

In memoriam Gintaras Beresnevičius (1961-2006), the founder of contemporary studies of religions in Lithuania and first chairman of Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions

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## **2nd National Conference of Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions**

### **“INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES OF RELIGIONS IN LITHUANIA: PROBLEMS AND TENDENCIES”**

October 26, 2012 Vilnius University Senate Hall

Organizing committee of the conference: assoc. prof. dr. Milda Ališauskienė, prof. dr. Audrius Beinorius, assoc. prof. dr. Donatas Brandišauskas, prof. dr. Šarūnas Liekis, assoc. prof. dr. Aušra Pažėraitė.

Programme:

**9.30 – 10.00 Opening session**

**10.00 – 10.30 I session. Theories and Methodologies of Studies of Religions (chair N. Kardelis)**

**10.00 – 10.15 Main Functions of Religion**

Assoc. prof. dr. Stanislovas Juknevičius, Lithuanian Culture Research Institute

**10.15 – 10.30 Transformations of Religious Studies in Postmodern Discourse: Analysis of Russel McCutcheon Criticism**

Ieva Rutė, Vilnius University

**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break**

**11.00 - 12.30 II session. Hermeneutics and Textualism of Religions (chair S. Juknevičius)**

**11.00 – 11.15 Gods, Theophanies, and Divine Wisdom in the Homeric Hymns: Some Philological and Philosophical Aspects**

Assoc. prof. dr. Naglis Kardelis, Vilnius University

**11.15 – 11.30 The Non-Religious Non-Experience: Absolute Oneness in Plotinus and Zhuangzi**

Assoc. prof. dr. Agnė Budriūnaitė, Vytautas Magnus University

**11.30 – 11.45 Between the Law and Mystical Experience: the Case of the 11<sup>th</sup> Century Persian Sufi Ali Hujviri**

Algimantas Litvinas, Vilnius University

**11.45 – 12.00 “He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet” (Psa 47:3 KJV) Nation in the Hebrew Bible**

Assoc. prof. dr. Aušra Pažėraitė, Vilnius University

**12.00 – 12.15 The Lithuanian God**

Dr. Dainius Razauskas, Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore

**12.15 – 12.30 Modern tendencies in Qur’ānic science research methodology**

Maritana Larbi, Vilnius University

**12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break**

**13.30 – 14.30 III session. Historical Transformations and Comparative Studies of Religions (chair A.Pažeraitė)**

**13.30 – 13.45 Postmodern Reception of Sacrilege in Europe**

Assoc. prof. Dr. Andrius Sprindžiūnas, Mykolas Romeris University

**13.45 - 14.00 A Comparison between Buddhist and Hindu Cosmological Prophecies of Decline**

Prof. dr. Audrius Beinorius, Vilnius University

**14.00 – 14.15 Tibetan Buddhism and Chinese Statehood in the Beginning of the 21st Century**

Vladimir Korobov, Vilnius University

**14.15 – 14.30 Sub-Saharan Traditional Sculpture – Works for the Art or Religion?**

Dr. Gediminas Degėsys, Vilnius University

**14.30 – 15.15 IV session. Sociology and Anthropology of Religions (I) (chair M. Ališauskienė)**

**14.30 – 14.45 Nature-based Spirituality Movements in a Post-Soviet Society: the Peculiarities of “Back to Nature” Worldview**

Dr. Rasa Pranskevičiūtė, Vytautas Magnus University

**14.45 – 15.00 Rituals of Luck in the Post-Soviet Landscape: Orochen-Evenki of East Siberia Case Study**

Assoc. prof. dr. Donatas Brandišauskas, Vilnius University

**15.00 – 15.15 Steps toward an Anthropology of Lithuanian Politics: Thoughts on Religion, Identity, and Other Post-Political Buzzwords**

Prof. dr. Ingo W. Schröder, Vytautas Magnus University, University of Marburg

**15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break**

**15.45 – 16.45 IV session. Sociology and Anthropology of Religions (II) (chair D. Brandišauskas)**

**14.45 – 16.00 Religious Socialization in Contemporary Lithuania: the Case of Catholicism**

Ina Samuilova, Vytautas Magnus University

**16.00 – 16.15 Buddhist Communities in Lithuania: a Sociological Analysis of Religion**

Diana Ažušilytė, Vilnius University

**16.15 – 16.30 Social Power Relations in Contemporary Hinduism**

Kristina Garalytė, Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius University

**16.30 – 16.45 Contemporary Hinduism and Religious Field of Lithuania**

Assoc. prof. dr. Milda Ališauskienė, Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius University

**16.45 – 17.30 Closing session. Discussion “Interdisciplinary Studies of Religions in Lithuania: what are the perspectives?” Participants: M. Ališauskienė, D. Brandišauskas, N. Kardelis, Š. Liekis, A. Pažeraitė.**

**Pranešimų santraukos/ Abstracts**

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