

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Post

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences Humanities and Arts, Kaunas University of Technology

Date of appointment: January 2017

Education

- 2009 *Individual Ph.D. Program (Political Psychology)*
University of Washington (Seattle, USA), awarded 20 March 2009.
- 2003 *Master of Public Administration*
University of Washington (Seattle, USA), Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, awarded 22 August 2003.
- 1999 *B.A. English Language and Literature*
LCC International University, awarded 7 May 1999.
- 1997 *Diploma, Journalism*
Vilnius University, School of Journalism, awarded 20 June 1997.

Employment History

- 2014 – 2016 *Lecturer / Head of Memory and History Cluster*, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies, University of Bath (UK)
- 2011 – 2013 *Senior Research Fellow*, Department of Politics and International Relations University of Oxford (UK)
- 2009 – 2011 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Institute for Sustainability and Peace, United Nations University (Tokyo, Japan)
- 2008 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, University of Washington (USA)
- 2000-2008 *Graduate Staff Assistant/Subcontract Coordinator, Office of Research*, University of Washington (USA)

Active research areas

Threat perception, the role of moral emotions and memory in political decision-making, political culture and democracy

Publications

Books

European Union and NATO enlargement: Central and Eastern Europe, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, (2010).

Continuity and Change in the Baltic Sea Region: Comparing Foreign Policies, Amsterdam:

Rodopi, (2008) (co-authored with D. Galbreath, J. Lamoreaux).

Book chapters

- ‘Shadow of guilt: US Rwandese relations after 1994 genocide’ in: Y. Ariffin, J.-M. Coicaud, and V. Popovski (eds) *Emotions in International Politics*. Cambridge, U. K.: Cambridge University Press, pp. 254 – 276, (2016).
- ‘Daily Democracy: Politics, Media, and Democratic Culture’ in: J. Zielonka (ed) *Media and Politics in New Democracies Europe in a Comparative Perspective*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 137 – 153, (2015).
- ‘Wary co-existence: Baltic-Russian relations in the post-enlargement era’ in M. David, J. Gower and H. Haukkala (eds) *National Perspectives on Russia*, London: Routledge, pp. 149 – 169, (2013) (co-authored with D. Galbreath).

Journal Articles

- ‘The Perception of Threats to National Welfare: The Impact of Social Optimism, Self-Confidence, and of Social and Institutional Trust’ *Politologija* 85(1), 2017, pp. 3-55, (co-authored with Irmina Matonytė, Vaidas Morkevičius and Vaida Jankauskaitė).
- ‘Behind the storefront of democracy: the case of media-politics relations in Lithuania’ *Journalism*, accepted for publication in 2017.
- ‘Living in the Past: The Impact of Victimization Memory on Threat Perceptions’ *Memory Studies*, accepted for publication in 2017, co-authored with Rocío García-Retamero, Vaida Jankauskaitė and Vitalija Simonaitytė.
- ‘Legacies of Srebrenica: the Dutch factor in EU-Serbian relations’ *Political Psychology*, 34 (6), 2013, pp. 899 – 915.
- ‘When History Matters: Baltic and Polish reactions to the Russo-Georgian War’ *Europe-Asia Studies*, 64 (6), 2012, pp. 1061 – 1075.
- ‘The ‘Baltic’ Factor in EU-Russian Relations: in search of coherence and cooperation in an era of complexity’ *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 19(2), 2011 (co-authored with D. Galbreath).
- ‘Restituting victims: EU and NATO enlargements through the lenses of collective guilt’ *Journal of European Public Policy*, 15 (1), 2008, pp. 98 – 116.
- ‘Guilt, Sympathy, and Cooperation: EU-Baltic Relations in the Early 1990s’ *East European Politics & Societies*, 22 (2), 2008, pp. 347 – 372.
- ‘Bloody Sunday: What Did Gorbachev Know About the January 1991 Events in Vilnius and Riga?’ *Journal of Baltic Studies*, 38 (2), 2007, pp. 179 – 194.
- ‘External engagement: Baltic experience’ *Journal of Baltic Studies*, 35 (4), 2004, pp. 360 – 377.

Book reviews

- ‘Klaudijus Maniokas, Ed., Lithuania’s First Decade in the European Union: Transformation or Imitation?’ *Baltic Journal of Political Science*, 5, 2016.
- ‘Fifty Letters from the Troubled Modern World: A Philosophical–Political Diary 2009–2012’ *Journal of Baltic Studies*, 45 (1), 2014.
- ‘Shaping the post-Soviet space? EU policies and approaches to region-building’, *European Security*, 23 (4), 2014.
- ‘The politics of energy and memory between the Baltic States and Russia’, *European Security*, 23 (5), 2014.

Competitive Grants, Fellowships & Awards

- 2015-17 *Grant (Principal investigator)*: 'The cognitive map of domestic and external threats in Lithuania', Research Council of Lithuania, 93 099 EUR.
- 2012 *Grant (Principal investigator)*: 'Baltic threat perceptions of Russia', Research Council of Lithuania, 50 000 LTL (14 700 EUR).
- 2009 *Postdoctoral Fellowship*, Japanese Society for Promotion of Science, Two-year funding.
- 2008 *Distinct Teaching Assistant Award*; Course: Political Science as a Social Science.
- 2008 *Grant (Principal investigator)*: 'EU enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe', European Union Center of Excellence of Seattle, University of Washington, 1,400 USD.
- 2001 *Grant (Principal investigator)*: 'EU enlargement to the Baltic States', European Union Center of Excellence of Seattle, University of Washington, 1,000 USD.
- 2000 *George A. Shipman Fellowship*, Master of Public Administration, University of Washington, 10,000 USD.

Ph.D. supervision experience

Second supervisor:

Derek Bolton, The Quest for Ontological Security in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, University of Bath, from 2014 onwards.

Aynur Seidyusif, Understanding proximate causes of conflicts: the case of Georgia, Bath'o universitas, from 2014 onwards.

Invited Talks, Guest Lectures & Conference Presentations

- 2016 *Presentation*: 'Mapping popular internal and external threats: The case of Lithuania', poster presented at the annual conference of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 16.
- 2015 *Presentation*: 'Sticky memories: the role of historical beliefs in threat perception', paper presented at the annual conference of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 6.
- 2014 *Invited Talk*: 'Security in the Baltic Sea region after Russia's occupation of Crimea', University of York, May 13.
- 2013 *Presentation*: 'Trust, media, and democracy: how attitudes of political institutions shape perceptions of media', paper presented at the workshop 'Audiences, media environments and democratization after the Arab spring', University of Oxford, March 1.
- 2012 *Presentation*: 'Who let the media out? Political parties and media freedom in Central and Eastern Europe', paper presented at the workshop 'Mediadem', University of Oxford, November 15.
- 2012 *Presentation*: 'Dynamics of Political Trust in Central and Eastern Europe following EU Eastern Enlargement', paper presented at the workshop 'The Media, Democracy and Political Culture', University of Perugia, March 10.
- 2011 *Guest lecture*: 'Methodological Issues of Social Inquiry', IC University (Japan), June 7.
- 2011 *Presentation*: 'Shadow of Guilt: US-Rwandese Relations after 1994 Genocide', paper presented at the workshop 'The Role of Emotions in International Relations', University of Lausanne, March 26.

- 2011 *Presentation*: ‘Why do Hegemonic Powers Engage in Peripheral Conflicts? The Case of Kosovo’, paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference, March 16.
- 2010 *Guest lecture*: ‘EU Expansion: Central and Eastern Europe’, Keio University (Japan), September 25.
- 2009 *Guest lecture*: ‘EU-Baltic Relations’, University of Washington, January 26.
- 2008 *Presentation*: ‘Baltic States vs. Ukraine: EU Enlargement to Central and Eastern Europe’, paper presented at the Association for Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, May 30.
- 2008 *Presentation*: ‘Romania, but not Ukraine: Selecting EU Members and Neighbors’, paper presented at the workshop ‘The European Union After Enlargement: Policies and Politics in a New Context’, University of Washington, May 2.
- 2008 *Guest Lecture*: ‘Eastern Enlargement of the EU’, University of Washington, March 6.
- 2008 *Guest Lecture*: ‘EFTAn Enlargement of the EU’, University of Washington, March 4.
- 2005 *Guest Lecture*: ‘EU Enlargement and the Baltic Region’, University of Washington, February 14.
- 2005 *Presentation*: ‘Norms: Agents of Change?’, paper presented at the Association for Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, June 18.

Membership of Professional Bodies

Research Council of Lithuania: scientific expert-evaluator (2011-present)
 International Society of Political Psychology (2011-present)
 Association for Advancement of Baltic Studies (2005-2008)

Peer-review activities

Journal Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies*
 Journal Reviewer for *Political Psychology*
 Journal Reviewer for *Cold War History*