 

Nurturing Critical Minds:

Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Education and the Workforce

27 – 28 June 2024

Vilnius, Lithuania

# Programme

# Place: ****Domus Philologiae****, Faculty of Philology, Universiteto g. 5, Vilnius

# Thursday, 27 June 2024

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| **8.30 – 9.00** | **Registration****Place:** **Writers’ Hall,** **Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology |
| **9.00 – 9.30** | **Conference Opening****Place:** Krėvės Auditorium 118, **Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of PhilologyPro-Rector for Partnerships**Dr Artūras VASILIAUSKAS**Dean of the Faculty of Philology**Prof. Dr Mindaugas KVIETKAUSKAS**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hellenic Republic to the Republic of LithuaniaEmbassy of Greece in Vilnius**Prof. Dr Vilija TARGAMADZĖ**Vice-Head of the Department of Psychology, Head of the Laboratory of Cognitive Science, University of Western Macedonia**Prof. Dr Dimitris PNEVMATIKOS** |
| **Keynote Forum**Chair - **Roma KRIAUČIŪNIENĖ****Place:** Krėvės Auditorium 118, **Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology |
| **9.30 – 10.15** | **Assoc. Prof. Dr Sandra KAIRĖ** (Vilnius University, Lithuania) ***Critical Thinking for Education in the Anthropocene: What to Expect?*** |
| **10.15 – 11.00** | **Assoc. Prof. Dr Daiva PENKAUSKIENĖ** (Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania)  ***Concept and Context of Critical Thinking in Higher Education*** |
| **11.00 – 11.15** | **Coffee/Tea Break** |
| **Keynote Forum**Chair - **Roma KRIAUČIŪNIENĖ****Place:** Krėvės Auditorium 118, **Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology |
| **11.15 – 12.00** | **Prof. Dr Dimitris PNEVMATIKOS** (University of Western Macedonia, Greece)***Creating Critical Thinking Professionals: Challenges for Higher Education and Strategies for Enhancing Critical Thinking*** |
| **12.00 – 12.45** | **Assoc. Prof. Dr Luis SEBASTIÃO** (University of Evora, Portugal)  ***How Critical is Critical Thinking?*** |
| **12.45 – 14.00** | **Lunch Break** |

Parallel Panel Sessions

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|  | ***Panel Session 1*****Critical Thinking Development in Teacher Training Programmes** Chair: **Simona KONTRIMIENĖ**Co-chair: **Daiva PENKAUSKIENĖ****Place:** **Room A9****Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology | ***Panel Session 2*****Critical Thinking Development in the Studies of Medicine** Chair: **Karolis AŽUKAITIS** Co-chair: **Agnė JAKAVONYTĖ-AKSTINIENĖ****Place:** **Room 122****Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology | ***Panel Session 3*****Critical Thinking Development in the Studies of Economics** Chair: **Julija SAVICKĖ****Place:** **Room 114****Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology  |
| **14.00 – 14.05** | **Chair’s introduction** |
| **14.05 – 15.30** | ***Session Keynote speech*****Daiva PENKAUSKIENĖ**(Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania)Co-authors: **Aistė DIRŽYTĖ**, Valdonė INDRAŠIENĖ, Violeta JEGELEVIČIENĖ, Odeta MERFELDAITĖ, Jolanta PIVORIENĖ, Asta RAILIENĖ & **Justinas SADAUSKAS*****The Role of Perceived Importance of Critical Thinking Skills and Self-reported Critical Thinking Skills for Work Engagement***Filipa TIRAPICOS(University of Evora, Portugal)Co-authors: Hugo REBELO, Luís SEBASTIÃO & Rita PAYAN-CARREIRA***Hard Skills vs Soft Skills: Cross-Perspectives of Trainers, Employers and Trainees***Panagiota CHRISTODOULOU & Anastasios PAPANIKOLAOU(University of Western Macedonia, Greece)***Critical Reflections: Student Teachers' Critical Thinking Competencies in the Context of Education for Sustainable Development*** *(online)*Daiva JAKAVONYTĖ-STAŠKUVIENĖ, Jolita KUDINOVIENĖ(Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)***Action Research-Based Practice as a Basis for Developing Critical Thinking in Primary School Pupils***Rūta PETKUTĖ(Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania) **Are Contemporary Universities Venues for Critical Thought? Conceptual and Empirical Insights** | ***Session Keynote speech*** **Karolis AŽUKAITIS** (Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Critical Thinking as an Essential Skill of Physicians in Training*** Agnė JAKAVONYTĖ-AKSTINIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Nurturing Critical Thinking in Nursing: How to Nurture and Develop Critical Thinking in a Nursing Student*** Rita PAYAN-CARREIRA (University of Evora, Portugal)***Advancing Clinical Excellence: Nurturing Critical Thinking Skills in Medical Education***Indrė ČERGELYTĖ-PODGRUŠIENĖ (Vilnius University, Lithuania)***The Importance of Critical Thinking in the Development of Practical Skills in Nursing Students***Rita PAYAN-CARREIRA, Ruben SILVA, Hugo REBELO & Luis SEBASTIÃO(University of Evora, Portugal)***Participatory Co-design of Critical Thinking Blended Interventions: Bringing the Workplace into the Classroom***   | ***Session Keynote speech*****Tom HASHIMOTO**(Vilnius University, Lithuania;Lublin University of Technology, Poland)***Can We Teach Economic Ethics to AI?****(online)*Gerda Ana MELNIK-LEROY(Vilnius University, Lithuania)Co-authors:Giedrė DZEMYDAITĖ, Linas AIDOKAS, Gintautas DZEMYDA, Virginijus MARCINKEVIČIUS, Danguolė MELNIKIENĖ & Ana USOVAITĖ***Cognitive STATS: An E-Platform for Advancing Statistical Literacy and Critical Thinking Skills*** *(online)*Giedrė DZEMYDAITĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)Co-authors:Gerda Ana MELNIK-LEROY, Linas AIDOKAS, Gintautas DZEMYDA, Virginijus MARCINKEVIČIUS, Danguolė MELNIKIENĖ & Ana USOVAITĖ***Is My Visualization Better Than Yours? Analyzing Factors Modulating Exponential Growth Bias in Graphs***Tomas KARPAVIČIUS(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***The Ethical Economist: Integrating Justice and Equity into Economic Decisions***Tahmineh KHALILI(Hakim Sabzevari University, Iran)Co-authors:Saeed KETABI, Dimitris PNEVMATIKOS & [Dariush Nejad Ansari MAHABADI](https://www.researchgate.net/scientific-contributions/2112985405-Dariush-Nejad-Ansari-Mahabadi)***Development of Critical Thinking, Creativity and L2 Reading through Online Group Problem-Solving Tasks for Undergraduates of Finance*** *(online)* |
| **15.30 – 15.45** | **Coffee/Tea Break** |

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|  | ***Panel Session 1****(continued)***Critical Thinking Development in Teacher Training Programmes** Chair: **Simona KONTRIMIENĖ**Co-chair: **Daiva PENKAUSKIENĖ****Place:** **Room A9****Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology | ***Panel Session 2****(continued)***Critical Thinking Development in the Studies of Medicine** Chair: **Karolis AŽUKAITIS** Co-chair: **Agnė JAKAVONYTĖ-AKSTINIENĖ****Place:** **Room 122****Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology | **WORKSHOP****KMDD Discussion session:*****Nurturing Critical Thinking and Fostering Moral Competence***Chair: **Roma KRIAUČIŪNIENĖ****Place:** **Room 114****Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology |
| **15.45 – 17.15** | Evelina BUROKĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Critical Thinking Beyond Disciplines: How to Measure the Immeasurable?***Rasa AŠKINYTĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Analysis of Ethical Problems Based on Theory and Practice of Logical Thinking: An Educational Model***Guillaume CAILLAUD(University of Caen, France)***The Disco+ Project and Critical Thinking***Daiva JAKAVONYTĖ-STAŠKUVIENĖ & Jovita PONOMARIOVIENĖ(Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania) ***Expressing Critical Thinking Among Primary School Teachers When Creating an Educational Environment That Provides Opportunities for Students to Set Short-term Goals and Reflect on Them***Loreta ZAVADSKIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Complexity Theory-Based Insights Into What is More Important in Higher Education: Critical Thinking or Reflective Thinking? Or Both?***Simona KONTRIMIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***The Interplay Between Critical Thinking, Emotional Touchpoints and Personalised* Learning*: Experiences from Two Erasmus+ Projects*** | Hugo REBELO, Luís SEBASTIÃO, Rita PAYAN-CARREIRA, Filipa TIRAPICOS & Ana CRISTÓVÃO (University of Evora, Portugal)***Can Critical Thinking Reduce the Gap Between Universities and the Labour Market? A Study with Focus Groups and One In-depth Interview with Veterinarians***Marija TRUŠ (Klaipėda University, Lithuania)***Critical Thinking of Nursing Students: Developing an Essential Skill***Edita BUTRIMĖ(Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Lithuania)Co-authors: Silvija RAKUTIENĖ, Dalija GUDAITYTĖ, , Liudmila DULKSNIENĖ, Laura RAŠČIAUSKAITĖ, Aida ČIŽIKAITĖ***Developing Creativity as a Precondition of Critical Thinking in Language Studies at the University of Health Sciences Using Non-traditional Activities*** | Dr Kay HEMMERLINGChairman at the Institute for Moral-Democratic Competence (IMDC), Germany)***Teaching Students to Speak Up and Listen to Others in Various Educational Settings: Fostering Moral-Democratic Competencies with the Konstanz Method of Dilemma-Discussion (KMDD®): A Practical Introduction*** |

# Friday, 28 June 2024

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| **Keynote Forum** Chair– **Roma KRIAUČIŪNIENĖ****Place:** Krėvės Auditorium 118, **Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology |
| **9.00 – 9.45** | **Assoc. Prof. Dr Erika VAIGINIENĖ** (Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Critical Thinking in the Context of Socio-Technical Revolution: Risks and Opportunities*** |
| **9.45 – 10.30** | **Inga JONČIENĖ** (Head of Business Development at Alliance for Recruitment, Lithuania)***Market Situation in Lithuania: Hiring Attitude and Training the Skills*** |
| **10.30 – 11.15** | **Alistair STARLING** (Co-Founder and Managing Director, European Diplomats, Germany) ***Business Diplomacy: A Symphony of Critical Thinking, Business Acumen, and AI Readiness in the Global Landscape*** |
| **11.15 – 11.30** | **Coffee/Tea Break** |
| **Keynote Forum** Chair - **Roma KRIAUČIŪNIENĖ** **Place:** Krėvės Auditorium 118, **Domus Philologiae,** Faculty of Philology |
| **11.30 – 12.15** | **Dr Kay HEMMERLING** (Chairman at the Institute for Moral-Democratic Competence, Germany)***Nurturing Critical Thinking vs Fostering Moral Competence: Psychological Perspectives on Theory and Measurement of Both Concepts and Their Implications for Education*** |
| **12.15 – 13.00** | **Assist. Prof. Dr Adam MASTANDREA** (Vilnius University, Lithuania)  ***Teaching Media Literacy and Critical Thinking in the Language Classroom*** |
| **13.00 – 14.00** | **Lunch Break** |

Parallel Panel Sessions

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| **14.00 – 14.05** | **Chair’s introduction** |
| **14.05 – 15.30** | ***Session Keynote speech*****Mark HENNESSY**(Maynooth University, Ireland)***Teaching Critical Thinking: Believe Half of What You See and None of What You Hear (online)***Nijolė ČIUČIULKIENĖ,Ilona TANDZEGOLSKIENĖ-BIELAGLOVĖ,Martyna ČULADIENĖ(Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)***Development of Critical Thinking through Phenomenon-Based Learning: Experiences of Foreign Language Teachers***Handan ÇELIK(Trabzon University/Fatih, Turkey) Nalan BAYRAKTAR BALKIR(Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Turkey)***Debate as a Pedagogical Tool for Verbal Communication Skills at the Tertiary Level: Does It Offer More?*** (online)Inna SAMOULYUKEVICH.(Vilnius University, Lithuania) ***Critical Thinking as a Conditio Sine Qua Non for University-Level Foreign Language Teachers' Professional Development*** | ***Session Keynote speech*****Linara BARTKUVIENĖ**(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Critical Thinking Through Literary Criticism or Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird***Akın GÜRBÜZ (Vilnius University, Lithuania)Rana YILDIRIM(Çukurova University, Turkey)***Exploring the Turkish EFL Instructors’ Perceptions of Their Multicultural Teaching Competence***Grant Matthew ROSSON(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Beyond Listening and Speaking: The Role of Writing in Fostering Critical Thought in Literature Students***Loreta CHODZKIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Interweaving Critical Thinking Skills, Reflective Writing, and Intercultural Communicative Competence: Their Role in Intercultural Education***Mykolas LEKEVIČIUS(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***The Role of Logic in Reasoning: An Argumentative Theory*** | ***Session Keynote speech*****Rimas NORVAIŠA**(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Critical Thinking in School Mathematics***Jurgita MARKEVIČIŪTĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Critical Thinking in Statistics and Statistical Literacy***Tatjana JEVSIKOVA(Vilnius University, Lithuania) ***Critical Thinking in Informatics Education: Developing Computational Thinking***Julija GRIGORJEVAITĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Encouraging Critical Thinking in a Chemistry Classroom***Laura GINIŪNIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Fostering Critical Thinking in University Classrooms with the Action-oriented Approach*** |
| **15.30 – 15.45** | **Coffee/Tea Break**  |
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| **15.45 – 17.15** | Roma VALIUKIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Critical Thinking as a Path to a Well-Grounded and Aware Individual***Iuliu RATIU(Babeș-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania)***Teaching Self-Assessment in Business English Classes*** (online)Natalya MIKHAILOVA(European Humanities University, Lithuania)***Transformative Pedagogy in liberal Arts: Developing Metacognitive******Competences via Translation*** (online)Inga ROZGIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)**Effectiveness of the Course *English for Academic Purposes and Research*: The Learner Perspective**Gitana IRNIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Reflection on the Language Teaching Process from Critical Thinking Perspectives***Vilma KARDAUSKĖ & Danutė BELAZARIENĖ (Vilniaus kolegija/ Higher Education Institution, Lithuania)***Developing Critical Thinking Skills in Writing Summaries in English*** (online) | Paul NANU(University of Alba Iulia, Romania)***Eyes Without a Face and Bodies Without Limit. The Actuation of the Mad Scientist***Szetozar POSTIC(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Development of Critical Thinking Skills in Literature Classes***Tomas RIKLIUS(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***“At first I thought it would be boring”. Critical Thinking in Classical Studies Classroom***Tomasz WYS ŁOBOCKI (University of Wroclaw, Poland)***The Role of Old Literature in Shaping Self-Awareness and Social Skills of Students*** (online)Ovidiu IVANCU(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Critical Minds at Work. Deconstructing “Waiting for the Barbarians” by J. M. Coetzee***Tudor ROȘU(The National Museum of Union, Alba Iulia, Romania)***How Do We Celebrate a National Hero Today? The Transylvanian Avram Iancu and His Bicentennial*** | Asta STATKEVIČIENĖ(Vilnius University, Lithuania)***Value-added Experience Through Just a Step Aside***Angeliki LITHOXOIDOU &Triantafyllia GEORGIADOU(University of Western Macedonia, Greece)***Assessing the credibility of AI and human informants: The role of actively open-minded thinking in credibility assessments***Katherine RUPRECHT(Paul-Valéry Montpellier III University/ LIRDEF, France)***Culturally Responsive Approaches to Teaching Information Literacy to Secondary School and University Students in an AI-Accessible World*** (online) |