



## CONFERENCE

*The Interdisciplinary Intellectual Practices and Moral Imagination of Leonidas Donskis*

11 - 12 of May, 2017

Vytautas Magnus University

Kaunas

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VMU Small Hall (S. Daukanto str. 28)

DAY 1

**9:00 – 9:30 Registration**

**9:30 – 12:00 Section 1**

**OPENING REMARKS**

**PHILOSOPHY OF LEONIDAS DONSKIS**

**Moderator / discussant: Jay Daniel Mininger (Vytautas Magnus University/ LCC International University)**

***1. Forms of Hatred Revisited***

Olli Loukola (Helsinki University)

***2. From Civilization Morphologies to the Symbolic Organizations and Trajectories of an Imaginary***

Gintautas Mažeikis (Vytautas Magnus University)

***3. René Girard on the Sources of Violence***

Timo Airaksinen (Helsinki University)

***4. The Problem of People 'Who are Missing' in Contemporary Lithuanian Literature***

Jūratė Baranova (Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences)

***5. "Communities of Forgetting": What is Expelled from the Systematized Past***

Jurga Jonutytė (Vytautas Magnus University)

***6. Europe, Little and Big, in Donskis's Cultural Thinking***

Mykolas Drunga (Vytautas Magnus University)

**12:00 - 12:30 Coffee break**

**12:30 - 14:30 Section 2**

**DYSTOPIC OPTIMISM AND NOSTALGIC REALISM IN 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ACADEMIA**

Round table discussion - *abstract of 'Academia in Crises' - a panel inspired by joint project with Leonidas Donskis.*

**Moderator / discussant: Ida Sabelis (Vrije University in Amsterdam)**

**Participants:** Stefano Bianchini (University of Bologna), Frans Kamsteeg (Vrije University in Amsterdam), Harry Wels (Vrije University in Amsterdam), Tammy Shefer (University of the Western Cape).

**14:30 - 16:00 Lunch break**

**16:00 – 18:00 Section 3**

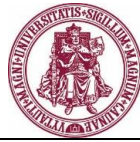
**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: CULTURAL CRITICS, PUBLIC INTELLECTUALS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Moderator / discussant: Gintautas Mažeikis (Vytautas Magnus University)**

***1. The Resumption of Political Abuse of Psychiatry in former Soviet Republics: Why Were We not able to Prevent?***

Robert van Voren (Vytautas Magnus University)

***2. Literary Cartography: Donskis on Literature and Moral Imagination***



Jay Daniel Mininger (Vytautas Magnus University)

**3. Leonidas Donskis on the Idea on Europe Which Never Existed**

Egidijus Aleksandravičius (Vytautas Magnus University)

**4. The Public Intellectual. Idea. Challenges. Activities**

Dainius Genys (Vytautas Magnus University)

**5. "Unbearable Lightness" of European Identity**

Tomas Kavaliauskas (Vytautas Magnus University)

**18:30 Reception** and Opening of the Exhibition "**Remembrances of Kaunas Spring 1972**" dedicated to Kalantinės in the VMU Adamkus Library (K. Donelaičio str. 52)

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DAY 2

**9:30-10:00** Opening of the Exhibition dedicated to professor L. Donskis in the VMU Leonidas Donskis Library (V. Putvinskio str. 23)

**10:00 - 11:30 Section 4**

**PUBLIC POLITICS**

Round table discussion - *Divided Europe. Resilience to Authoritarianism and Hate Ideology*

**Moderator / discussant:** Šarūnas Liekis (Vytautas Magnus University)

**Participants:** Linas Linkevičius (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania), Vygaudas Ušackas (European Union Ambassador to the Russian Federation), Lilia Shevtsova (Chatham House), Simas Čelutka (Vilnius Institute for Policy Analysis), Donatas Puslys (Vilnius Institute for Policy Analysis), Algirdas Davidavičius (Vytautas Magnus University), Andrius Bielskis (Vytautas Magnus University/ Mykolas Romeris University)

**11:30 - 12:00** Coffee break

**12:00 - 14:00 Section 5**

**LEONIDAS DONSKIS MEMENTO AND STUDENTS**

**Moderator / discussant:** Tomas Kavaliauskas

**1. Privacy, Dystopias and Leonidas Donskis's Philosophy**

Žygimantas Menčėnkovas (Vytautas Magnus University)

**2. The Meaning of New Music: Considering the Political Unconscious**

Edvardas Šumila (Vytautas Magnus University)

**3. Liquid Thinking: does Donskis Dream of Fleurs du Mal**

Rytis Juodeika (Vytautas Magnus University)

**4. Leonidas Donskis's Thought on Nationalism and Anti-Semitism in Lithuania**

Chinmaya Mahanand (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Kaunas University of Technology)

**5. Hate in the Tradition of Moral Practice**

Eglė Lukšaitė (Vytautas Magnus University)

**6. Confrontation Between Eco-Nationalism and Moral Imagination: The Problem of Stability of "Liberal Nationalism"**

Mantas Antanas Davidavičius

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**19:00** A concert in memoriam of Leonidas Donskis. The Open Air Garden of the Musical Theatre (Laisvės avenue 93).