

DOCTORAL SUBJECT SUB-UNIT

Subject name	Field of study (branch) code	Faculty	Department
Archaeology of European Bronze Age	History and Archaeology H 005	Faculty of History Lithuanian Institute of History	Department of Archaeology

Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS	Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS
lectures		consultations	2
individual	3	seminars	2,5

Total 7,5

Subject annotation		
<p>This module focuses on key issues in European Bronze Age research, which will be explored through individual meetings and consultations. It will cover significant topics in European Bronze Age archaeology, spanning the period from approximately 2300 to 800 BC. The goal is not only to provide an overview of material culture but also to examine the history and scope of Bronze Age archaeology, its methods and theories, and current trends and debates.</p> <p>Within a cohesive theoretical framework, the module will address various themes, including the origins of metallurgy; its role in the development of complex social structures; Bronze Age technology; craftsmanship; exchange, trade, and transport; imitations and replicas; metal deposition practices and sources of raw materials; warfare; and bronzing techniques. It will also explore the intersection of Bronze Age archaeology with ethnology, alongside the ongoing controversies in current research.</p> <p>The primary aim of this module is to foster an academic exchange of ideas. It will be largely driven by your presentations and culminate in the submission of a free-written research essay. You are encouraged to actively engage with questions about the past, develop your ability to select and apply theory as an integrated part of your dissertation, and connect it to your research questions, methods, and data interpretation.</p>		
Key literature		
<p>Harry Fokkens and Anthony Harding (eds.) 2013. The Oxford Handbook of the European Bronze Age.</p> <p>Kristian Kristiansen, Thomas B. Larsson 2005. The Rise of Bronze Age Society Travels, Transmissions and Transformations</p> <p>Vandkilde, H., 2016. Bronzization: The Bronze Age as Pre-Modern Globalization</p> <p>Šarūnas Milišauskas (ed.) 2011. European Prehistory. A survey. Second edition.</p> <p>Earle, T., Kristiansen, K. (eds.) 2010. Organizing Bronze Age Societies, Cambridge.</p> <p>Earle, T., Ling, J., Uhnér, C., Stos-Gale, Z., Melheim, L., 2015. The Political Economy and Metal Trade in Bronze Age Europe: Understanding Regional Variability in Terms of Comparative Advantages and Articulations. <i>European Journal of Archaeology</i> 18 (4): 633–657.</p>		
Supervising lecturers' names and surnames	Academic degree	Major works in the field (branch) published in the recent 5 years
Agnė Čivilytė	Dr.	Čivilytė, A. Peripheral or non-peripheral? The “world view” of the Bronze Age people

		<p>in the eastern Baltic. In: D. Hofmann, F. Nikulka and R. Schumann (eds) 2022. The Baltic in the Bronze Age. Regional patterns, interactions and boundaries, Leiden: Sidestone Press, pp. 309-324.</p> <p>Podėnas, V., Minkevičius, K., Micelicaite, V., Čivilytė, A. Fortify to develop contacts? Review of Late Bronze Age defensive systems in the eastern Baltic and new data from Mineikiškės fortified settlement. In: V. Vaitkevičius, A. Bliujienė (sud.) 2022. Atrasti praeitį, išsaugoti ateitį. Straipsniai, skirti Gintauto Zabelos 60-mečiui. Klaipėda 2022, pp. 218-239.</p> <p>Jaeger M., Kulcsár G., Melis E., Strózyk M., Piszora P., Csányi M., Csuvár-Andrási R., P. Fischl K., Guba S., Pap E., Pásztor E., Patay R., Szathmári I., Szilas G., Čivilytė A., Kiss V. Baltic amber in Hungarian Bronze Age. <i>Sprawozdania archaeologiczne</i> 75 (2), 2023, 137-186. doi: 10.23858/Sa75.2023.2.3500</p> <p>Luik, H., Piličiauskienė G., Micelicaite V., Minkevičius K., Podėnas V., Čivilytė A. Animal Bones, Bone Artefacts and Bone Working at Late Bronze Age Fortified Settlements in North-Eastern Lithuania: Sokiškiai, Mineikiškės and Garniai I. <i>Archaeologia Lituana</i> 23, 2022, 237-268. https://doi.org/10.15388/ArchLit.2022.23.14</p> <p>Podėnas, V., Garbaras, A., Micelicaite, V., Minkevičius, K., Šapolaitė, J., Ežerinskis, Ž., Čivilytė, A. Diet of the fortified settlement communities in Lithuania from 1000 cal. BC to 200 cal. AD. <i>Journal of Archaeological science. Reports</i> 51 (44) :104184. DOI: 10.1016/j.jasrep.2023.104184</p> <p>Čivilytė, A., Podėnas, V., Minkevičius K., Luik, H. New Insights on the Bronze Age Metallurgy in the Eastern Baltic Region: Archaeometallurgical Investigations Based on EDXRF and Pb-Isotope. <i>Archaeological and Anthropological Science Open Access</i>, 4 (4) 2023, 627-638. https://doi.org/10.31031/AOA.2023.04.000608</p> <p>Čivilytė A., Duberow W., Pernicka E., Skvortzov K., The new Late Bronze Age hoard find from Kobbeltbude (former Eastern Prussia, district Fischhausen) and the first results of its archaeometallurgical investigations. <i>Journal of Archaeological and Anthropological Science</i> 2015, published online 16.11.2015. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12520-015-0297-5</p>
<p>Approved by the Doctoral Committee of History and Archaeology 24 October 2024, No 15600-KT-510</p>		
<p>Chair of the Doctoral Committee Prof. habil. dr. Tamara Bairaškauskaitė</p>		