



Curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

- Professor, Department of Sociology, Vytautas Magnus university (VMU).
- Chief researcher, Social Research Center, Magnus university (VMU).

ACADEMIC TITLES / EDUCATION ACHIEVED

- Doctoral degree in Social Sciences (Sociology), Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania, 2008. Doctoral dissertation „Networking Governance in Local Community“.
- MA in Sociology, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania, 2003.
- BA in Ethnology, Vytautas Magnus university, Kaunas, Lithuania, 2001.
- Certificate in Sociology, Vytautas Magnus university, Kaunas, Lithuania, 2001.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- The role and change in post-communist society
- Religion and politics
- New religions
- Human Rights

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associated professor, Vytautas Magnus university, Kaunas, Lithuania, from 2015 – by now.
- Lecturer, Vytautas Magnus university, Kaunas, Lithuania, 2008 –2015.
- Lecturer, Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania, 2008-2012.
- Project manager, expert, Lithuanian Regional Research Institute, from 2004 – by now.

COURSE DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

- Sociology of Deviance (BA)
- Sociology and Anthropology of Religion (BA)
- Religion and Politics (BA)
- Contemporary Sociology of Religion (MA)
- Religion and Politics in the Global World (MA)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (LAST 5 YEARS)

- 2017-2019 Research Council for Lithuania research project “International Social Survey Program: Social Networks, Social Welfare and Religion”, investigating changes of religious values. Senior researcher.
- 2018-2021 ect „Families, Inequalities and Demographic Processes”, No. 09.3.3-LMT-K-712-01-0020, EU Structural Funds measure „ Improving the qualification of researchers in high-level R&D research“, chief researcher.
- 2020-2023 Research Council for Lithuania research project “Minority Religions in Contemporary Lithuania”, head of the project, chief researcher.
- 2021-2022 EUROPEAN COMMISSION Directorate General Justice and Consumers project “UniDiversity” (Grant No. 963181) REC-AG-2020 / REC-RDIS-DISC-AG-2020, chief researcher.
- 2021-2024 Baltic Research program research project “Religion and Gender Equality: Baltic and Nordic Developments”, head of the project, chief researcher.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Sociological Association, member since 2014, elected member of Sociology of Religion research committee (RC22) since 2018.
- International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), member since 2012, member of the Executive Board since 2015.
- International Society for the Study of New Religions, member since 2011, since 2013 – Vice-President, 2015 – 2017 – President.
- The International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association (ISORECEA), member since 2001, General Secretary since 2014.
- Lithuanian Sociological Association, member since 2005, since 2011 - member of the Executive Board, since 2014 – President.
- Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions (LSSR), member since 2011, 2011-2018 – President.

SCIENTIFIC PRIZES AND AWARDS

- National Equality and Diversity Award for Religious Diversity, Lithuania, 2015
- Fulbright visiting scholar, University of California Santa Barbara, USA, 2016
- National Equality and Diversity Award for the coordination of the National Human Rights Forum, in Vilnius, on December 10, 2018, Lithuania, 2019
- Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Fellow, University of Helsinki, Finland, 2021

Plenary Lectures

- “Religion on the Periphery in Central and Eastern Europe since the fall of the Berlin Wall: Diversity, Pluralism and Everyday Life”, International Study of Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Association conference: ‘Religion on the Periphery’, 23-25 April 2020, Olomouc, Czech Republic.
- “Public Religions in the Baltics”, international conference Public: Religion and Space, 25-26 February, 2020, Salzburg University, Austria.
- "Diversification of Religious Identities in Post-Socialist society: Believing, Belonging and?" Annual conference of Russian Society for the Study of Religions, October 6, 2019, University of Sankt Petersburg, Russia.
- "Diversification of Religious Identities in Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe: the Case of the Baltic States", 16th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) ‘Multiple Religious Identities – Individuals, Communities, Traditions’, June 18, 2018, University of Bern, Switzerland.
- "Religions and Nations in Central and Eastern Europe: Is There a Place for Minority Religions?, Estonian Society for the Study of Religions international conference “Religion and Nation(alism): Entanglements, Tensions, Conflicts”, November 11, 2016, University of Tartu, Estonia.