



Curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

- Lecturer and researcher at the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Institute of Foreign Languages at Vytautas Magnus University

ACADEMIC TITLES / EDUCATION ACHIEVED

- PHD in Social Sciences at Vytautas Magnus University (VMU), Lithuania, 2025
- Postgraduate Studies in "Public Diplomacy in the 21st Century", Collegium Civitas, Poland, 2013
- MA in Polish Studies, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania, 2008
- MA in Political Science, Collegium Da Vinci, Poland, 2003
- BA in in Political Science, Collegium Da Vinci, Poland, 2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2025 – Researcher in the HORIZON project "Identities – Migration – Democracy" ("We-ID").

2024-2025 – Scientific Consultant & Member of the Working Group responsible for preparing the nomination dossier for the inscription of Vilnius Easter Palm Making on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

2023 – Lecturer and Researcher at Faculty of Social Sciences and the Institute of Foreign Languages, VMU, Lithuania.

2021-2024 – Doctoral Researcher / PhD Candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, VMU, Lithuania.

2023 – Director & Screenwriter of the short documentary film "Vilnius 'Verbos' Eater Palms" (2024).

2022 – Screenwriter of the 5-episode documentary series "Lithuanian Armed Forces" (TVP Wilno, 2022).

Since 2020 – Co-author & Co-host of television programs at TVP Wilno.

2019 – Film Festival Programmer, National Olympic Committee of Lithuania (LNOC).

2007-2022 – Project Coordinator & Expert, Polish Institute in Vilnius.

Since 2025 - Board Member, Lithuanian Anthropological Association

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Culture anthropology
- Social and cultural identity.
- Identity politics.
- Social and cultural memory.
- Anthropology of national minorities.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

PILARCZYK-PALAITIS, Anna and AVIN, Agneška. 2016. Romowie na Litwie. Przeszłość, teraźniejszość, Perspektywy [Roma in Lithuania: Past, Present, Perspectives], *Studia Romologica*. Vol. 9.
<http://cejsh.icm.edu.pl/cejsh/element/bwmeta1.element.desklight-e3109e88-edb9-4924-a05f-4c810525de68>

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PILARCZYK-PALAITIS, Anna. 2021. Between remembering and forgetting. Processes of changing topicality of Polish heritage in contemporary Lithuania, *Torun international studies*. Toruń: Nicolaus Copernicus University, Vol. 1, iss. 14, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.12775/TIS.2021.001>

PILARCZYK-PALAITIS, Anna and AVIN, Agneška. 2022. On the way to visibility: the process of creating a cultural memory of the genocide of the Lithuanian Roma, *Journal of Baltic Studies*, 54:1, 87-102,
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01629778.2023.2153889>

PILARCZYK-PALAITIS, Anna. 2023. The Role of the Kresy Discourse in Constructing the Contemporary Identity of Poles in Lithuania. *Filosofija. Sociologija*, Volume 34, Issue 2, Vilnius: Lietuvos mokslų akademijos leidykla, pp.117-127, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.6001/fil-soc.2023.34.2.1>

PILARCZYK-PALAITIS, Anna and VYŠNIAUSKAS, Vidmantas. 2024. Contemporary Self-identification as a “Tutejszy” in Southeastern Lithuania, *Ethnological Journal Cesky lid/ Czech Ethnological Journal*, Číslo 2, roč. 111 (2024)/Issue 5 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.21104/CL.2024.2.02>

PILARCZYK-PALAITIS, Anna. 2024. Polska polityka tożsamościowa a konstrukcje współczesnych modeli polskości wśród mniejszości polskiej w Litwie w perspektywie teorii postkolonialnej [Polish identity politics and constructions of contemporary models of Polishness among the Polish minority in Lithuania in the perspective of postcolonial theory]. In A. Pukszo (Ed.), *Polacy na Litwie od Powstania Styczniowego do XXI wieku. Bibliotheca Europae Orientalis series*. Warsaw: Centre for East European Studies of University of Warsaw.

ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS (SELECTED EVENTS)

2025 – seminar "Women in the History of Sociology and Anthropology", Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Vilnius, Lithuania.

2023 – Conference panel "Challenges and opportunities of transnational migration: anthropological perspectives" on 15th Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe (CBSE) "Turning Points: Values and Conflicting Futures in the Baltics", Kaunas, Lithuania

2023 – Public discussion on the challenges of migration, as well as a presentation of the book "Threshold: Emergency Responders on the US-Mexico Border" and a meeting with the author anthropologist Ieva Jusionyte. Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

2022 – International conference "Re-working the trauma: research on Roma and Jews in the Baltics and USA", Vilnius, Lithuania

2020-2025 – Organized a series of over 20 scientific VMU Social Anthropology Center seminars with sociologists and anthropologists worldwide, including, Adam Kuper (London School of Economics and Political Science, UK), K. B. Usha (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India), Eunice Blavascunas (Whitman College, USA) and others. Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania