:00–12:00**

**Migration, Identity and Societal Transformation**

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*Manipulations with Registration of the Veps Identity in Soviet Internal Passports*

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*Old Debates, New Grounds: Negotiating Turkish Identity in the United States*

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*Is the European Identity Changing Under New Challenges of Migration and Terrorism with Regarding to the “Other”*

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THURSDAY JUNE 30  
SESSION I 10:00–12:00**

**Professional Continuity during Periods of Historical Change: Elite Formation and  
Reconversion in Comparative Perspective**

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Romania*

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*Shifting Allegiances, Political Opportunism and Conversions among Romanian Academic Elites  
between Late 1920s and mid-1960s*

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*The Eternal Road to Damascus. The Relationship of the Transylvanian University Priests with  
Political Power from the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy to the Romanian National Communism*

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*Economic Knowledge and Data Production across the Iron Curtain: Resilient Elites and Social  
Change in the Former Socialist World*

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THURSDAY JUNE 30  
SESSION I 10:00–12:00**

**Turkish and Bosnian Political Tradition in Comparative Perspective**

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*Bosniaks in the Western Balkans: Challenges to Language and Identity*

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*Wartime Cohesion among Bosnian-Croats and Ukrainian Donbas Insurgents*

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*Bosniak Nationalism in Pursuit of State Legitimacy*

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*National Ideals and Classless Society: Corporatist Thought and Practice in Fascist Italy and  
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**National Idea in the Baltics during the Cold War Reality**

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*Baltic Demos Diplomacy in 1986–1989: The Case of ‘The Black Ribbon Day’*

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*Concept of “Nation” in the Soviet Travelogues: Nations as Communities of Shared Suffering*

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*Cold War in Margin in Germany. The Bonn Office of Assembly of Captive European Nations 1956–1973*

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**PANEL 7 // ROOM Small Hall  
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SESSION II 12:30–14:30**

**ROUNDTABLE The State of East European, Eurasian and Russian Studies in the Baltic Region**

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**Transitions in the Void: Nation-state Building, Local Societies, Rupture and Continuity in  
Post-WWI East Central Europe**

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*Targu-Mures, a City in Transition. A Case Study of the Social and Political Changes in the Years  
1918–1922*

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*Maintaining Order in a Local Society in Transition. Braşov Case Study*

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*Special Features of Nationalism: Cases of the First and Second Republic of Lithuania*

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*Belarusians of Smolensk Region and the National Movement's Origins in the Beginning of the 20th  
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**PANEL 9 // ROOM 402  
THURSDAY JUNE 30  
SESSION II 12:30–14:30**

**Conflicts in Crimea and Abkhazia, and Conflict Resolution Strategies**

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*Crimean Tatars in the Nation-building Project of Ukraine after Maidan and Russian Annexation of Crimea*

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*“Multicultural Crimea”: Reproduction of the Russian Cultural Dominance in the Media Discourse of Crimea on the Eve of Annexation*

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*Riskscapes: Strategies and Practices along the Georgian-Abkhazian Boundary Line*

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*An Emotional Approach to Conflict Resolution*

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**Security, Sovereignty and Statehood in East Central Europe between the Wars**

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*“Pacification” or “Laissez-faire”? Two Different Approaches on Integrating Borderlands into Central States on the Example of Interwar Poland and Czechoslovakia*

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*Hypertrophies and Hinterlands. The Viability of Nation Statehood in Poland and the Baltics (1915 – 1934)*

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*Transnationalizing the State – Nationalizing the Globe? Contesting the Interwar Order in East Central Europe by means of Penal Law*

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*Fear, Uncertainty and Hope: Changing Lithuania’s Situation 1938 – 1940*

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**Socio-economic Changes in Post-Socialist Space**

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*The Balkan Route: Organized Crime and Its Impact on South-Eastern Europe*

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*Philosophical Ecological Criticism in Lithuania and Its Relation with Soviet Ideological Tradition*

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*Informal Economic Practices and Their Applications: Muslim Meskhetians from Nasakirali*

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**Kin States, External Tensions and Ethnic Diasporas**

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*Kurdish Nation and the Right of Self-determination*

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*Lithuania's Diasporic Turn: Changing Modes of Governmentality*

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*The Impact of Diaspora Mobilization on Foreign Policy: Implementation of Canadian-Ukrainian Strategic Partnership since 1992*

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**Reconstructing Political Space at the End of the Russian and Soviet Empires**

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*The Impact of Anti-Soviet Nationalism on Soviet Lithuanian Nomenklatura's Behavior Strategies and Communist Party Secession in 1989*

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*Mikhail Gorbachev's Plans for a New Union Treaty*

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*Reconstructing the Empire: Ukrainian Projects, 1905—1914*

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**What We Should and What We Do: How the Post-USSR Identity Discourse Was Captured  
between State and People's Narrative**

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*Rebuilding the National Self: Armenian between the EU and the Eurasian Union in the Presidential Narrative*

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*Consumer Citizenship and Reproduction of Estonian-ness*

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*Restoration of Territorial Integrity as a Tool for Nation-building in the Post-Soviet Space*

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**Identity Construction in Lithuanian Literature**

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*Seeking for Cultural Legitimacy: Five Jewish Soviet Writers between Lithuanian Culture and  
druzhba narodov*

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*Representations of “the Other” in Theatre Journalism of the First Lithuanian Independence*

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*Theatre in the Age of Migration: Exploring the Theme of Emigration in Contemporary Lithuanian  
Drama*

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SESSION III 15:30–17:00**

**BOOK PANEL on Tom Gallagher's  
Scotland Now: A Warning to the World (Scotview Publications, 2015)**

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**Towards Sustainable Development: Tracing Relations between Energy Security and Public Behavior**

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*The Analysis of Lithuanian Energy Policy: Towards Social Cohesion or Fragmentation?*

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*Politicizing Energy Security in the Lithuanian Public Sphere*

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**Personal Memories and Narratives of Belonging in the Post-Yugoslav Context**

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*'It Was Better when It Was Worse'. Working Class Oral History and Ambiguous Memories of the 1990s in Serbia*

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*"Just Give Me a Name, and I Will Tell You Who Is Who". Former Children Refugees from Yugoslavia Remembering the Emerging Ethnification in the Early 1990s*

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THURSDAY JUNE 30  
SESSION IV 17:30–19:00**

**SPECIAL ROUNDTABLE**

**After 2014: Prospects of Peace and Security in the Baltic Region**

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Session V (Keynote speech I): 9:00–10:30

Session VI: 11:00–13:00

Session VII: 14:00–16:00

Session VIII: 16:30–18:30

**PANEL 20 // ROOM Small Hall  
FRIDAY JULY 1  
SESSION V 9:00–10:30**

**Keynote speech I**

**Vygaudas Ušackas**, Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to the Russian Federation

*The Baltics in the Connected, Complex and Contested World*





**PANEL 21 // ROOM 101  
FRIDAY JULY 1  
SESSION VI 11:00–13:00**

**Understanding Political Community Building Processes**

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*Decolonization of Trauma and Memory Politics: Insights from Eastern Europe*

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*Revising the "Minoritised Majority" Theses: Does Latvian State Fail Its Constituent Nation?*

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*Recent Studies of Societal Culture and Regional Differences in Ukraine: In Search of Adequate Methodology*

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*How the Media Serves Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Where Do Risks Come from?*

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SESSION VI 11:00–13:00**

**25 Years of Post-Socialist Nation-building: Where next?**

**BOOK PANEL on Pål Kolsto's (ed.)  
Strategies of Symbolic Nation-building in South Eastern Europe (Ashgate 2014)  
and**

**Rico Isaacs and Abel Polese's (eds.)  
Nation Building and Identity in the Post-Soviet Space: New Tools and Approaches (Ashgate 2016)**

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SESSION VI 11:00–13:00**

**Language, Education and Ethnic Diversity in Post-Socialist Countries**

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*Can Inclusion Mean Exclusion? Ethnicity, Schooling and Perceptions of Educational Policy in Multi-ethnic Region of Lithuania*

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*Debates on a New Literary Language: Relating Security Questions – Rusyns in Different Positions in Ukraine, Slovakia and Serbia*

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*Breaking the Repression System: The Adoption of the Other as a Standard (Gender Aspect in Education)*

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*The Application of the Intersectionality in Eastern Europe: Gender, Ethnic and Religious Identities of Banat Bulgarians in Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria*

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SESSION VI 11:00–13:00**

**Contested Memories and Negotiated Histories in Arts and Culture**

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*Dialogic Memory: Theatre as a Space for Public Negotiations on History in the Baltic States*

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*Imagined Histories and Documentary Fictions: Reinventing Reality on Contemporary Baltic Stage*

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*Ostalgie as a Special Artistic Development in Contemporary Art*

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*Trauma as Identity Marker in Post-Soviet Narratives*

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**Russian Foreign Policy and Soft Power in Post-Soviet Space**

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*Myths and Credibility about Propaganda Wars: Epistemic Confusions in Baltic States*

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*Russia and Humanitarian Intervention Norms*

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*Russia's New Generation Warfare: A Comparison between Baltic and Italian Perceptions  
Regional Focus: Baltic States*

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*Geopolitical Significance of the Kaliningrad Region*

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SESSION VI 11:00–13:00**

**Identifying New Forms of Minority Inclusion in Central Europe**

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*A Tool for Effective Participation in Decision-making Process? The Case of the National Councils of National Minorities in Serbia – Results of a Field Trip*

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*Consultative Rights – an Effective Tool for Minority Participation?*

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*Creating Minority Self-governments through Elections: The Non-Territorial Autonomies of Central and South Eastern Europe*

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*Ethnic Civil Societies in Central Europe from Below. Case Studies: Košice, Pécs and Timisoara*

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SESSION VI 11:00–13:00**

**ROUNDTABLE Nation Building and Self-determination as Interpretative Categories.  
Compatibilities and Incompatibilities in 19th vs. 21st Century**

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**Post War Integration in Baltics and Bosnia**

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*Children of War in the Baltics: Sources, Challenges and Limitations*

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*Three Bosnian Wars: Narratives of Victimization and Heroism*

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*Who Rules when Nobody Dominates? Centripetal Effects and Ethnic Engineering in Divided Towns in the Western Balkans*

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*The Business of State-building; How Business Organizational Properties Have Shaped Local Government Performance in Bosnia-Herzegovina (1995–2015)*

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SESSION VII 14:00–16:00**

**Challenged Identities in Central and Southeast Europe**

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*The Conservative Identity: A Short History of the Balli Kombëtar*

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*Predatory Collectivity. Youth, Ethnic Identities and the 'Bosnian Herzegovinians'*

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*"The Circle where I'm Understood"*

*Coping Strategies of Hungarian Jewish Youngsters Facing Identity Threat*

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**The Development of European Identity**

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*Movers & Shapers of National Identity and Democratic Values across Europe*

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*Political Identity on a Roller Coaster. Shifting Dominant Values of National Groups in New Member States and on the Periphery of the European Union*

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*Preserving Indigenous Culture or Spreading Multiculturalism in Europe?!*

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*Beyond Identity Politics and Geopolitics: Dirty Politics as an Explanation for the Waning of Support for Europeanization in Moldova*

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**Gendered Conflict: Towards a Deeper Understanding of the Role of Masculinities and in Nationalism and Conflict**

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*On the Nexus of Masculinities and Nationalism: Exploring the Role of Homophobia in Nationalistic Othering*

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*Re-conceptualizing Masculinities: Male Vulnerabilities, Men's Gendered Conflict-related Experiences and Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) against Men*

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*Recognizing Gender – International Criminal Jurisdictions and Male Victims of Conflict-related Sexual Violence*

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*The Choice of Gender Roles and the Perceptions of Gender Violence in Regions of Armenia*

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**Development of Citizenship and Political System in East and Central Europe**

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*Electoral System, Cabinet Partisanship, and Redistribution in Central and Eastern Europe*

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*Citizenship Typology in Lithuania: Traditional Active or Postmodern Citizens?*

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*The Prolonged Campaigning for the Dual Citizenship Liberalization in Lithuania: Transformations of the Attitudes*

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*'Liquid' Citizenship – Legislation and Implementation Citizenship Policy in Post-Soviet Russia*

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**Homelands, Politics of Memory and Constructing of National Identity in Post-Socialist Areas**

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*Different Interpretation of the Breakup of Yugoslavia in the Post-Yugoslav Societies*

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*The 'First Europe', Antifascism, and the Reddest Tomatoes: Contested Identity and Regional History in the Balkans*

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**Cities and Ethnic Minorities in Post-war Balkans**

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*Ethnic Parties in Enclave Cities: Hungarians in Serbia*

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*“Vukovar Will never Be BykoBaP”: Serbian-Croatian Relations over Minority Language Rights*

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*The Establishment of the Community of Serbian Municipalities in Kosovo. Challenges for the Protection of Cultural Heritage*

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**Do(n't) YOU Remember? Rethinking the Memory of the 20th Century Wars in Former Yugoslavia**

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*From Thinking to Feeling: What Is Yugoslav Break-up to New Generation?*

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*Balkan Nationalisms: In-between (In)glorious Images of the Past and Dissipated Identities of the Present*

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**Political Systems, Media and Identity in Post-Soviet Areas**

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*“Teacher and Love of the Tractorist: Identity Formation in the Popular Culture, Media and Television of Kazakhstan”*

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*Euromaidan and Its Identities: Actors and Agencies Seen by the Foreign Journalists (Case of Polish Opinion-making Press)*

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*When Left and Right Is a Matter of Identity. Overlapping Political Dimensions in Estonia and Latvia*

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**Ukraine Crisis in Comparative Perspective**

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*Wars in Croatia and Ukraine – a Comparative Analysis*

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*Separatist Nationalism and the Conflict in Donbas*

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*Russia's "Hybrid Warfare" and the "fabrication of Heroes": The Cases of Natal'ja Poklonskaja and Igor Girkin*

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**Mapping the Functions of National Symbols in Politics and Society: The Cases of Lithuania and Russia**

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*What National Symbols Stand for: The Concept of Statehood in Lithuanian Political Discourse*

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*National, Foreign and Soviet: Societal Discourses about Political Symbols in Lithuania*

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*Tradition versus Globalization. Shaping Political Identities in Lithuania*

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**Strategic Asset and/or Badge of Identity?  
Bottom-up Perspectives on External Citizenship in Central and Eastern Europe**

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*Destigmatizing Dual Citizenship: The Moral Perils of Becoming Hungarian in Serbia*

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*Citizenship as a Commitment: Everyday Perspectives on Non-resident Citizenship and Voting Rights in Hungary*

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*Becoming a Pole: The Influence of Karta Polaka on Ethnic Self-identification of the Polish Minority in Hrodna Region, Belarus*

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**SATURDAY JULY 2**  
**SESSION IX 9:00–11:00**

### **New Architecture of European Security and Lithuanian Foreign Policy**

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*The Dynamics of Demographic Changes in Near and Middle East and Migration to Europe*

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*Fear without Rationality: Emotions in Lithuanian Foreign Policy*

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*Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP): In Search of the EU's Security Identity*

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*NATO in the Baltic Sea Region: Gendarme or Ruffian?*

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SESSION IX 9:00–11:00**

**Shaping New Identities: Between Communist Legacy and European Tradition**

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*Good for the Gander? Russian State Identity, Energy, and Strategic Adjustment under Unipolarity*

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*Do the Communist Legacies in Diversity Policies Conflict with European Standards of Minority Protection?*

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*Nationalism in Post-Maidan Ukraine*

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*National Identity and Lithuanian Foreign Policy Dynamics*

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SESSION IX 9:00–11:00**

**WORKSHOP How to Get Your Paper Published in an International Journal**

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SESSION IX 9:00–11:00**

**Narratives on Russia**

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*The Bear Is Back? U.S. Government Threat Images of the Russian Federation*

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*Narratives of the Contemporary Russian State Nationalism 2012–2015*

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*Dynamics of National Pride in Russia in Cross-national Comparative Perspective, 1995 – 2014*

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*Power Sharing or Ethnic Domination? Approaches to Diversity Management in Ethnic Republics of Post-Soviet Russia*

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SESSION IX 9:00–11:00**

**Comparing Attitudes towards Migrants in Russia and in the West**

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*Attitudes to Immigrants as Reflected in Language Policies and Language Practices in the Public Sphere: A Case of Israel*

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*Everyday Nationalism in Russia through the European Lens: Perception of Migrants among Muscovites*

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*Russians in Finland as Media Subjects and Consumers*

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*Lithuanian Diaspora's Involvement in the Creation of Diplomatic Relations with Western World 1990–1991*

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**“Opposition” in Azerbaijan and Belarus: What Went Wrong?**

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*‘Failed’ opposition in Azerbaijan and Belarus Revisited: Towards a New Opposition Typology*

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*Comparing Oppositions in Rentier States: Azerbaijan and Belarus*

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*Regime Change – Donors’ Impasse in Belarus*

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*The State – Third Sector Relations in Non-democratic Regime (Belarusian Case)*

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**PANEL 46 // ROOM 402  
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**New Challenges of National and International Security: Globalization, Mass Media and Migration Processes**

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*The Implication of Interactions among Nation State, Globalization and Terror at Middle East Politics*

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*Social Media, Influence Operations, and the Issue of Ethnicity*

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*The Defenders of Threatened Majorities' Identity? – An Anti-immigrant Agenda of the New Nationalists Movements in Hungary, Poland & Slovakia*

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*Implications of Terror Acts in Paris to Foreign and Security Policies of the Baltic States*

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SESSION X 11:30–13:30**

**New Identities in Post-Soviet States**

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*The Diversity of National Identities in the “Borderlands”: A Comparison of Youth Attitudes in Belarus, Lithuania and Ukraine*

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*Citizenship and Cosmopolitanism: National Identity Construction of the Second-generation Post-Socialist Lithuanian Immigrants in London*

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*Inventing Ethnic Identity – Georgian Case*

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*Post-Soviet Nationalism in the North-Eastern Caucasus. Islamic Revival and Its Menace to Global Stability*

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**Russia, Conflicting Borders and Dependent States**

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*Legitimizing the Separatist Cause: Use of History and Nation Formation in Transnistria*

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*Conceptualising Post-Soviet de facto States as Small Dependent Jurisdictions*

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*Ontological Security of Post-Soviet de facto States*

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*Georgian War – Formation of Intervention Costs in Russia*

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**PANEL 49 // ROOM 407  
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**Labor Migration from Post-Socialist Countries**

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*Latvian Émigrés in Great Britain: Transnational Identity and Long-distance Nationalism*

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*“Not Just Like any Foreigners”: Redefinition of Diasporic-identity in the Wake of Mounting Islamophobia*

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*Constructing ‘the Other’ in the Narratives of Ukrainian IDPs in Kyiv and Western Ukraine, and Ukrainian Work Migrants in Poland*

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*Who Wants Them out? Perceived Discrimination against Romanian Labor Migrants in Western Europe*

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**BOOK PANEL on Timofey Agarin and Karl Cordell's**

**Minority Rights and Minority Protection in Europe (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016)**

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**PANEL 51 // ROOM 404  
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**Language Diversity in the EU Borderlands: Contestation, Justification, and  
Institutionalization**

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*Linguistic Requirement, Freedom of Movement and Equality Law: Divided They Stand?*

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*The Ukraine's Language Policy Equilibrium under the Challenges of the European Civic Nation  
Agenda*

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*Official Bilingualism in Belarus: Practical Implementation*

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*Language Policy in Contemporary Estonia, Latvia and Ukraine: A Continuous Discussion of  
Contested National Identity*

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**PANEL 52 // ROOM 101  
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SESSION XI 14:30–16:30**

**Security and Foreign Policy in Post-Soviet States**

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*Central Asia: The New Great Game*

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*Domestic and International Dimensions of the Ukrainian Crisis*

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*Caucasus Geopolitical Changes and Importance*

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**PANEL 53 // ROOM 402  
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**Totalitarianism/Democratization and National Identities in Socioeconomic Perspective (the  
Second Part of 20th and the Beginning of 21st Century)**

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*Contesting Mediated National Identity: Memories on Soviet TV*

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*The Threat of Horizontal Inequalities: Why Democratization Fails in Societies with Reinforcing Economic-ethnic Divides*

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Remembering the socialist city:

*Roma Narratives of Living in the City of Cluj during the 1960s and 1970s*

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*Soviet New Towns as Source of Ethnic Tensions? Sillamäe and Visaginas*

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**Contemporary Challenges to Nation-building Projects**

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*Transnational and Local? Exploring Attempts to Commemorate the Roma Genocide in Lithuania*

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*State Smaller than Its Territory: Struggles over Identity and Loyalty on Southeastern Borderland of Lithuania*

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*Synthesis of Presentation and Political Participation of the Polish National Minority in Lithuania: Period of 2011-2015*

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**PANEL 55 // ROOM 405  
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**Minority Protection in Post-Socialist Space**

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*Civic or Ethnic National Identity: A False Dichotomy?*

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*Beyond the Ethnic Vote: Shifting Determinants of the Electoral Behavior of Transylvanian Hungarians*

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*2005 Polish Law on National Minorities and Its Implementation from the Perspective of Belarusian and Lithuanian Minority*

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*From the International Standard to the “Local Empowerment”. The Case of the Institutionalization of Linguistic Rights of Persons Belonging to National Minorities in Poland*

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**Changing National Identities and Nationalism in East and Central Europe**

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*Challenged Europeaness in Lithuanian National Identity: Three Types of “Aliens”*

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*Changing National Identities in Russia: Gender Shift from Yeltsin to Putin and beyond*

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*Discourse on Identity and Democratization in the Republic of Moldova*

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*The Multifaceted Nature of Bulgarian Nationalism*

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**Migration and Asylum in the Context of Population from Central Asia, Central-East and South-East Europe: Between Inclusion and Exclusion**

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*Fragmentation of Loyalties and Contested Identities: Minority and Immigrant Cases from the Central Eastern Europe*

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*Radicalization of the Central Asian Migrants in Russia*

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*From Local Nomadism to Transnational Migration. The Discursive Securitization of the Roma Migratory Phenomenon in France and Its Impact on the Group's Identity*

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*A 'Normal Town' to Live in: Discourses of Serbian Forced Migrants in Subotica*

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*Problems of Linguistic Integration in Contemporary European Migration*

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**Keynote speech II**

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*Russia as the Challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: How the Personalized System Survives in Post-modern Times*

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- 660 teaching staff
- 180 researchers

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- Over 40 Minor programmes
- Integrated Legal Studies
- 15 postgraduate programmes
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- Students from non-partner universities are asked to provide proof of their English language proficiency

### Study Locations

1st Semester: Kaunas; 2nd Semester: Mainz; 3rd Semester: Tartu or Stockholm; 4th Semester: University where the advisor of the M.A. thesis is employed

### Why SoMu?

Throughout the last decade multilingualism has become a large factor within the international society. Public interest in multilingualism and how to deal with it is growing steadily and provides a great chance for societal change. Increasing immigration and globalization demand more sensitivity for social structures, mutual understanding, tolerance, mobility and flexibility. SoMu has apprehended these developments and social effects and made them the study aim.



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## INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND STUDIES ON EASTERN EUROPE (MIREES)



### What is MIREES?

- MIREES is the acronym of Interdisciplinary Master's in East European Research and Studies.
- It is joint diploma programme offered by University of Bologna (Italy), St. Petersburg State University (Russia), Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania) and Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary).
- The programme is aiming at preparing professionals who are able to analyse, interpret, assess and manage problems concerning the international dimension particularly of political, economic and social phenomena in Eastern Europe.

### Programme details

- Master's Programme is taught in English.
- The Programme starts in autumn semester.
- The application deadline is 16th of September.
- Students receive an international degree.

### Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- A knowledge of English at minimum of B2 level, according the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;
- Students are asked to provide proof of their English knowledge proficiency.

### Study Locations

The first year of studies is spent at the University of Bologna (Forlì campus), while in the second year a compulsory mobility of a minimum of 5 months takes place at partner universities: St. Petersburg (Russia, St. Petersburg), Vytautas Magnus (Lithuania, Kaunas), Corvinus University (Hungary, Budapest), or at associated partner – Lublijana University.

### Why MIREES?

MIREES combines an academic approach with professional training, forging potential insightful consultants, analysts, and managers as Area Experts for international agencies, public administrations, private and public companies, and NGOs, while also offering a solid basis for further academic studies at the PhD level.

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## VMU Study Programmes Taught in English

### DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Field of studies:** Political Sciences

**Length of Programme:** 2 academic years (120 ECTS)

The graduate degree programme *Diplomacy and International Relations* is aimed at preparing qualified diplomats and international relations specialists. Currently this programme is one of the most popular study programmes at Vytautas Magnus University.

### SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CRITIQUE

**Field of studies:** Political Sciences

**Length of Programme:** 2 academic years (120 ECTS)

The graduate degree programme *Social and Political Critique Studies* is aimed at preparing qualified social critique or political analysis professionals to work in modern public and non-governmental organizations.

### EAST ASIA REGION STUDIES

**Field of studies:** Political Sciences

**Length of Programme:** 2 academic years (120 ECTS)

The graduate degree programme *East Asia Region Studies* focused on East Asian contemporary politics and society, and provides a possibility for students to study region's culture, history, traditions, religions, as well as to learn region's languages.

### INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

**Field of studies:** Political Sciences

**Length of Programme:** 4 academic years (240 ECTS)

Undergraduate degree programme *International Politics and Development Studies* is unique in that it, in addition to providing classical Political Science education, lays fundamentals of development theories and practice, all this with a focus on one of the developing regions.

### WORLD POLITICS AND ECONOMY

**Field of studies:** Political Sciences, Economics

**Length of Programme:** 4 academic years (240 ECTS)

Undergraduate degree programme *World Politics and Economy* incorporates two main disciplines: political science and economy. Graduates of the programme receive double diploma – Political Science and Economic Science.

More information: <http://www.vdu.lt/en/studies/degree-studies/>