

## SUMMER PROGRAMME 2011

August 1 – August 14

Liaoning University

### Week 1

#### August 1 (Monday)

- 8.15 Meeting with Natalija and Povilas  
Meeting place: lobby of the dormitory; you will be accompanied to the Vilnius University Old Campus
- 9.00 – 10.30 Meeting with Vilnius University Vice-Rector for International Affairs
- 10.30 – 11.30 Guided tour round Vilnius University Old Campus
- 11.30 – 13.00 Lunch break (“Aula” café)
- 13.00 – 15.00 Visit at the Oriental Studies Center and meeting with Vilnius University students
- 17.30 – 20.00 Reception at the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Lithuania

#### August 2 (Tuesday)

- 9.00 – 10.30 **Lecture Part I – Seminar Room 239**  
First mention of Lithuania’s name. The world of the Balts and Lithuanian tribes. The Uniqueness of the Lithuanian language. Amber road and Lithuania. Pagan traditions and the Christianization of Lithuania. The legend of the Iron Wolf. Vilnius – the most tolerant city in medieval Europe. Wars with Crusaders and Griunwald (Zalgiris) Battle.
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Short break**
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Lecture Part II**  
Lithuania and Poland – the commonwealth of the two nations. Nobility in Lithuania, the system of privileges and *veto* right. Vilnius university and its regional role in cultural and academic life. First Lithuanian book. The Constitution of Lithuania – the second written Constitution in Europe. Lithuania in the rule of Czars.
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 – 17.00 Guided tour round Vilnius Old Town

#### August 3 (Wednesday)

- 9.00 – 10.30 **Lecture Part I**  
The Occupation of Lithuania. Outcomes of Stalin’s regime – mass deportations to the USSR, destruction of families and imprisonments in GULAG. Sovietization of country – collectivization and its impact on Lithuania’s agricultural traditions. Soviet army in Lithuania and the depletion of national assets. KGB in Lithuania – methods of activities and agency network.

10.30 – 11.00	<b>Short break</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<b>Lecture Part II</b> The status of Catholic Church in Lithuania. Methods of anti-soviet resistance – civil resistance, the unarmed anti-soviet resistance and fight for the human rights. The establishment of Lithuania’s independence, Sajudis and Baltic Way.
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 16.00	Museum of Genocide Victims

**August 4 (Thursday)**

9.00 – 10.30	<b>Lecture Part I</b> Lithuania as re-established state: restructure of the economy and Western European orientation. Lithuania the member of NATO and European Union. Strategic partners of Lithuania’s foreign policy. The main trends of Lithuania’s economy.
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Short break</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<b>Lecture Part II</b> Ethnography of Lithuania: customs, food, Lithuanian temper. The most famous achievements of Lithuanians in sports, art and culture. (Ž. Ilgauskas, J. Mekas and E. Vilkevičiūtė, etc.)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.00	Amber Museum-Gallery
15.00 – 19.00	Training on how to make amber amulet

**August 5 (Friday)**

9.00 – 10.30	<b>Lecture Part I</b> Lithuania’s geography, neighbors, population, climate, environment issues. Lithuanian flag explanation. People – ethnicities, life expectancy, migration, religion.
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Short break</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<b>Lecture Part II</b> Government – parliamentary republic. Legislative branch Seimas; the President of the Republic of Lithuania. Questions and answers.
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 16.00	Visit at Gediminas Castle Tower
16.30 – 17.30	Visit at the Presidential Palace

**August 6-7 (Weekend) Free days**

**Week 2**

**August 8 (Monday)**

9.00 – 17.00

Visiting the Old Capitals of Lithuania: Kernavė; Užutrakis; Trakai

**August 9 (Tuesday)**

8.00 – 19.00

Tour in Šiauliai, Kleboniškių museum, Burbiškis Manor and Hill of Crosses

**August 10 (Wednesday)**

8.00 – 17.30

Tour in Kaunas (Old Town, Čiurlionis Museum, Pažaislis Abbey Ensemble)

**August 11 (Thursday)**

9.00 – 17.00

Rumšiškės – open-air ethnographic museum  
Lunch at the museum – you will be able to try some of the Lithuanian national dishes.

**August 12 (Friday)**

9.00 – 13.00

Vilnius University Botanical Garden in Kairėnai

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch break

14.30 – 17.30

Visit at Molėtai Astronomical Observatory

**August 13-14 (Weekend)**

**Free days**