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Vytautas Magnus University
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Conference panels will be held in rooms 101, 105, 402, 404, 405, 407 (1st and 4th floors) and in the Small Hall (2nd floor).

Registration

1st floor lobby

Thursday (June 30): 8:30–18:00
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Conference Schedule

Thursday, June 30

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Saturday, July 2

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SESSION I 10:00–12:00

ROUNDTABLE Multidisciplinary Energy Security Research Methods and Results – Lithuanian Approach

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Replacing Estonian Identity with a Soviet One: The Case of Paul Oras

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Manipulations with Registration of the Veps Identity in Soviet Internal Passports

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Old Debates, New Grounds: Negotiating Turkish Identity in the United States

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Is the European Identity Changing Under New Challenges of Migration and Terrorism with Regarding to the “Other”

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Professional Continuity during Periods of Historical Change: Elite Formation and Reconversion in Comparative Perspective

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*Shifting Allegiances, Political Opportunism and Conversions among Romanian Academic Elites between Late 1920s and mid-1960s*

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*The Eternal Road to Damascus. The Relationship of the Transylvanian University Priests with Political Power from the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy to the Romanian National Communism*

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Wartime Cohesion among Bosnian-Croats and Ukrainian Donbas Insurgents

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Bosniak Nationalism in Pursuit of State Legitimacy

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National Ideals and Classless Society: Corporatist Thought and Practice in Fascist Italy and Kemalist Turkey (1922–1951)

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Concept of ’‘Nation” in the Soviet Travelogues: Nations as Communities of Shared Suffering

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Transitions in the Void: Nation-state Building, Local Societies, Rupture and Continuity in Post-WWI East Central Europe

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*Maintaining Order in a Local Society in Transition. Brașov Case Study*

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*Special Features of Nationalism: Cases of the First and Second Republic of Lithuania*

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*Belarusians of Smolensk Region and the National Movement’s Origins in the Beginning of the 20th Century*

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“Multicultural Crimea”: Reproduction of the Russian Cultural Dominance in the Media Discourse of Crimea on the Eve of Annexation

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Riskscapes: Strategies and Practices along the Georgian-Abkhazian Boundary Line

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An Emotional Approach to Conflict Resolution

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Security, Sovereignty and Statehood in East Central Europe between the Wars

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“Pacification” or “Laissez-faire”? Two Different Approaches on Integrating Borderlands into Central States on the Example of Interwar Poland and Czechoslovakia

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Hypertrophies and Hinterlands. The Viability of Nation Statehood in Poland and the Baltics (1915 – 1934)

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Transnationalizing the State – Nationalizing the Globe? Contesting the Interwar Order in East Central Europe by means of Penal Law

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The Balkan Route: Organized Crime and Its Impact on South-Eastern Europe

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Philosophical Ecological Criticism in Lithuania and Its Relation with Soviet Ideological Tradition

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Informal Economic Practices and Their Applications: Muslim Meskhetians from Nasakirali

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Kurdish Nation and the Right of Self-determination

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Lithuania's Diasporic Turn: Changing Modes of Governmentality

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Rebuilding the National Self: Armenian between the EU and the Eurasian Union in the Presidential Narrative

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Seeking for Cultural Legitimacy: Five Jewish Soviet Writers between Lithuanian Culture and druzhba narodov

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Representations of “the Other” in Theatre Journalism of the First Lithuanian Independence

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Theatre in the Age of Migration: Exploring the Theme of Emigration in Contemporary Lithuanian Drama

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BOOK PANEL on Tom Gallagher’s
Scotland Now: A Warning to the World (Scotview Publications, 2015)

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Social Differentiation in Lithuania: Perception of Energy Security

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The Analysis of Lithuanian Energy Policy: Towards Social Cohesion or Fragmentation?

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Personal Memories and Narratives of Belonging in the Post-Yugoslav Context

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‘It Was Better when It Was Worse’. Working Class Oral History and Ambiguous Memories of the 1990s in Serbia

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“Just Give Me a Name, and I Will Tell You Who Is Who”. Former Children Refugees from Yugoslavia Remembering the Emerging Ethnification in the Early 1990s

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Long Way "Home"? Former Soldiers' Memories of the 1990s and Identity in Post-war Serbia

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SPECIAL ROUNDTABLE
After 2014: Prospects of Peace and Security in the Baltic Region

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(1st and 2nd floor foyer)
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FRIDAY JULY 1
SESSION V 9:00–10:30

Keynote speech I

Vygaudas Ušackas, Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to the Russian Federation

*The Baltics in the Connected, Complex and Contested World*
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Understanding Political Community Building Processes

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*How the Media Serves Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Where Do Risks Come from?*

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25 Years of Post-Socialist Nation-building: Where next?

BOOK PANEL on Pål Kolsto’s (ed.)
Strategies of Symbolic Nation-building in South Eastern Europe (Ashgate 2014)
and
Rico Isaacs and Abel Polese’s (eds.)

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Who Rules when Nobody Dominates? Centripetal Effects and Ethnic Engineering in Divided Towns in the Western Balkans

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Re-conceptualizing Masculinities: Male Vulnerabilities, Men’s Gendered Conflict-related Experiences and Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) against Men

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