

PROGRAMME

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DAY 1

12:00–13:00	Registration and welcome coffee		
13:00–13:30	Welcome speeches and practical introduction · Chair: Laima Nevinskaitė		
13:30–14:30	Keynote speech · Room 118 (V. Krėvės) · Chair: Laima Nevinskaitė Prof. Dovilė Budrytė, Georgia Gwinnett College, USA · <i>Rethinking Crises: Memory, Identity, and Social Change in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond</i>		
14:30–15:00	Coffee break		
	THEMATIC PANEL Baltic and Nordic Film Co-Productions and Cooperation Platforms Room A7 · Chair: Renata Šukaitytė	SESSION 1.1 IC in Higher Education (1) Room Ag · Chair: Kristina Jakaitė-Bulbukienė	SESSION 1.2 Transnational Ties Room 122 · Chair: Violeta Gevorgianienė
15:00–15:30	<i>Baltic Sea Docs in the Transnational Documentary Industry Landscape</i> Zane Krūmiņa	<i>Art Film as a Mediator of Cultural Experience in Intercultural Contexts</i> Beata Grebliauskienė	<i>Between Countries and Platforms: How Immigrants Compose News Repertoires with Digital Media</i> Victoria Nainová, Ani Sukiasyan
15:30–16:00	<i>Nordic Co-Productions in Estonian Documentary Film</i> Teisi Ligi	<i>Cultural Echoes in Classrooms: The Influence of Cultural Backgrounds on Teaching Practices</i> Akin Gürbüz	<i>Emigrants as Agents of Cultural Transfer: Social Remittances from Lithuanian Diaspora</i> Ingrida Gečienė-Janulionė
16:00–16:30	<i>The Value of Marked and Unmarked Lithuanian-Nordic Film Co-Productions</i> Renata Šukaitytė	<i>Developing Global Competence for Change: Relational Approaches to Virtual Exchange</i> Mark Donnellan	<i>Wartime Displacement and the Unmaking of Transnational Marriages: Ukrainian Women in Lithuania</i> Rauf Aslanov
16:30–16:45	Short break		
	SESSION 2.1 Rethinking Intercultural Communication Room A7 · Chair: Laima Nevinskaitė	THEMATIC PANEL Migration and Integration: Swedish and European Perspectives Room Ag · Chair: Jens Allwood	SESSION 2.2 IC in Educational Settings Room 122 · Chair: Renata Šukaitytė
16:45–17:15	<i>The Burden of Culture in the Conceptualisation of Change: From Interculturality to Emerging Socialities</i> Staffan Löfving	<i>Migration, Integration and Intercultural Communication: Lessons from a New Book</i> Jens Allwood	<i>Identifying Students' Intercultural Communication Competence: Insights into Intercultural Learning at Lithuania's Minority-Language-Medium Schools</i> Grażina Čiuladienė, Beata Grebliauskienė, Anna Szafranska
17:15–17:45	<i>C'est la Vida: Multilingualism and the Comedy of Intercultural Communication in "The Adventures of Picasso"</i> Giedrius Tamaševičius	<i>Migration Trends and Future Developments: International and Swedish Perspectives</i> Elisabeth Ahlsen	<i>Navigating Cultural Difference In Disruptive Times: Mastering Cross-Cultural Competence In Higher Education</i> Oana Ursu
17:45–18:15		<i>Fill the Skill Gaps - Legal Pathways into EU</i> Tommy Josefsson	<i>Between Outsider and Insider: Intercultural Communication, Belonging, and Inclusive Teaching Innovation in Internationalised Higher Education</i> Gintarė Kriauciūnaitė-Lazauskienė
18:30	Conference reception · Faculty of History Courtyard, Universiteto St. 7		

	SESSION 3.1 IC in Organisational Contexts Room A7 · Chair: Beata Grebliauskienė	SESSION 3.2 IC in Higher Education (2) Room Ag · Chair: Akın Gürbüz	SESSION 3.3 Technological Contexts in IC Room 122 · Chair: Giedrė Plepytė-Davidavičienė
10:00–10:30	Constructing Intercultural Communication Competence: Insights from Indonesian Professionals in the German Workplace Aang Koswara	Intercultural Communication and Transversal Competences for Organisational Change: Insights from the STEPS4EU Erasmus+ Project Marwa Rahman, Renate Link, Franca Cantoni	Generic Greetings or Personalised Openers? A Pilot Study of Cross-Cultural Opening Message Strategies on Tinder Ugnė Juozapavičiūtė
10:30–11:00	The Invisibility Loop: Intercultural Communication and Employee Mattering under Forced Mobility in Indian Public Sector Organizations Nancy	Intercultural Research Collaboration and Social Change Iben Jensen, Geoffrey Olok Tabo	Swipe, Trust, Repeat: Cultural Construction of Trust in Student Interviews on Tiktok Liene Ločmele, Barbara Ruth Burke, Māra Arāja
11:00–11:30	From Buddy to Friend: Reframing Organisational Onboarding as a Relational and Intercultural Integration Process Renate Link	Between Values and Persuasion: A Critical Analysis of Structural Inequalities in Education Diplomacy Burak Erdoğan, Esra İnce	Mediated Intercultural Communication in the Age of Generative AI Viktorija Toegel
11:30–12:00	Barriers and Bridges: Intercultural Communication in Migrants' Access to Mental Healthcare Dalia Mankauskienė	Strategic Ambiguity in Crisis: Fragmented Communication in Higher Education during War Pranjali Kirloskar	Negotiating Difference: Digital Communication, Cochlear Implants and Deaf-Hearing Interaction in Lithuania Žygimantas Bučius
12:00–13:30 Lunch			
13:30–14:30	Keynote speech · Room 118 (V. Krėvės) · Chair: Inga Hilbig Prof. Marko Siitonen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland · Holding the Door Open: A Realist Perspective on Intercultural Education and Change		
14:30–15:00 Coffee break			
	SESSION 4.1 Communication and Uncertainty Room A7 · Chair: Aida Savicka	WORKSHOP Room Ag	'SESSION 4.2 Belonging and Exclusion Room 122 · Chair: Giedrius Tamaševičius
15:00–15:30	Communication as a Response to Change: Managing Uncertainty in Latvia Lynsey K. Romo	Other Ways of Knowing: Exploring Arts-Based Research in Intercultural Communication Facilitator: Raimonda Agnė Medeišienė	'This Is Poland': Emotional Spaces and Bodies in 'Ukraine Action' 2022 Hanne Tange
15:30–16:00	Acculturation as a Dynamic Family Project: Navigating Aspiration–Practice Gaps and Uncertainty among Belarusian Immigrants in Lithuania Alexander Chubrik		Language and Belonging: In-Group and Out-Group Construction in Public Discourse in Lithuania and Sweden Benas Venckaitis
16:00–16:30	Communicating Rights and Obligations to Foreign Residents Engaged in Microbusiness Activities: a Case Study of Lithuania, Poland and Spain Ramunė Miežanskienė, Natalia Ewa Beldyga, Maria Inmaculada De Potestad Tellechea		The Difficulties and Complexities of Remembering and Silencing the Romani Holocaust: Intercultural Communication, Memory, and Semiotic Exclusion in Lithuania Neringa Latvytė
16:30–17:30	NIC business meeting · Room A8		
19:00	Conference dinner · Restaurant Grey, Pilies St. 2		

	SESSION 5.1 Identities in Communication Room Ag Chair: Gintarė Kriauciūnaitė-Lazauskienė		SESSION 5.2 Integration and Identity Room 122 Chair: Neringa Latvytė
10:00–10:30		<i>From the Unhappiest Nation to the Happiest Youth? Happiness Rankings in Lithuanian Public Discourse</i> Aida Savicka, Giedrė Plepytė-Davidavičienė	<i>Between Polish, Russian, the Official Lithuanian, and International English: Seven Families from Vilnius</i> Kristina Jakaitė-Bulbukienė
10:30–11:00		<i>Education Diplomacy as a “Driver of Change”: The Turkish Model “Türkiye Scholarships”</i> Büşra Selin Erdoğan	<i>Negotiating Identity among Polish Minority Youth in Lithuania</i> Lukaš Kaminski
11:00–11:30		<i>Tone of Voice Versus Brand Voice: A Systematic Literature Review and Conceptual Framework for Intercultural Communication</i> Jūlija Prata	<i>From Local to Civic Identities among Third-Generation Migrants from Soviet Belarus in Lithuania</i> Vidmantas Vyšniauskas
11:30–12:00 Coffee break			
12:00–13:00	Plenary discussion and conference closing · Room 118 (V. Krėvės) · Chair: Dovilė Budrytė Participants: Staffan Löfving, Marko Siitonen, Hanne Tange, Rūta Žiliukaitė		
13:00–14:15 Lunch			
14:30 Guided tours			
Meeting points: Vilnius University Ensemble and Library Tour · Library Information Desk, Universiteto St. 3 Vilnius Old Town Tour · Main Courtyard of the Faculty of Philology (by the fountain), Universiteto St. 5			