

COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course unit title	Research field, branch, code	Faculty	Department, Institute
Reformation, Counterreformation and literature in Early Modern Lithuania	Philology, Linguistics, H004	Philology	Institute for Literary, Culture, and Translation Research

Study cycle	3 rd (doctoral)
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Mode of delivery	ECTS credits	Type of the course unit	Language of instruction
Contact (lectures, workshops, tutorials)	8		
Individual or in a group			

Annotation of the course content
<p>The course is focused on the analysis of the fragmentation of early modern Christianity and the emergence of the different confessional tendencies and Evangelical churches. The early modern transformations of the Christian doctrines, cultural and social changes of Christian identity and its forms across the 16th century literature are discussed. The main attention is paid to the religious doctrines of various Protestant Churches and communities of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the peculiarities of its religious and intellectual thought in the European religious context. The origins of Lutheran, Reformed as well as Heterodox (Anabaptist, Antitrinitarian) communities in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania are discussed as well as their doctrinal interrelations with European magisterial protestantism and heterodoxy. Tendencies of dogmatics and its manifestations at the various categories of religious written sources are examined. The Counterreformation and the early Jesuit activities in the region are discussed as well as its controversies with Protestant leaders. Features of the multicultural and multifaceted cultural polylogue between different religious communities are examined on the base of the works of the Abraomas Kulvietis, Andreas Volanus, Szymon Budny, Piotr z Goniądza, etc., as well as early sources written in Lithuanian by Mikalojus Daukša, Konstantinas Sirvydas and others.</p> <p>In the second part of the course which is based on the methodological benefits of the new historicism and the history of mentality, the transfigurations of consciousness reflected in the literature, determined by the confessional characteristics, are discussed. Particulars of early modern religious devotion and social behaviour (dissidentism, simulation, Nicodemism, etc.) are analyzed as well as definitions of religious categories (human nature, freedom, evil, law, salvation, etc.). Different tendencies of biblical hermeneutics and the social models formed on their basis are discussed.</p> <p>Some unofficial, private texts of representatives of different confessions of the 16th and 17th centuries are also analyzed, taking into consideration the distinction between public literature and private egodocuments, i.e. letters, diaries, testaments etc. Articulation of every day private life and ethics is examined.</p>

The course consists of a series of introductory tutorials: an introduction to the subject matter, coordination of the topics of the doctoral thesis; seminars in which doctoral students present their research work on a topic of their choice (corresponding to the subject matter of their thesis). This work is the basis for the assessment of the examination.

Reading

Matthias Asche, Werner Buchholz, Mathias Niendorf, Patrick Schiele, Anton Schindling (Hrsg.), *Protestantismus in den baltischen Landen und Litauen. Nation und Konfession vom 16. Jahrhundert bis 1918* (Reformationsgeschichte Studien und Texte, Bd. 170), Aschendorff Verlag, 2021.

Maciej Ptazsyński, *Reformacja w Polsce a dziedzictwo Erazma z Rotterdamu*, Warszawa, Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, 2018.

Dainora Pociūtė, *Nematomos tikrovės šviesa. Reformacijos Lietuvoje asmenybės ir idėjos*, Vilnius: 2017.

Dainora Pociūtė (ed.), *Abraomas Kulvietis: Pirmasis Lietuvos Reformacijos paminklas/ The First Recorded Text of the Lithuanian Reformation. Abraomo Kulviečio Confessio fidei ir Johanno Hoppijaus Oratio funebris (1547)*. Studija, faksimilė, komentuotas leidimas, vertimas į lietuvių kalbą/ A Study, Facsimile, a New Edition with Commentaries and Translation into Lithuanian (*Monumenta Reformationis Lithuanicae*, t. 1), Vilnius: Lietuvių literatūros ir tautosakos institutas, 2011.

Kęstutis Daugirdas, *Andreas Volanus und die Reformation im Grossfürstentum Litauen*, Philipp von Zabern, 2008.

Religinis kolokviumas Vilniuje (1585 06 14) dėl straipsnio apie Viešpaties vakarienę. Religionskolloquium in Vilnius (14. 06. 1585) über den Artikel des Herrenmahls. Parengė/Herausgegeben von Jolanta Gelumbeckaitė, Sigita Narbutas, Vilnius: Lietuvių literatūros ir tautosakos institutas, 2006.

Philip Benedict, *Christ's Churches Purely Reformed. A Social History of Calvinism*, Yale University Press, 2002.

Paulius Rabikauskas, *Vilniaus akademija ir Lietuvos jėzuitai*, sud. Liudas Jovaiša, Vilnius: Aidai, 2002.

Calvinism in Europe, 1540-1620, ed. By Andrew Pettegree, Alastair Duke and Gillian Lewis, Cambridge University Press, 1994.

Lecturer	Degree	Main works published in the research field during the last five years
Dainora Pociūtė	Doctor of the Humanities	D. Pociūtė, <i>Niccolò Buccella: Inkvizicijos kalinys, karaliaus medikas. Heterodoksija, medicina ir italų egzilis XVI a. antrojoje pusėje</i> , Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2022.
		D. Pociūtė, <i>Converting Physicians: The Apostasy of Socinian Gaspar Wilkowski and the Confessional Boundaries of Medicalization in 16th Century Poland-Lithuania</i> , in: Lukasz Cybulski & Kristina Rutkowska (eds.), <i>Beyond Devotion. Religious and Literary Communication in the 16th and 17th Century Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth</i> (Refo500

	Academic Studies, Volume 91), Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 2022, p. 213-244.
	D. Pociūtė, L'esilio come eutopia. Note sul consolidamento della prima comunità sociniana nei territori della Lituania-Polonia, in: <i>Utopie e comunità religiose tra età moderna e contemporanea</i> , a cura di Guido Mongini, Alessandria: Orso, 2021, p. 25-54.
	D. Pociūtė, Nuo <i>medicus philosophus</i> prie <i>medicus religiosus</i> , arba kodėl Vilniaus jėzuitų akademijoje nebuvo medicinos studijų, in: <i>Problemos</i> . Priedas, 2020, p. 120-129.
	D. Pociūtė, Eterodossia e medicina nella prima età moderna. I «medici ariani» alla corte di Stefano Báthory, in: <i>Rivista di Storia del Cristianesimo</i> 16 (1/ 2019), p. 37-62.
	D. Pociūtė, “Fa una setta da sé”: Niccolò Buccella e la tradizione dell'antitrinitarismo veneto nell'esilio polacco-lituano, in: <i>Eretici e dissidenti tra Europa occidentale e orientale (Secoli XVI-XVIII)</i> , a cura di Antonella Barzazi, Michela Catto, Dainora Pociūtė, Padova: Padova University Press, 2018, p. 35-58.
	D. Pociūtė, The Reformation Experience in Sixteenth-Century Vilnius, in: H. Assel, J. A. Steiger, A. Walter (Hg.), <i>Reformatio Baltica. Kulturwirkungen der Reformation in der Metropolen des Ostseeraums</i> , Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2018, p. 553-572.

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