

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE
“TRAVEL AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING: EAST ASIA, EUROPE AND BEYOND”

October 20-21, 2016

Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

October 20, Thursday

VMU Small Hall, Daukanto st. 28

- 9:00-9:45 Registration
- 9:45-10:00 Opening, welcoming speeches
- 10:00-10:50 Keynote speech – Yasuhiro Watanabe (Obirin University, Japan), *“Destination Europe” will revitalize Japan's outbound tourism*
- 10:50-11:15 Linas Didvalis (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), *Ecotourism in East Asia and Europe: a meta-analysis*
- 11:15-11:40 Arvydas Kumpis (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), *When tourism meets nationalism: Zaitokukai and Korean tourists in Tsushima*
- 11:45-13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00-13:50 Keynote speech – Takamitsu Jimura (Liverpool John Moores University, UK), *My academic journey, issues in cross-cultural research, and Japanese tourists and the UK*
- 13:50-16:00 Session: *Historical Japan in Focus*
- Ene Selart (Tartu University, Estonia), *History of travel writing about Japan in Estonia*
- Ian Rapley (Cardiff University, UK), *Beyond the ‘Glimpse of the Unfamiliar’: non-visual senses in 19th century Western contact with Japan*
- Coffee Break
- Zuzana Kubovčáková (Masaryk University, Czechia), *Kumano as a distinctive pilgrimage area in medieval Japan*
- Kristýna Vojtišková (Charles University, Czechia), *Encounter with the Other, encounter with Self: Japanese philosophers go west*
- 16:00-16:25 Mariam Darchiashvili (Ilia State University, Georgia), *Seasonal migration to Turkey for tea-picking: Meskhetians and Adjarians from Nasakirali*
- 17:30~ Dinner

October 21, Friday

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- 9:45-12:00 Discussion and student workshop: *Tourism between Lithuania and East Asian countries: how to benefit from growing opportunities and deal with challenges?* (in Lithuanian language)