



CONFERENCE

The Interdisciplinary Intellectual Practices and Moral Imagination of Leonidas Donskis

11 - 12 of May, 2017

Vytautas Magnus University
Kaunas

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VMU Small Hall (S. Daukanto str. 28)

DAY 1

9:00 - 9:15 Opening remarks

Section 1

9:30 - 11:30 Philosophy of Leonidas Donskis

Moderator / discussant: Jay Daniel Mininger (Vytautas Magnus University/ LCC International University)

1. *Forms of Hatred Revisited*

Olli Loukola (Helsinki University)

2. *From Civilization Morphologies to the Symbolic Organizations and Trajectories of an Imaginary*

Gintautas Mažeikis (Vytautas Magnus University)

3. *René Girard on the Sources of Violence*

Timo Airaksinen (Helsinki University)

4. *The Problem of People 'Who are Missing' in Contemporary Lithuanian Literature*

Jūratė Baranova (Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences)

5. *"Communities of Forgetting": What is Expelled from the Systematized Past*

Jurga Jonutytė (Vytautas Magnus University)

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

Section 2

12:00 - 14:00 Dystopic Optimism and Nostalgic Realism in 21st Century Academia

Round table discussion - *abstract of 'Academia in Crises' - a panel inspired by joint project with Leonidas Donskis.*

Moderator / discussant: Ida Sabelis (Vrije University in Amsterdam)

Participants: Stefano Bianchini (University of Bologna), Frans Kamsteeg (Vrije University in Amsterdam), Harry Wels (Vrije University in Amsterdam), Tammy Shefer (University of the Western Cape).

14:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

Section 3

15:30 - 17:30 Interdisciplinary Studies: Cultural Critics, Public Intellectuals and Human Rights

Moderator / discussant: Gintautas Mažeikis (Vytautas Magnus University)

1. *The Resumption of Political Abuse of Psychiatry in former Soviet Republics: Why Were We not able to Prevent?*

Robert van Voren (Vytautas Magnus University)

2. *Literary Cartography: Donskis on Literature and Moral Imagination*



Jay Daniel Mininger (Vytautas Magnus University)

3. Leonidas Donskis on the Idea on Europe Which Never Existed

Egidijus Aleksandravičius (Vytautas Magnus University)

4. The Public Intellectual. Idea. Challenges. Activities

Dainius Genys (Vytautas Magnus University)

5. "Unbearable Lightness" of European Identity

Tomas Kavaliauskas (Vytautas Magnus University)

18:00 Reception and Opening of the Exhibition dedicated to Kalantinės in the VMU Adamkus Library (K. Donelaičio str. 52)

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DAY 2

9:30-10:00 Opening of the Exhibition dedicated to professor Donskis in the VMU Leonidas Donskis Library (V. Putvinskio str. 23)

Section 4

10:00 - 11:30 Public Politics

Round table discussion - *Divided Europe. Resilience to Authoritarianism and Hate Ideology*

Moderator / discussant: Šarūnas Liekis (Vytautas Magnus University)

Participants: Lilia Shevtsova (Chatham House), Vygaudas Ušackas (European Union Ambassador to the Russian Federation), Simas Čelutka (IQ. The Economist), Donatas Puslys (Daily Bernardinai), Algirdas Davidavičius (Vytautas Magnus University), Andrius Bielskis (Vytautas Magnus University/ Mykolas Romeris University), Gintautas Mažeikis (Vytautas Magnus University)

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

Section 5

12:00 - 14:00 Leonidas Donskis Memento and Students

Moderator / discussant: Tomas Kavaliauskas

1. Privacy, Dystopias and Leonidas Donskis' Philosophy

Žygimantas Menčėnkovas (Vytautas Magnus University)

2. The Meaning of New Music: Considering the Political Unconscious

Edvardas Šumila (Vytautas Magnus University)

3. Liquid Thinking: does Donskis Dream of Fleurs du Mal

Rytis Juodeika (Vytautas Magnus University)

4. Leonidas Donskis's Thought on Nationalism and Anti-Semitism in Lithuania

Chimayo Mahanad (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Kaunas University of Technology)

5. Hate in the Tradition of Moral Practice

Eglė Lukšaitė (Vytautas Magnus University)

14:00 - 14:15 Closing remarks

19:00 A concert in memoriam of Leonidas Donskis. The Open Air Garden of the Musical Theatre (Laisvės avenue 93).