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TARPTAUTINĖ KONFERENCIJA

ŠIUOLAIKINIAI ŠEIMOS IR  
KALENDORINIŲ ŠVENČIŲ TYRIMAI:  
IŠŠŪKIAI IR PERSPEKTYVOS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES OF FAMILY  
AND CALENDAR HOLIDAYS:  
CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES





Kviečiame dalyvauti Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto Humanitarinių mokslų fakulteto Kultūrų studijų katedros organizuojamoje tarptautinėje konferencijoje „**Šiuolaikiniai šeimos ir kalendorinių švenčių tyrimai: iššūkiai ir perspektyvos**“, kuri vyks **2023 m. spalio 14 d.** Vytauto Didžiojo universiteto Humanitarinių mokslų fakultete, V. Putvinskio g. 23. Konferencija skirta etnologijos tyrimų Kultūrų studijų katedroje 30-mečiui Vytauto Didžiojo universitete.

Šių dienų pasaulyje susiduriame su nuolatiniais iššūkiais ir kasdieninio gyvenimo kaita, pandemijos, karo sukeltais sunkumais ir apribojimais, ekonominiu ir politiniu nestabilumu, kuriuos lydi ekologinė krizė.

**Konferencijos tikslas** – išsiaiškinti kokius iššūkius fiksuoja šeimos ir kalendorinių švenčių, lyčių ir giminystės tyrinėtojai savo tyrimuose per paskutinius tris dešimtmečius? Kokia šių tyrimų raida, kokios tyrimų kryptys ir tendencijos, teorinės ir metodologinės prieigos išryškėja per 30 metų? Kaip nauji visuomenės iššūkiai atsispindi ir keičia šeimos bei kalendorines šventes, lyčių ir giminystės sampratą?

Konferencija vyks gyvai ir nuotoliniu būdu per Teams platformą.

The Department of Cultural Studies at Vytautas Magnus University is pleased to announce an international conference on "**Contemporary Studies of Family and Calendar Holidays: Challenges and Perspectives**", to be held on **14th October 2023** at Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Humanities, V. Putvinskio st. 23, Kaunas, Lithuania. The conference celebrates the 30th anniversary of ethnological studies at Vytautas Magnus University. The conference is dedicated to the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ethnological research at Vytautas Magnus University.

In the contemporary world, we face constant challenges and changes in daily life, difficulties and restrictions caused by pandemics and wars, economic and political instability, and the crisis of climate change.

The main issue of the conference is to uncover what challenges family and calendar holiday researchers have identified in their research over the last three decades. What have been the main developments in these studies, and what research directions have evolved in the last thirty years? What challenges have scholars faced while conducting their research during the pandemic in different environments? What new research methods or research approaches have been applied over the last three decades? How do new social challenges reflect family and calendar holidays, family and reproduction, gender and the body, family and kinship and how are they changing them? What issues of reproduction, family and kinship have emerged in recent years with the increase in war and the threats from pandemics?

The conference will be held both offline and on the conferencing platform Teams.

**Konferencijos mokslinis komitetas / The Conference Scientific Committee**

Prof. dr. Rasa Račiūnaitė-Paužuolienė (chair), Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

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Assoc. prof. dr. Klāvs Sedlenieks, Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia

Dr. Mare Kõiva, Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia

Dr. Žilvytis Šaknys, Lithuanian Institute of History, Lithuania

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**PROGRAMA / PROGRAM**

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**9.00-10.00**

**Registracija / Registration**

**V. Putvinskio 23, 310**

**9.30 -9.45**

**Atidarymo ceremonija / Opening ceremony**

**V. Putvinskio 23, 310**

Dr. Jurgita Macijauskaitė-Bonda, VDU Humanitarinių mokslų fakulteto prodekanė / Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Vytautas Magnus University

Doc. dr. Laimutė Anglickienė, VDU Kultūrų studijų katedros vedėja / Head of the Department of Cultural Studies, Vytautas Magnus University



9.45 – 10.45

Plenarinis posėdis / Keynote lectures

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9.45 – 10.15

Laurent Sebastien Fournier, University Cote d'Azur, Nice, France

*Intergenerational Transmission of Community Rituals in Europe: Historical Continuities and Contemporary Changes.*

10.15 – 10.45

Robert Parkin, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

*The Human Family: Change in the Institution and its Interpretation*

10.45 – 11.15

Kavos pertrauka/ Coffee break

11.15 – 12.15

1 sesija: Šeimos ir lyčių tyrimai / Session 1: Family and Gender Studies

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Rasa Račiūnaitė-Paužuolienė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

*Contemporary Family Studies (1993-2023) in the Context of the Life Cycle at Vytautas Magnus University*

Rasa Paukštytė Šaknienė, The Lithuanian Institute of History, Lithuania

*New Challenges in Family Research by Ethnologists of the Lithuanian Institute of History in the Restored Republic of Lithuania*

Māra Kiope, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Latvia University, Latvia

*Family Studies in the Context of Migration*

2 sesija: Kalendorinių švenčių tyrimai / Session 2: Studies of Calendar

Holidays

V. Putvinskio 23, 104

Žilvytis Šaknys, The Lithuanian Institute of History, Lithuania

*Research of Calendar Customs in Republic of Lithuania (1990 – 2022)*

Mare Kõiva, Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia

*Continuation and Innovations – on Formation of the Estonian Calendar System 1990-2023*

Dalia Senvaitytė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.

*Research on Calendar Holidays at Vytautas Magnus University*

12.15 – 14.00

Pietų pertrauka/ Lunch



14.00 – 15.20

**3 sesija: Lytis, giminystē, valstybē ir teisē / Session 3: Gender, Kinship,  
State, and Law**

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Klāvs Sedlenieks, Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia

*Latvian Kinship as the Product of the State and the State as a Product of  
Kinship*

Auksuolė Čepaitienė, The Lithuanian Institute of History, Lithuania.

*The Gendered Body of Kinship: on Local Understanding of Kinship in  
Lithuania*

Nijolė Vailionytė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.

*Ethnological Research of Childlessness in Contemporary Society: Dialogue  
Between Researcher and Respondent*

Hanna Nowak, Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland

*How to Spend Holidays when Marriage is Broken Down - Legal Aspects of  
Polish Family Law*

**Sesija 4: Kalendorinių švenčių tyrimai / Session 4: Studies of Calendar  
Holidays**

**V. Putvinskio 23, 104**

Lina Petrošienė, Klaipėda University, Lithuania.

*Ethnological Research at Klaipėda University in 1991-2023: Directions,  
Topics, Perspectives*

Arūnas Vaicekauskas, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.

*From Samogitia to Italy: Research of Carnival Culture at VMU*

Inese Runce, University of Latvia, Latvia.

*Where All Fathers Gone? February 23 in the Soviet Ritual Year. Latvian  
Perspective*

Ekaterina Anastasova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria

*"Life in Immigration" - Stories of Bulgarian Labor Immigrant Women in the  
European Union*



15.20 – 15.40

**Kavos pertrauka / Coffee break**

15.40 – 16.50

**5 sesija: Šeimos tyrimai / Session 5: Family Studies**

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Andres Kuperjanov, Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia

***Small Societies in a Global Network***

Lina Gergova, Bulgaria Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria.

***Family, Household and Inheritance Practices in the Dams Resettlements  
Compensation Documents***

Gediminas Lankauskas, University of Regina, Canada

***The Wedding as a Rite of Compliance and Contestation in Soviet Lithuania***

15.40 – 16.50

**6 sesija: Kalendorinių švenčių tyrimai / Session 6: Studies of Calendar Holidays**

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Nadežda Pazuhina, Latvian University, Latvia

*Church Calendar in a Changeable Secular World: Tension Between the Sacred and Secular in the Cultural Practices of the Religious Migrant Community of Orthodox Old Believers in Latvia*

Mariyanka Borysova Zhekova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria.

*Bulgarian Graduation Ball Abroad in 21 Century*

Kristina Blockytė-Naujokė, Klaipėda University, Lithuania

*„Šiupinys“ Holiday in Lithuanian Diaspora: from Tradition to Innovation*

17.00

**Konferencijos uždarymo ceremonija/ Closing Ceremony**