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STAFF

9 teachers (9 holding research degree), 2 research fellows (2 holding research degree).

3 professors: Habil. Dr. (hp) Rita Šerpytytė, Habil. Dr. (hp) Tomas Sodeika, Habil. Dr. (hp) Andrius Narbekovas (time-worker).

3 docents (associate professors): Dr. Aušra Kristina Pažėraitė, Dr. Mintautas Gutauskas (part-time), Dr. Danutė Bacevičiūtė (part-time).

3 lecturers: Dr. Valdas Mackela (part-time), Dr. Sigita Maslauskaitė (time worker), Dr. Dainius Razauskas (time worker).

1 postdoctoral student – Dr. Vaiva Daraškevičiūtė

RESEARCH AREAS

Religion and Culture

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion and everyday life: challenges of the contemporary world

Philosophy of religion

New religious movements

Nihilism and secularization

Religion and visualization

Role of the church in the post-modern transformations

MAIN CONFERENCES ORGANIZED IN 2013

*Pateikiamos svarbiausios 2013 m. organizuoti konferencijos, simpoziumai.
(ne daugiau 5)*

International Conference *Nihilism and Imagination*, 1–5th July 2013

International Conference *Existential Interpretation of Being Human in Philosophy and Psychology: Validity and Topicality*, 3–6th October 2013 (with European Humanities University (Vilnius) and the Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre (Copenhagen))

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013

Pateikiami svarbiausieji 2013 m. mokslinės veiklos pasiekimai (jeigu buvo) – max 3

1. Collective monograph. Šerpytytė, R. (ed.), Sodeika, T. Bacevičiūtė, D., Gutauskas, M., Sabolius, K., Daraškevičiūtė, V., Maslauskaitė, S., Pažeraitė, A. 2013. *Sekuliarizacija ir dabarties kultūra (Secularisation and Contemporary Culture)*. Vilnius: VU leidykla, (522 p.). ISBN 978-609-459-245-4
2. Monograph. Sabolius K. 2013. *Įsivaizduojamybė (Imaginary)*. Vilnius: VU leidykla, (253 p.). ISBN 978-609-459-246-1
3. Collective monograph. Milerius, N. (ed.), Žukauskaitė, A., Baranova, J., Sabolius, K., Brašiškis, L. 2013. *Kinas ir filosofija (Film and Philosophy)*. Vilnius: VU leidykla, (p. 222). ISBN 978-609-459-228-7

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2013

Projects Supported by University Budget

Pateikiamas vykdomų biudžetinių m/t darbų sąrašas ir trumpas kiekvieno darbo 2013 m. mokslinės veiklos rezultatų aprašymas (ne daugiau 500 spaudos ženklų) ir svarbiausios publikacijos (ne daugiau 3).

Religion and Culture. Prof. R. Šerpytytė. 2013.

Interdisciplinary Research on Religion 2001–2013.

During the year 2013 6 articles were published in the national scientific journals and 1 article in the international collection of articles. The material for the publishing in two volumes of scientific journal *Religion and Culture* (vol. 12 – 2 articles, vol. 13 – 4 articles) was prepared.

1. Pažeraitė, A. K. „Jewish Prayer Halls and Synagogues in Vilna, 1914–1920“, in *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry, Volume 25: Jews in the Former Grand Duchy of Lithuania since 1773*, eds. Šarūnas Liekis, Antony Polonsky, Chaeran Freeze, 2013, pp. 183–206, Oxford, Portland, Oregon: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, ISSN 0268-1056, ISBN 978-1-904113-93-5

<http://www.littman.co.uk/cat/polin-25.html>

National Research Projects

Pateikiamas vykdomų projektų sąrašas (pvz., LMT MIP, LIT, SVE, ATE, LIG, LEK, dotacijų projektai, MITA finansuojami projektai, ministerijų finansuojami projektai) ir trumpas kiekvieno projekto 2013 m. mokslinės veiklos rezultatų aprašymas (ne daugiau 500 spaudos ženklų) ir svarbiausios publikacijos (ne daugiau 3).

Research Council of Lithuania. National programme: State and Nation: Heritage and Identity. 2010–2014. **Religion and Culture: The Challenges of the Contemporary World to the Identity** (No. VAT-13/2010). Prof. Rita Šerpytytė. 2010–2013.

The project in 2013 was focused on the theoretical analysis of the problem of nihilism and imagination, with particular focus on their link to the challenges of contemporary world.

On the basis of the project investigations, there were 2 monographs and one article for publishing prepared, 2 international conferences organized, 9 papers at the international conferences presented.

Main publications:

1. Collective monograph. Šerpytytė, R. (ed.), Sodeika, T. Bacevičiūtė, D., Gutauskas, M., Sabolius, K., Daraškevičiūtė, V., Maslauskaitė, S., Pažeraitė, A. 2013. *Sekuliarizacija ir dabarties kultūra (Secularisation and Contemporary Culture)*. Vilnius: VU leidykla, (522 p.). ISBN 978-609-459-245-4

2. Monograph. Sabolius K. 2013. *Įsivaizduojamybė (Imaginary)*. Vilnius: VU leidykla, (253 p.). ISBN 978-609-459-246-1
3. Article. Šerpytė, R. 2013. Pakartojimas ir nihilizmas (Repetition and Nihilism), *Problemos* 84: 46–59, VU leidykla
<http://www.vu.lt/leidyba/lt/mokslo-zurnalai/problemos/archyvas/problemos-2013-84/item/1779-pakartojimas-ir-nihilizmas>

Research Council of Lithuania. **Philosophical Research into Cinema Art: Theoretical Assumptions, Methods, Objectives** (MIP-115/2011). Dr. N. Milerius. 2011–2013.

The project in 2013 was focused on the investigation of the territories of interest where the interaction of cinema and philosophy is at most intensive. Four territories were distinguished: 1) movement and montage; 2) becoming and identity; 3) everyday and the archive; 4) the representable and unrepresentable.

On the basis of the project investigations, there were 2 monographs for publishing prepared, 4 papers presented in the project seminar “Film and Philosophy” (18th March 2013), 2 papers presented in the international conference “Nihilism and Imagination” (1–5th July 2013).

Main publications:

1. Monograph. Milerius, N. 2013. *Apokalipsė kine: filosofinės prielaidos (The Apocalypse in Film: the Philosophical Presuppositions)*. Vilnius: VU leidykla. ISBN 978-609-459-233-1
2. Collective monograph. Milerius, N. (ed.), Žukauskaitė, A., Baranova, J., Sabolius, K., Brašiškis, L. 2013. *Kinas ir filosofija (Film and Philosophy)*. Vilnius: VU leidykla, (p. 222). ISBN 978-609-459-228-7

Research Council of Lithuania. **Transformations of Ontology: Nihilism, Ethics, Media** (No. MIP-011/2013). Prof. Tomas Sodeika. 2013–2015.

The project in 2013 was focused to explore three directions in relation to the transformations of ontology: 1) “immanent” overcoming of ontological nihilism when attempting to develop a “negative” ontology in which “nothing” carries the function of main category; 2) the analysis of E. Levinas and H. Jonas ethical investigations in relation with ontology; 3) the analysis of media as “the extensions of man” (M. McLuhan), i. e. the media enabling and forming the participation of the person in reality.

On the basis of the project investigations, there were 2 papers at the international conferences presented and 3 articles for publishing prepared.

International Research Projects

Pateikiamas vykdomų tarptautinių projektų (pvz. 7BP, Lietuvos-Šveicarijos programa, kitos dvišalio bendradarbiavimo programos, CERN, Public Health, NIH), sąrašas ir trumpas kiekvieno projekto 2013 m. mokslinės veiklos rezultatų aprašymas (ne daugiau 500 spaudos ženklų) ir svarbiausios publikacijos (ne daugiau 3).

The international research project **ONLENHER – Ontology. Language. Hermeneutics** (under the guidance of Dr. Maria Teresa Oñate Zubia). Prof. Rita Šerpytė is a member of the international group of investigation ONLENHER at the National Distance Education University (UNED) in Spain.

http://portal.uned.es/portal/page?_pageid=93,8843313&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL&idContenido=5

The project in 2013 was focused on the problems of contemporary hermeneutics as well as of the nihilism and the critique of violence. On the basis of the project investigations, there were 1 article for publication prepared and 1 plenary paper at the international conference presented.

Main results:

1. Šerpytytė, R. „Ermeneutica e nichilismo: Vattimo vs. Ferraris“ (“Hermeneutics and Nihilism: Vattimo vs. Ferraris”). In *Critica y Crisis. Intervenciones hermenéuticas*. Madrid, 2013 (forthcoming); (article in the book).
2. Šerpytytė, R. Conferenza plenaria “Justicia Nichilista con Ricoeur y Derrida” (“Nihilistic Justice with Ricoeur and Derrida”) / (Segundas Jornadas del Segundo Seminario Internacional de la Cátedra de Hermenéutica Crítica: “Centenario Paul Ricoeur: Tiempo, Dolor, Justicia”). Madrid, 2-5 December, 2013).

Contractual Research

Pateikiamas 2013 vykdytų užsakomųjų darbų(Lietuvos ir užsienio užsakovai) sąrašas.

MAIN R&D&I (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION) PARTNERS

Nurodomi pagrindiniai padalinio 2013 m. mokslinės ir inovacinės veiklos partneriai Lietuvoje ir užsienyje (ne daugiau 5).

Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies of Luigi Pareyson, Turin (Italy)

University of Turin (Italy)

University of Eastern Piedmont (Italy)

University of Lisbon (Portugal)

National Distance Education University (UNED) (Spain)

The Pontifical University of John Paul II Cracow (Poland)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Prof. Rita Šerpytytė

- president of the Lithuanian Philosophy Teacher’s Association;
- member and national representative (correspondent) of International Association for Philosophy Teachers (Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie, enregistrée á Bruxelles), <http://www.aipph.de>
- editorial board member of the scientific journal *Žmogus ir žodis (Man and the Word)*, <http://www.vpu.lt/leidykla/zmzodis2.php>
- editor-in-chief of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*, <http://www.rstc.vu.lt>
- editorial board member of the journal *Экзистенциальная традиция: философия, психология, психотерапия (Existential Tradition: Philosophy, Psychology, Psychotherapy)*, <http://www.existrad.nm.ru>
- member of the organising committee and jury of Lithuanian Philosophy Olympiad;
- member of the Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD) in Lithuania, <http://www.kaad.de/deutsch/inhalt.htm>
- member of the Research Council of Lithuania (Committee of Humanities and Social Sciences) (since 2007) <http://www.lmt.lt/lt/apie-taryba/hsm.html>
- chair of the Research Council of Lithuanian Culture Research Institute http://lkti.lt/apie_mus/taryba.html
- board member of the Lithuanian Society of Philosophers;
- director of international conference “Nihilism and Imagination”, 1–5 July <http://www.rstc.vu.lt/lt/organising-committee>

- member of organising committee of international conference *Existential Interpretation of Being Human in Philosophy and Psychology: Validity and Topicality*, 3–6 October

Prof. Tomas Sodeika

- editorial board member of the scholarly journal *Athena: filosofijos studijos (Athena: Philosophical Studies)* (since 2006) <http://www.kfmi.lt/athena/?lang=en&no=editorial-board>
- editorial board member of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*, <http://www.rstc.vu.lt>
- editorial board member of the interdisciplinary journal *Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmai (Sociology. Thought and Action)*, <http://www.ku.lt/sociologija/page.php?id=staff>
- board member of the Lithuanian Association of Phenomenology;
- deputy chairman of Lithuanian Society of Philosophers;
- member of organising committee of international conference “Nihilism and Imagination”, 1–5 July
<http://www.rstc.vu.lt/lt/organising-committee>

Prof. Andrius Narbekovas

- member of the Council of Faculty of Catholic Theology at Vytautas Magnus University
- member of Senate of Vytautas Magnus University
<http://www.vdu.lt/en/about-vmu/structure-and-management-of-vmu/senate/>
- editorial board member of the journal of religious science *SOTER*
<http://biblioteka.vdu.lt/?q=node/545#01>
- member of the Lithuanian Cultural Psychiatry Association
- member of the World Federation of Doctors Who Respect Human Life
<http://www.zmogausgyvybe.lt/pgf/lietuvos-asociacija>

Doc. Dr. Aušra Kristina Pažėraitė

- authoress of Science and Encyclopaedia Publishing Institute;
- directress of Lithuanian Jewish Culture Research Centre (in Lithuanian Culture Research Institute, former Culture, Philosophy and Arts Research Institute) (since 2007);
- board member of the Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religion
<http://en.relijijotyra.lt/members/>

Doc. Dr. Mintautas Gutauskas

- editorial board member of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*, <http://www.rstc.vu.lt>
- member of the Lithuanian Association of Phenomenology;
- member of the Lithuanian Society of Philosophers
- member of the Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD) in Lithuania,
<http://kaadbonn.de/stipendien/>

Doc. Dr. Danutė Bacevičiūtė

- editor of the scholarly journal *Athena: filosofijos studijos (Athena: Philosophical Studies)* (since 2006) <http://www.kfmi.lt/athena/?lang=en&no=editorial-board>

- executive secretary of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*, <http://www.rstc.vu.lt>
- member of the Lithuanian Association of Phenomenology;
- member of organising committee of international conference “Nihilism and Imagination”, 1–5 July
<http://www.rstc.vu.lt/lt/organising-committee>

Dr. Sigita Maslauskaitė

- editorial board member of the scientific journal *Religija ir kultūra (Religion and Culture)*, <http://www.rstc.vu.lt>
- member of the Lithuanian Art Historian Society (since 2005)
<http://www.ldid.lt/en/members/>
- member of the Lithuanian Artists’ Association (since 2009);
- member of International Council of Museums (ICOM) (since 2010).

Dr. Dainius Razauskas

- senior editor of the journal *Liaudies kultūra (Folk Culture)*
<http://www.llkc.lt/index.php?1349237352>
- editorial board member of the scholarly journal *Res Humanitariae* (since 2007)
http://www.ku.lt/hmf/res_humanitariae/redkolegija.pdf

Dr. Valdas Mackela

- member of scientific organising of interdisciplinary international conference “Interreligious Dialogue and Religious Syncretism” in the Faculty of Catholic Theology at Vytautas Magnus University, 3–4 May, 2013
<http://news.sisr-issr.org/2013/01/13/interreligious-dialogue-and-religious-syncretism/>
- board member of New Religions Research and Information Centre
<http://religija.lt/nrtic-steigejai-valdyba-darbuotojai-specialistai-bendradarbiai>

Dr. Vaiva Daraškevičiūtė

- member of the Lithuanian Society of Philosophers
- member of the Lithuanian Association of Aesthetics

NERAŠYTI EKSPERTAVIMO

Kita mokslinė veikla: dalyvavimas tarptautinių ir nacionalinių konferencijų org. komitetuose, tarptautinių ir nacionalinių žurnalų redkolegijose, išrinkimas į užsienio ir nacionalinę mokslų akademijas, apdovanojimai (tarptautinės, nacionalinės ir vardinės mokslo premijos bei stipendijos). Prašytume pagrįsti pateikiamus duomenis, nurodant tinklalapį ar kitą šaltinį.