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Democracy, Culture, and Catholicism

Three-Year International Research Project



LITHUANIA REGIONAL COLLOQUIUM

Loyola University Chicago & Vilnius University

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

9:30-10:00 AM

WELCOME

Vilnius University Aula

Vilnius University Rector,
Dr. Benediktas Juodka

Local Colloquium Coordinator,
Fr. Vidas Simkunas, S.J.

10:15-11:45 AM

MORNING PRESENTATIONS

Vilnius University Senate Hall

Democracy and Catholicism in 20th Century Lithuania
Dr. Arunas Streikus, Department of History, VU

Francis de Vitoria and the Catholic Origins of Human Rights
Fr. Robert John Araujo, S.J., School of Law, LUC

Christianity in Lithuania:

Between Totalitarian Experience and Contemporary Democracy
Dr. Nerija Putinaite, Faculty of Ethics, Vilnius Pedagogical University
Vice-Minister for Education and Science, Republic of Lithuania

3:00-4:30 PM

AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS

Vilnius University Senate Hall

From 'Sacred Liberty' to the Apotheosis of Rights:
The Impact of Catholic Religious Ideas on the Understanding
and Discourse of Democracy in Lithuania (1990-2010)

Dr. Mantas Adomenas, Faculty of Philology, VU;
Member of Parliament, Republic of Lithuania

Gender, Faith, and Film:

Viewing Post-Socialist Societies with a Catholic Lens
Dr. Elizabeth Jones Hemenway, Women's Studies & Gender Studies,
Department of History, LUC

Theology of the Markets: What Kind of Free Economy
did John Paul II Propose in Centesimos Annus?

Fr. Kestutis Kevalas, Vice-Dean, Department of Catholic
Theology, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011

9:30-9:45 AM

WELCOME

Vilnius University Aula

Fr. Gintaras Vitkus, S.J.,
Father Provincial of the Lithuania and Latvian Society of Jesus

9:45-10:30 AM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Vilnius University Aula

"Catholicism: A Cultural Tradition or the
Good News of Jesus Christ?"

Dr. Irena Vaisvilaite, Vice-Rector for Administration and Infrastructure,
European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania

10:50-11:50 AM

MORNING PRESENTATIONS

Vilnius University Senate Hall

Julian the Apostate, Democrat: Montaigne, Lévinas,
and the Otherness of Democracy

Dr. David Posner,
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, LUC

The Catholic Church in Lithuania in the
Post-Soviet Decades 1990-2010

Fr. Vidmantas Simkunas, S.J., Director of the Pastoral Center
of Academic Study, Archdiocese of Vilnius

2:50-4:30 PM

AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS

Vilnius University Senate Hall

Traumatized Society, Democracy, and Catholic Religious Belief

Dr. Danute Gailiene
Department of Psychology, VU

Democratization and Youth:

A Catholic Response through Positive Youth Development
Dr. Julia Pryce, School of Social Work, LUC

Women Religious and the Cultivation of Democracy:

Rich and Contentious Legacies
Dr. Bren Ortega Murphy, Women's Studies & Gender Studies,

