

Symposium on Religion and Intercultural Studies

“Cambridge in Lithuania”

18-21 May 2015

Department of Area Studies

Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy

Vytautas Magnus University

Kaunas, Lithuania

Mon 18th

Arrival to Kaunas, check-in at hotel, free evening

Tue 19th

1000-1200: Meetings with the University administration, Faculty members, tour of the University.

1200-1300: Lunch

1315-1445: Panel: Citizenship and Politics in the Middle East, Ged44-203

Dr. Paul Anderson, Contesting the Space for Citizenship in pre-revolutionary Syria and Egypt

Dr. Giedrė Šabasevičiūtė, Nationalism and citizenship in post-Arab Spring Egypt

Discussant: Prof. Egdūnas Račius

1500-1630: Panel: Conversion to Islam in Europe: Comparative Perspectives

Prof. Egdūnas Račius, Conversion to Islam in Lithuania

Mrs Shahla Suleiman, Narratives of Conversion to Islam in Britain: Male and Female Perspectives

1730-1930: Informal gathering with students, Pub *Res Public*

1930-2100: Dinner

Wed 20th

1030-1200: Panel: Comparative Studies in Islam

Prof. Egdūnas Račius, The changing face of Islam in the Baltics: from folk Islam to revivalist Islam

Ms Dorothea Ramahi, Intimate strangers: female converts to Islam in Britain in their family contexts

1200-1300: Lunch

1315-1445: Panel: Intercultural Relations in Europe: A Case of Neo-Orientalism?

Mr Julian Hargreaves, British Muslim Communities and 'Everyday' Hate Crime

Ms Samar Samir Mezghanni: The Portrayal of Muslims and Islam in Muslim press in the UK

Discussant: Ms Rimgailė Dikšaitė

1530-1600: Visit to Kaunas mosque

1600-1800: Walking tour of Kaunas Old Town

1830-2000: Dinner

Thu 21st

Check out, travel to Vilnius, cultural program in Vilnius, return flight