

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2011 – 2015 **INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY** (Tokyo, Japan)
Graduate school (political science, Monbukagakusho scholarship)
Doctoral dissertation: Sacrificed Forests: Power and Interests behind Japan's Forest Policy. ***Public defense day:*** October 8, 2014
- 2009 – 2011 **VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY** (Kaunas, Lithuania)
Institute of Diplomacy and Political Sciences (East Asian Studies Program, MA)
- 2011 **CHUNG ANG UNIVERSITY** (Seoul, South Korea)
Graduate School of International Studies (international relations, one-semester exchange program, VMU scholarship)
- 2007 – 2008 **WASEDA UNIVERSITY** (Tokyo, Japan)
School of International Liberal Studies (Liberal Arts Study Program, one-year exchange program, JASSO scholarship)
- 2004 – 2009 **VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY** (Kaunas, Lithuania)
Institute of Diplomacy and Political Sciences (political science, BA)

WORK EXPERIENCE

VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY (V. Putvinskio 23, Kaunas, Lithuania, tel.: 370 7 33 1323)

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| Since 2021 09 | Associate Professor at the Department of Cultural Studies (Faculty of Humanities) and the Department of Area Studies (Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy) |
| 2015 09 – 2021 09 | Assistant Professor at the Department of Cultural Studies (Faculty of Humanities) and the Department of Area Studies (Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy) |
| Since 2019 04 | Head of the Centre for Asian Studies |
| 2015 02 – 2019 03 | Chief Coordinator at the Centre for Asian Studies |

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, Graduate School (3-10-2 Osawa, Mitaka-shi, Tokyo 181-0015, +81 422-33-3131)

2012 09 – 2014 11 Teaching Assistant

ARCHI-VOICE (Shibuya S-6 Building 6F, 1-7-1 Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0002, +81 3-3409-0004)

2012 02 – 2014 11 Translator, interpreter

ASAHI CULTURE CENTER (Shinjuku Sumitomo Building 4F, 2-6-1 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 163-0204, +81 3-3344-1941)

2014 03 – 2014 11 Teacher of Lithuanian language

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Lithuanian (mother tongue), English (full professional ability), Japanese (limited professional ability)

MEMBERSHIP

Association for East Asian Environmental History; European Association for Japanese Studies

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate level:

- Introduction to Development Studies
- Introduction to Asian Studies
- Development Policies of International Organizations
- Civil Society in East Asia
- Political systems of East Asian countries

Graduate level:

- International Relations in East Asia
- International Organizations
- Japanese contemporary politics and society

TEACHING / RESEARCH VISITS

In East Asia:

- Meijo University (Nagoya, Japan): June-October, 2023
- Korea University (Seoul, South Korea): May, 2022
- Showa Women's University (Tokyo, Japan): December, 2019
- China Foreign Affairs University (Beijing, China): October-November, 2018
- Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan): June, 2018

In other countries:

- Georgia Gwinnett College (Lawrenceville, Georgia, USA): November, 2023
- Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan, Poland): December, 2022
- Tartu University (Tartu, Estonia): May, 2022
- University of Warsaw (Warsaw, Poland): December, 2021
- University of Regina (Regina, Canada): January, 2020
- Tallinn University (Tallinn, Estonia): April, 2019; September, 2022
- Sofia University (Sofia, Bulgaria): December, 2018
- University of Latvia (Riga, Latvia): May, 2018
- İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (Istanbul, Turkey): February, 2018
- University of Ljubljana (Ljubljana, Slovenia): December 2017
- Nicolaus Copernicus University (Torun, Poland): May 2017
- King Sejong Institute Vilnius (Vilnius, Lithuania): September-October 2015, September-December 2016, March-June 2017

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Didvalis, L. (2022). *The change that did not happen: Foreign influence on strategies used by environmental protection movements in Japan*. In *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Change*. Palgrave
- Didvalis, L. (2022). Lithuania Encounters Korea: The First References and Contacts during the Late 19th and Early 20th Century. *Religiski-filozofiski raksti*, 187-199.
- Didvalis, L. (2020). Environmental cooperation in East Asia: South Korea's "green diplomacy". *CEESOK Journal of Korean Studies Vol.1*, 293-303

- Didvalis, L. (2020). The state of Lithuanian forests and their protection. *Area studies 177: 60 articles to learn about Lithuania* (in Japanese, ed. Eiko Sakurai). Akashi Shoten [ISBN 9784750348315]
- Didvalis, L. (2019). “The most warlike nation” from “heavenly beautiful” islands: Japan in Matas Šalčius’s Travels. *Reliigiski-filozofiski raksti*, Vol. 25
- Didvalis, L. (2018). Civil Society in East Asia: Recent Topics and Trends. *Civil Society in East Asian Countries*, 7-14, Vytautas Magnus University [ISBN 9786094673252]
- Didvalis, L. (2016). Book Review of Paul Chang's (2015) Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea’s Democracy Movement, 1970-1979. *International Journal of Area Studies 11-1*, 59-60
- Didvalis, L. (2015). Development of international cooperation for forest protection and sustainable forest management in ASEAN countries. FAO, *Official papers of XIV World Forestry Congress*
- Didvalis, L. (2014). Cooperation for Forest Protection in Southeast Asia: the Role of Japan and Its Domestic Interest Groups. *International Journal of Area Studies 9-2*, 19-36
- Didvalis, L. (2014). Radioactive Contamination of Fukushima’s Forests: Application of the Polluter Pays Principle. *The Journal of Social Science 77*, 79-99
- Didvalis, L. (2011). Penkiolikta Jungtinių Tautų Bendrosios klimato kaitos konvencijos konferencija: Japonijos pozicija ir ją lėmę veiksniai. *Politikos mokslų almanachas 1-9*, 119-141
- Didvalis, L. (2010). *Mitybos įpročių poveikis aplinkai. Jaunųjų aplinkosaugos reporterių programa*. Lietuvos žaliųjų judėjimas, Kaunas [ISBN 9789955973751]

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- “*Lithuania-Japan Mutual Awareness: Examination of Early Written Records*” presented at international academic conference “Challenging relations with(in) East Asia”, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, November 3-4, 2023
- “*Lithuania encounters Korea: first references and contacts during the late 19th and early 20th century*” presented at the 5th Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies conference “Asia in Transition / Tradition as the Source of Change”, Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia, September 23-25, 2022
- “*VMU Japanese resources: Documentary movie "Visas for Life. The Chain of Courage" and website ritoja.lt*” presented at the 32nd European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists conference “Documentary and visual resources on Japan in the wider Asian context”, Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre, Lisbon, Portugal, September 14-17, 2022
- “*Lithuania–Japan diplomatic relations during the interwar period*” presented at international conference “A century of connections: historical ties between the Baltic and East Asia regions”, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, March 4-5, 2022
- “*Perceptions about environmental protection in Japan and South Korea: Expectations, actions, and visions of the future*” presented at the 15th Annual Days of Japan at the University of Warsaw “Between Humans and Nature: the Japanese Perspective”, hosted online by University of Warsaw, Poland, November 15, 2021
- “*Green conservatism in Japan: developments in environmental protection discourse among right-wing groups since 2011*” presented at the 16th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies, hosted online by Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, August 24-28, 2021
- “*Environmental cooperation in East Asia: South Korea’s “green diplomacy”*” presented at the 18th CEESOK (Central and Eastern European Society of Koreanologists) Conference “New Voices in Korean Studies from the Baltic States, Central and Eastern Europe”, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania, July 5-6, 2019

- *“Trends of Environmental Policy Development in South Korea in 21st Century: is the Left More Green than the Right?”* presented at the First Conference of Baltic Association of Korean Studies “Insights into the Present State of Studies of Korean Subjects in the Baltic States”, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania, April 26, 2019
- *“Digitalization of learning resources at the Center of Asian Studies, Vytautas Magnus University”* presented at the international conference „The 29th EAJRS Conference: (G)localizing Japanese Studies Resources“, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, September 12, 2018
- *“Korean studies in Vytautas Magnus University: ambitions, challenges and achievements”* presented at the international seminar “The 4th Baltic Seminar on Korean Studies”, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania, April 20, 2018
- *“Genesis of East Asian Studies in Lithuania: the Legacy of Matas Šalčius”* presented at the the 3rd Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies Conference, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, April 13, 2018.
- *“Fewer people, more trees? Examining the impact of rural depopulation on environmental functions of forests in Japan”* presented at the EAJRS2017, 15th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies, Nova University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, August 30, 2017
- *“South Korea's Climate Change Policy: A Comparison of Roh, Lee and Park Administrations”* presented at the international conference “Korean Literature and Culture in Transition - Perceptions of the Past, Visions of the Future”, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, April 29, 2017.
- *“Challenges and perspectives of developing Korean studies in Eastern Europe”* presented with Yuree Kim and Aurelijus Zykas at international seminar “The 3rd Baltic Seminar on Korean studies”, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, April 21, 2017
- *“Japanese Forest Culture: Lost between Urbanization, Depopulation and Globalization”* presented at international symposium "Mind and Body in Japanese Culture", University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, March 4, 2017.
- *“Ecotourism Research in East Asia and Lessons to Europe”* presented at the international conference “Travel and Mutual Understanding: East Asia, Europe and Beyond”, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, October 20, 2016.
- *“The Role of National Self-interest Factors in Environmental Cooperation Among East Asian Countries”* presented at the 2nd Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies Conference, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, April 8, 2016.
- *“Walk the Talk: Japanese Attitudes Towards Forests and Practical Response”* presented at the international symposium "Center and Periphery in Japanese Culture", University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, March 6, 2016.
- *“Most Prospective Areas for Cooperation between Lithuania and ASEAN Countries”* presented at the international conference “Shifting Inter-Regional Balance: EU-East Asia Economic Cooperation”, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania, October 21, 2015.
- *“Protest and Cooperation in Japan's Civil Society: the Case of Non-Profit Organizations in Forest Protection Field”* presented at the international symposium "Contemporary Japan – Problems and Challenges", University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, February 28, 2015.
- *“Radioactive Contamination of Fukushima Forests: Challenges of Finding an Optimal Solution”* presented at the international seminar “Can Japan and the World Have a Nuclear Ethic?”, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan, September 2, 2013.
- *“Saving Tropical Forests: The Role of Japan and Its Environmental Movements”* presented at the international symposium “Designing Governance for Civil Society”, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, February 9, 2013.
- *“Stopping Illegal Logging: a Comparison of the EU and Japan policies”* presented at the international seminar “Comparing Regional Environmental Governance in East Asia and Europe”, The Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Kyoto, Japan, January 24, 2013.

PARTICIPATION IN JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- *History of ties between Japan and Lithuania* (sponsor: Toshiba International Foundation, duration: April 2021–March 2022)
- *Expansion of electronic Japanese-Lithuanian dictionary* (sponsor: Japan Foundation, duration: April 2018–March 2019)
- *Research for a documentary movie on historical Lithuania-Japan relations* (sponsor: Toshiba International Foundation, duration: April 2017–March 2018)
- *Extension of website for self-learning Japanese language in Lithuanian* (sponsor: Japan Foundation, duration: April 2016–March 2017)
- *Creation of electronic Japanese-Lithuanian dictionary* (sponsor: Japan Foundation, duration: April 2015–March 2016)
- *The most prospective cooperation areas for Lithuania's involvement in EU-ASEAN Dialogue* (sponsor: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, duration: April 2015–July 2015)
- *Website for self-learning Japanese language in Lithuanian* (sponsor: Japan Foundation, duration: March 2011–March 2012)