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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).

4 lecturers: Dr. Valdas Mackela (part-time), Dr. Sigita Maslauskaitė (time worker), Dr. Dainius Razauskas (time worker), Dr. Vytis Silius (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 2014

*Pateikiamos svarbiausios 2014 m. organizuotos konferencijos, simpoziumai.
(ne daugiau 5)*

1. International conference *After Ontology?*, 27–29 April 2014

2. Conference *Intuition or Understanding? Direct Experience and Interpretation in Phenomenology*, 27 November 2014 (with Lithuanian Association of Phenomenology)

3. Conference *Jacques Derrida and Religion*, 4–5th December 2014

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014

Pateikiami svarbiausieji 2014 m. mokslinės veiklos pasiekimai (jeigu buvo) – max 3

RESEARCH PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN 2014

Projects Supported by University Budget

Pateikiamas vykdomų biudžetinių m/t darbų sąrašas ir trumpas kiekvieno darbo 2014 m. mokslinės veiklos rezultatų aprašymas (ne daugiau 500 spaudos ženklų) ir svarbiausios publikacijos (ne daugiau 3).

Religion and Culture. Prof. R. Šerpytytė. 2014.

Interdisciplinary Research on Religion 2001–2014.

During the year 2014 1 article was published in the national scientific journal and 4 articles in the international collection of articles. The material for the publishing in two volumes of scientific journal *Religion and Culture* (vol. 14-15 – 5 articles) was prepared.

1. Sodeika, T. „Das Heilige im Zeitalter seiner technischen Reproduzierbarkeit“, in *Rudolf Otto. Theologie–Religionsphilosophie–Religionsgeschichte*, Hrsg. von Jörg Lauster, Peter Schüz, Roderich Barth und Christian Danz. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, 2014, p 639–650. ISBN 978-3-11-031087-0
2. Šerpytytė, R. „Religious *Wiederholung*: Søren Kierkegaard and Giorgio Agamben“, in *Topos. Journal for Philosophy and Cultural Studies* no. 1, 2014, p. 53–67, Vilnius: European Humanities University, ISSN 1815-0047
<http://www.littman.co.uk/cat/polin-25.html>
3. Šerpytytė, R. „Nihilistinis teisingumas su Ricoeuru ir Derrida“, in *Problemos*, t. 85, 2014, p. 42–56, Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, ISSN 1392-1126

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 2014 m. mokslinės veiklos rezultatų aprašymas (ne daugiau 500 spaudos ženklų) ir svarbiausios publikacijos (ne daugiau 3).

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

The project in 2014 was focused to explore three directions in relation to the transformations of ontology: 1) the analysis of nihilism and ontology of accident; 2) the analysis of H. Jonas ethical investigations in relation with phenomenon of technology; 3) the analysis of media enabling and forming the participation of the person in reality (ontology of cinema).

On the basis of the project investigations, there were 7 papers at the international conferences presented and 4 articles for publishing prepared.

1. Sodeika, T. “Ontology of Cinema”, in *Athena. Filosofijos studijos*, vol. 9, p. 26–45, Vilnius: Lietuvos kultūros tyrimų institutas, ISSN 1822-5047

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 2014 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 Šerpytytė 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 2014 was focused on the problems of contemporary hermeneutics. On the basis of the project investigations, there was the meeting-seminar of the projects „Transformations of Ontology: Nihilism, Media, Ethics“ (Vilnius University) and OnLenHer (UNED, Madrid, Spain) organized (Vilnius, 27 April, 2014) and 1 plenary paper at the international conference presented.

Contractual Research

Pateikiamas 2014 vykdytų užsakomųjų darbų (Lietuvos ir užsienio užsakovai) sąrašas.

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

Nurodomi pagrindiniai padalinio 2014 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)

University of Latvia (Riga)

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 scholarly journal *HYBRIS: Revista de Filosofia (HYBRIS: Journal of Philosophy)* (since 2014)
<http://revistas.cenaltes.cl/index.php/hybris/about/editorialTeam>
- editorial board member of the scientific journal *Žmogus ir žodis (Man and the Word)*, <http://www.vpu.lt/leidykla/zmozdis2.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;
- 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;

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>
- member of the National Health Council under the Seimas
<http://www3.lrs.lt/docs2/EYHHHLAP.PDF>

Doc. Dr. Aušra Kristina Pažeraitė

- 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.religijotyra.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;

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

- 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 tinklapi ar kitą šaltinį.