



Curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

- Senior researcher, Social Research Center, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.

ACADEMIC TITLES / EDUCATION ACHIEVED

- Doctoral degree in Ethnology, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania, 2013. Doctoral dissertation "Interpretations of Characters of Ethnic Culture in the Lithuanian Movement of Folklore Ensembles at the Beginning of the 21st century".
- MA in Religious Studies, Vilnius University, Lithuania, 2006.
- BA in Social Sciences, Vilnius Pedagogical University, Lithuania, 2003.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Anthropology of religion
- New religious movements, contemporary paganism and shamanism
- Religion in Central and Eastern Europe
- Religion and nationalism
- Religion and migration
- Religion and gender
- Heritage politics, revival of folk music

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior researcher, Social Research Center, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania, from 2021.
- Researcher, Department of Sociology, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania, 2015-2016.
- Junior researcher, Department of Cultural Studies and Ethnology, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania, 2011-2015.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (LAST 5 YEARS)

- Senior researcher in *Religion and Gender Equality: Baltic and Nordic Developments* (Vytautas Magnus University, in collaboration with University of Oslo, University of Latvia and University of Tartu; funded by the [EEA]/ [Norway] Grants 2014-2021; 2021-2023).
- Project leader in *Alternative Religiosity in Soviet Lithuania: Changing Forms of Communities* (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania; funded by the Research Council of Lithuania, 2021-2022).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions, member of board
- Member of International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association
- Member of International Society for Ethnology and Folklore
- Member of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies