



TITLE OF THE COURSE:	LITHUANIAN HISTORY
Course code:	IST0102
Course group:	A
Faculty:	Humanities
Study program:	
Level:	<i>Bachelor</i>
Semester:	<i>Autumn</i>
ECTS credits:	4
Language of instruction	English
Course lecturer/s:	Assoc. prof. dr. Rūstis Kamuntavičius
Short course description:	Lithuanians, Poles, Belarusians, Ukrainians, Jews and many other nations coexisted in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Five hundred years of common statehood was halted by Russia. National movements that touched almost every nation in the region in the 19th century resulted in nation-states that formed and thrived through the 20th century. How is the legacy of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania being divided today? How and why is history teaching different in the schools of neighboring states? Looking from this perspective, what is the context of contemporary propaganda wars and geopolitics tensions? Where are boundaries between national narratives and critical history, between story and science?
Course content:	Claims of Belarus and Lithuania to the legacy of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania Ancient Lithuania as a cradle of Polish culture and Lithuanian “response” Holocaust and Jewish history in Lithuania: conflicts and/or interpretations?



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	Soviet and Russian interpretations of Lithuanian past and the propaganda war.
<i>Grading and evaluating student work in class and/or at the final exam:</i>	Midterm #1-25%, Midterm #2-25%, final exam-50%
<i>Required reading and additional study material</i>	Daniel Stone, The Polish-Lithuanian State, 1386-1795. University of Washington Press. 2001. Citizenship and Identity in a multinational Commonwealth. Brill. 2009 Jerzy Lukowski, Disorderly Liberty. Continuum. 2010 Robert Frost, The Oxford history of Poland-Lithuania. Oxford. 2015 The Lithuanian Millennium: history, art and culture. Vilnius. 2015.
<i>Additional information (if applicable)</i>	Each group of students is unique. Therefore, main literature as well as topics of the course can be significantly modified in each individual case.