

Language usage, teaching and learning research group

Keywords: sociolinguistic situation, linguistic behaviour, language attitudes, bilingualism, multilingualism, language policy, teaching Lithuanian as a foreign language, language testing



Vilnius
University



Research group activities

The scientific work of the research group focuses on sociolinguistics and linguodidactics.

Main research areas encompass:

- Lithuanian sociolinguistic situation
- Bilingualism and multilingualism
- Mastery and usage of languages and dialects of Lithuanians and ethnic minorities in Lithuania and in Lithuanian diaspora
- Language usage in different situations and with different interlocutors

- Language attitudes
- Language policy and management

The results of this kind of scientific studies are being used to form language policies, solve language management questions, and tackle linguistic problems and conflicts on the broadest societal level and for separate groups or organizations.

Whereas, linguodidactics is at utmost relevance in the globalising and increasingly mobile multilingual world, since it provides foreign language teaching and testing.



Proposal

Our team has expertise in analysing language behaviour and attitudes using different interdisciplinary methods (quantitative as well as qualitative). We seek partnership with similar groups in other countries, especially focusing on multilingual societies, to engage into comparative research of language behaviour in different domains.

The research group offers:

- professional partnership in sociolinguistic projects;

- scientific recommendations concerning language policy, bilingual and multilingual education, linguistic behaviour based on various sociolinguistic research activities;
- services in applied linguistics, such as organising teaching courses for Lithuanian as a second/foreign language (various levels), tests for Lithuanians as a second/foreign language (A1 to C1 levels), training for second/foreign language teachers, test developers and testers, teachers of Lithuanian abroad, developers of language teaching curricula, etc.



Meet our team

Prof. dr. Meilutė Ramonienė

Is the Head of the Department of Lithuanian Studies at Vilnius University. Her research focuses on applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, and methodology of teaching foreign languages. Her publications include but are not limited to edited books and papers on language use and language attitudes, language and

identity, textbooks for teaching Lithuanian as a second language. She has coordinated research projects "Language usage and ethnic identity in urban areas of Lithuania", "Sociolinguistic map of Lithuania: cities and towns", "Language of emigrants", "The Lithuanian language in diaspora: proficiency, usage, attrition".



Meet our team

Other members

Prof. Dr. **Ala Lichačiova**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. **Loreta Vilkienė**

Assist. Prof. Dr. **Eglė Gudavičienė**

Assist. Prof. Dr. **Inga Hilbig**

Dr. **Kristina Jakaitė Bulbukienė**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. **Kinga Geben**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. **Loreta Vaicekauskienė**

PhD student **Eglė Vaisėtaitė**

Joana Pribušauskaitė

Virginija Stumbrienė



Research outcomes

- Innovative sociolinguistic projects: Lithuanian language in diaspora: knowing, usage, attrition (2015-2017), Emigrants' language (2011-2013), Sociolinguistic map of Lithuania: cities and towns (2010-2012), Language usage and ethnical identity in Lithuanian cities (Cities and languages) (2007-2009). The results of the projects are presented in three collective monographs and many scientific articles (published by international publishing houses such as Routledge, Peter Lang, Palgrave, etc.) and in Lithuanian research magazines.
- Lithuanian Science award in 2006.
- Publications for teaching Lithuanian as a second/foreign language, released by international (Routledge, Murray Learning/Hodder Education) and Lithuanian publishing houses.



Contacts

Prof. dr. Meilutė Ramonienė
Faculty of Philology

E-mail: meilute.ramoniene@flf.vu.lt

Phone: +370 5 268 7214

More about the Faculty of Philology: <http://www.flf.vu.lt/en/>

**Department for Research
and Innovation**

Phone: +370 5 268 7006

E-mail: innovations@mid.vu.lt

More information: <http://www.innovations.vu.lt>