

DOCTORAL SUBJECT SUB-UNIT

Subject name	Field of study (branch) code	Faculty	Department
Legal Culture of the Nobility in Grand Duchy of Lithuania (15th-16th centuries)	History and Archaeology H 005	Faculty of History	Department of Ancient and Medieval History

Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS	Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS
lectures		consultations	1,5
individual	6	seminars	

Total 7,5

Subject annotation
The main aim of the course is to analyse the most important legal acts and codes of the 15th-16th centuries (land and regional privileges, Lithuanian statutes, Sejm's constitutions of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth), which provide an insight into the legal culture of the nobility of the GDL of that period. The main objectives of the course (topics covered) - Deepening the concept of the GDL as a constituent state by analysing the nature of regional privileges and the scope of their operation; - The development of the legal norms of the GDL and their impact on the development of noble democracy through the analysis of sources reflecting regional characteristics (petitions and instructions to the Sejm); - Analysis of the reciprocal effects of land and regional privileges; - Analysis of the relationship between the elements of customary law preserved in the law of the GDL and the modernisation of state law; - Analysis of the development of the organisation of the judicial institutions of the nobility; - Analysis of the Lithuanian statutes as an original of the legislative culture and as the reception of law's norms from the Polish kingdom; - Analysis of the impact of legal innovations of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth on the legal consciousness of the GDL's nobility; - Analysis of the litigation customs of the GDL's nobility; - Heuristic strategies in search of historical sources depicting the everyday legal culture of the nobility; - The search for a place of the phenomenon of the GDL law in the history of European jurisprudence during the Renaissance; - Issues of the discourse of the legal culture of the nobility of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the 16th century polemical literature.
Key literature
1. I. Valikonytė, <i>Rex Iustissimus. Valdovo teismas Lietuvos Didžiojoje Kunigaikštystėje XV a. pabaigoje – XVI a.</i>, Vilnius, 2023 2. J. Bardach, <i>Studia z ustroju i prawa Wielkiego Księstwa Litewskiego : XIV-XVII w.</i>, Warszawa, 1970. 3. J. Kiaupienė, <i>Lietuvos Didžiosios Kunigaikštystės bajorija XVI a. (viešasis ir privatus gyvenimas)</i>, Vilnius, 2003. 4. A. Zakrzewski, <i>Wielkie Księstwo Litewskie (XVI–XVIII w.). Prawo, ustrój, społeczeństwo</i>, Warszawa, 2013 5. Valikonytė I., Lazutka S., Gudavičius E. <i>Pirmasis Lietuvos Statutas (1529 m.)</i>. Vilnius, 2001. 6. E. Saviščevas, <i>Regionai ir jų privilegijos Lietuvos Didžiosios Kunigaikštystės gyvenime (XV a.–XVI a. vidurys)</i>, <i>Lietuvos Statutas: Temidės ir Klėjos teritorijos</i>, sudarė I. Valikonytė ir N. Šlimienė, Vilnius, 2017, p. 49–75.

Supervising lecturers' names and surnames	Academic degree	Major works in the field (branch) published in the recent 5 years
Eugenijus Saviščevas	Associate Professor	E. Saviščevas, (2024) Darbas, nesustodavęs net Viešpaties dieną. Zigmanto I darbadieniai Lietuvos Didžiosios Kunigaikštystės teisme 1506 – 1544 metais, <i>Moteris prie istorijos šaltinio. Mokslinių straipsnių rinkinys, skirtas profesorės Irenos Valikonytės 75 metų jubiliejui</i>, sudarė E. Saviščevas, Vilnius, p. 143–168. https://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/open-series/article/view/35267/33603 <i>Źródła do dziejów Źmudzi (1522–1648)</i>, oprac. E. Saviščevas, J. Drungilas (Monumenta Magni Ducatus Lithuaniae), Toruń, 2023 E. Saviščevas, (2022) Karšuvos laukai, bajorlaukiai ir bajorkaimiai XIV-XVIII a.: statistika, tęstinumas ir lokalizacija, <i>Lietuvos istorijos studijos</i>, t. 50, p. 28–50 https://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/lietuvas-istorijos-studijos/article/view/30503 E. Saviščevas, (2021) Palemonidai, Gediminaičiai ir žemaičiai: kelios pastabos apie lituanistiką Lietuvos Didžiosios kunigaikštystės ir Žemaitijos kronikoje, <i>Lietuvos istorijos studijos</i>, t. 48 p. 8–32; https://www.zurnalai.vu.lt/lietuvas-istorijos-studijos/article/view/25265 E. Saviščevas, (2020) Sądy starostów generalnych żmudzkich (druga połowa XV – pierwsza połowa XVI w.), <i>Rocznik Lituanistyczny</i>, t. 6, s. 7–32; https://apcz.umk.pl/czasopisma/index.php/RL/article/view/RL.2020.6.01/26611

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