

Alumni Conference at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas
RETHINKING THE WORLD: LIBERAL ARTS, CREATIVE
IMAGINATION AND SUCCESS
17–18 October, 2013
Conference Venue: Art Gallery 101 (Laisvės al. 53, Kaunas)

<p>17 October</p> <p>MIREES Alumni Workshop</p>	<p>11.00–11.30 Registration.</p> <p>11.30–12.00 Welcome addresses by representatives of the partner universities: Ineta Dabašinskienė, Stanislav Tkachenko, Akos Kengyel.</p> <p>12.00–13.00 Introducing MIREES to VMU and Lithuania: an open session for the VMU community. MIREES Alumni: Dora Komnenovic, Žymantė Jokūbauskaitė, Florinda Giacomelli.</p> <p><i>13.00–14.30 Lunch.</i></p> <p>14.30–15.00 Introduction to MAIA (MIREES Alumni International Association). Imagining MAIA: structure, projects, community and sustainability. Josipa Rizankoska.</p> <p>15.00–16.00 Alumni networks and fundraising. Guest speakers: Vincentas Vobolevičius, VMU/NYU Alumni; David Solomons, Independent Cross Cultural Specialist.</p> <p><i>16.00–16.30 Coffee Break.</i></p>
<p>18 October</p> <p>Official Conference</p>	<p>10.00–10.05 Opening. Ineta Dabašinskienė, Chair of the Conference.</p> <p>10.05–10.15 Welcome address by Auksė Balčytienė, Vice-rector for Public Communication of VMU.</p> <p>10.15–10.30 Welcome note by Stefano Bianchini, Director of MIREES, an International Joint Degree Master Programme (MA in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe).</p> <p>10.30–11.00 “Liberal Arts and Europe”. Leonidas Donskis, Member of the EU Parliament.</p> <p><i>11.00–11.15 Coffee Break.</i></p> <p>11.15–13.00 Round-table discussion “Down to business: Alumni meet the market”. Moderators: Josipa Rizankoska, Žymantė Jokūbauskaitė, MIREES Alumni. Participants: Rytis Zemkauskas, TV journalist, producer, writer, VMU lecturer; Šarūnas Bagdonas, IT business developer at “Visoriai Information Technology Park”; Gediminas Almantas, Director of International Vilnius Airport; David Solomons, Independent Cross Cultural Specialist; Egidijus Aleksandravičius, Director of the VMU Lithuanian Emigration Institute.</p> <p><i>13.00–14.30 Lunch</i></p> <p>14.30–15.00 MAIA (MIREES Alumni International Association). Josipa Rizankoska, Adriano Remiddi, MIREES Alumni.</p> <p>15.00–16.00 Voices of MIREES Alumni: career stories. Josipa Rizankoska, Florinda Giacomelli, Eneida Puca, Grazia Mazza, Tanja Kovačič.</p> <p>16.00–16.30 “Internships: complementing studies with “real world” experience”. Arūnas Molis, Head of Strategic Analysis and Research Division, the NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence.</p> <p>16.30–17.00 Discussion.</p>

