

BALTIC READINGS

REGIONAL BALTIC SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE'2026

15 MAY 2026

Lithuanian Academy of Sciences
Gedimino Ave. 3, Vilnius, Lithuania

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference Organizers:

Lithuanian Sociological Association
Institute of Sociology at the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences
Lithuanian Academy of Sciences

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8.30-9.00 REGISTRATION

9.00-9.30 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Moderator: Inga Gaižauskaitė

Aušra Maslauskaitė (Lithuanian Academy of Sciences)
Andrius Marcinkevičius (Institute of Sociology at the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences)
Kaja Gadowska (European Sociological Association)
Elina Oinas (International Sociological Association)
Diana Janušauskienė (Lithuanian Sociological Association)

9.30-10.30 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Moderator: Inga Gaižauskaitė

Kaja Gadowska, President of the European Sociological Association and Professor at the Jagiellonian University (Kraków, Poland)
Academic Freedom in Europe

10.30-11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.00-12.30

PANEL I

Sociology in the Baltic Region: Histories, Pressures, and Pathways

Moderator: Diana Janušauskienė

Arvydas Virgilijus Matulionis (Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Lithuania)

Remembering the Baltic Readings Conferences

Liutauras Kraniauskas (Klaipėda University, Lithuania)

Lithuanian Sociology and the Production of Contested Knowledge

Jānis Daugavietis (University of Latvia, Latvia)

Political Attacks on Science in Latvia: Examples from the Humanities and Social Sciences in Recent Years

Pille Petersoo (Tallinn University, Estonia)

Teaching sociology in Estonia - Resilience or Survival?

Klara Öberg (Halmstad University, Sweden)

And What About the Job? From Sociology Degree to the Labour Market: Geographical and Political Contexts

Agota Vaitkienė (Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Lithuania)

Sociology in the Baltics: Locality vs. Internationality

Merili Jürgenson (University of Tartu, Estonia)

Students' Perspective

12.30-13.00

LUNCH

13.00-14.30

PANEL II

Sociological Research in the Baltics: Agendas, Challenges, and Directions

Moderator: Agnieška Avin-Ileri

Oksana Žabko (Foundation "Baltic Institute of Social Sciences" and University of Latvia, Latvia)

Does the Common Agenda Exist in the Baltic Sociology? Research Topics and Networks

Zenonas Norkus (Vilnius University, Lithuania)

Baltic Countries as a Laboratory for the Theory of Modern Social Restorations

Eve-Liis Roosma (Tallinn University, Estonia)

Situating Estonian Sociology in the Baltics: The Evolution of Education and Labour Market Studies

Andrius Marcinkevičius (Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences, Lithuania)

Sociological Research on Ethnicity in Lithuania: Current Trends and Future Perspectives

Aistė Balžekienė (Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania)

Sociological Research on Risk, Environment and Resilience in Lithuania

14.30-14.45 SHORT BREAK

14.45-16.15 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Development of Social Sciences Research Infrastructures in Lithuania: Building Resilient and Collaborative Ecosystems
Moderator: Inga Gaižauskaitė

Discussants:

Aurelija Stelmokienė, Vytautas Magnus University | European Social Survey
Antanas Kairys, Vilnius University | Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe
Aušra Maslauskaitė, Vytautas Magnus University and Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences | Generations and Gender Program
Rūta Žiliukaitė, Vilnius University and Vytautas Magnus University, and **Ainė Ramonaitė**, Vilnius University | Lithuanian Longitudinal Social Survey
Audronė Telešienė, Kaunas University of Technology | Lithuanian Data Archive for Social Sciences and Humanities
Eglė Vileikienė, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania | Longitudinal Sociological Research in the Ministry of the Interior

16.15-16.30 SHORT BREAK

16.30-18.00 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Sociology in the Baltics: Strategies for Collaboration
Moderator: Audronė Telešienė

Discussants:

Annu Masso, President of the Estonian Sociological Association
Diana Janušauskienė, President of the Lithuanian Sociological Association
Elna Oinas, Vice President of the International Sociological Association
Kaja Gadowska, President of the European Sociological Association
Mai Beilmann, Former President of the Estonian Sociological Association
Renārs Felcis, President of the Latvian Sociological Association

18.00-18.10 CLOSING REMARKS
Diana Janušauskienė (Lithuanian Sociological Association)

18.10-19.30 RECEPTION AND NETWORKING

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