



Curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

- Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Vytautas Magnus university (VMU).
- Researcher, Center for Social Anthropology, Vytautas Magnus university (VMU).
- Lecturer, Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies, Vilnius University (VU).

ACADEMIC TITLES / EDUCATION ACHIEVED

- PhD in Social Anthropology, Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg and Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, 2019 m. Dissertation title „Beyond Reciprocity: Giving and Belonging in the Post-Soviet Buddhist Revival in Ulan-Ude (Buryatia)“.
- MA (Hons) in Social Anthropology, The University of Edinburgh, 2013 m.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Anthropology of Buddhism.
- Political and Economic Anthropology.
- Anthropology of Religion.
- Urban Anthropology (urbanisation, identity, urban space).
- North Asia (Buryatia; Siberia; Mongolian cultural region).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer, Vytautas Magnus university, 2019 – currently.
- Researcher, Vytautas Magnus university, 2019 – currently.
- Lecturer, Vilnius University, 2019-currently .
- Assistant lecturer, Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg, 2018.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Economic Anthropology (VDU, MA, social anthropology).
- Anthropological Fieldwork (VDU, MA, social anthropology).
- Research Project Design (VDU, MA, social anthropology).
- Anthropology of the State (VDU, MA, social anthropology).
- Religion, Culture and the State (co-taught, VDU, MA, social anthropology).
- Religion, Society, and the State (in Lithuanian; co-taught; VU ATSI, MA).
- Asian Cities / Urban Anthropology (VU ATSI; BA).
- Translocal Asia: Globalisation and Circulation (VU ATSI; BA).
- Anthropological Theory and Research Methods (co-taught, VU, BA).
- Anthropology of Buddhism (co-taught, MLU; BA).

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Jonutyte, Kristina (2020). "Beyond 'Bad' Buddhism: Conceptualizing Buddhist Counselling in Ulan-Ude, Buryatia", *The Journal of Global Buddhism*, 21: 261-276. Special issue *Bad Buddhism* (H. Gould and M. McKay, eds).
- Jonutyte, Kristina (2020). "Shamanism, Sanity, and Remoteness in Russia", *Anthropology Today*, 36(2): 3-7.
- Jonutyte, Kristina (2020). "'There Will Not Be a Dignified Life Without a Flock of Sheep': Negotiating Religion in the Context of Socially Engaged Buddhism in Buryatia" (in Russian). *Gosudarstvo, Religii, Tserkov' v Rossii i za Rubezhom*, 1(38): 106-122. Special issue *Tibeto-Mongolian Buddhism: New Trajectories in the XX-XXI Centuries* (N. Tsyrempilov, I. Garri, eds).
- Jonutyte, Kristina (2020). Book review: Quijada, Justine Buck (2019), *Buddhists, Shamans, and Soviets: Rituals of History in Post-Soviet Buryatia*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Žurnale Religion, State, and Society*.
- Jonutyte, Kristina (2019). Dissertation: *Beyond Reciprocity: Giving and Belonging in the Post-Soviet Buddhist Revival in Ulan-Ude (Buryatia)*, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.
- Jonutyte, Kristina ir Panov, Vladimir (2016). "Reabilitatsiya i Pamyat' v Litve" (in Russian). Edited volume *Reabilitatsiya i Pamyat': Otnosheniya k Zhertvam Sovetskikh Politicheskikh Repressiy v Stranakh Byvshego SSSR* (A. Daniel' et al, red., Moscow: Memorial).
- Jonutyte, Kristina (2014). "A Lithuanian 'Ethnographic Village': Heritage, Private Property, Entitlement", *Anthropological Researches and Studies*, 4.
- Jonutyte, Kristina (Forthcoming in 2021). "Donations Inversed: Material Flows from the Sangha to the Laity in Post-Socialist Buryatia". Edited Volume *Monks, Money and Morality: The Balancing Act of Contemporary Buddhism* (S. Abrahms-Kavunenko, Ch. Brumann, B. Switek, eds). London: Bloomsbury.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 05-07.03.2020: Jonutyte, Kristina, "Place-Making and Belonging in Post-Soviet Ulan-Ude". 4th Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies conference; Kaunas, Lithuania.
- 13-14.06.2019: Jonutyte, Kristina, "We Will Cope With All the Problems Ourselves': Russian Isolationism and Buddhist Giving in Buryatia". International workshop *Transnational Giving: Evolving Paths of Religion, Community and Citizenship in Globally Connected Asia*, Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Goettingen, Germany.
- 17-19.05.2019: Jonutyte, Kristina, „Blogi budistai? Konsultacijos su lamomis Ulan Udėje, Buriatija". Lithuanian Social Science Forum *Socforumas*, Molėtai, Lithuania.
- 29-30.03.2019: Jonutyte, Kristina, "Reimagining a Post-Soviet City: Desecularisation and the Changing Cityscape in Ulan-Ude". International *SOYUZ: The Research Network for Postsocialist Cultural Studies* symposium, The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA.
- 4-6.10.2018: Jonutyte, Kristina, "Imaginations, Identity and Belonging in a Siberian Urban Renewal: Partial Worlds in the Indigenisation of Post-Soviet Ulan-Ude". International conference *Imaginations and Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition*, Leipzig University, Leipzig, Germany.
- 26-28.09.2018: Jonutyte, Kristina, "Taming the City: Buddhist Counseling and the Rebuilding of Religious Infrastructure in Ulan-Ude, Buryatia". International workshop *Infrastructures: Imagination, Materiality and Process*, The University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.
- 14-17.08.2018: Jonutyte, Kristina, "Reimagining a Siberian City: Contested Pasts and Futures of Post-Soviet Ulan-Ude". International conference of European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 29.11-03.12.2017: Jonutyte, Kristina, "Work, Migration and Loans: Consultations with Lamas in Post-Socialist Ulan-Ude". International conference of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) Washington, DC, USA.

- 06-07.10.2017: Jonutytė, Kristina, "(Re)building Buddhism in a Siberian City: Religious Giving, Materiality and Agency in Post-Soviet Ulan-Ude". International workshop *Baltic Anthropology Graduate School*, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania.
- 05-06.10.2017: Jonutytė, Kristina, "Between Submission and Subversion: Sangha and its Political Entanglements in Post-Soviet Buryat Buddhism". International conference *Religions and Powers*, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania.
- 21-22.09.2017: Jonutytė, Kristina, "Donations Inversed: Material Flows from the Sangha to the Laity in Post-Socialist Buryatia". International workshop *Sangha Economies: Temple Organisation and Exchanges in Contemporary Buddhism*, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- 24-25.04.2017: Jonutytė, Kristina, "Being a 'Good' Buddhist: Knowledge and Ritual in Post-Soviet Buryatia". International conference *Mongolian Buddhism in Practice*, Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary
- 12-14.10.2016: Jonutytė, Kristina, "A Hungry Buryat doesn't Think of Buddha": Sangha and Lay Exchange in Post-Soviet Buryatia". International conference *Buddhism, Business, Believers*, The University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Since 2018 European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) member.
- Since 2019 Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions (LRD) member.
- Since 2019 European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) member.
- Since 2019 International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) member.

RESEARCH STAYS

- 2019 May-June: research stay at the University of Cambridge, Mongolian and Inner Asia Studies Unit (Sigrid Rausing Scholarly Exchange stipend).
- 2013 September-2014 February: internship at the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, department of visual anthropology.