

SUMMER SCHOOL OF HISTORY "GRAND DUCHY OF LITHUANIA IN THE 14TH–16TH CENTURIES: HISTORY AND SOURCES"

Vilnius, August 18–22, 2025

PROGRAMME

Day 1 (August 18, 2025, Monday) – VILNIUS

Introductory Lecture

10:00–12:00 – The Importance of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania for the Study of Lithuanian and Ukrainian History

Lecturers: **Alvydas Nikžentaitis**, Lithuanian Institute of History

Oleg Odnorozhenko, Institute of Ukrainian Archeography, Lithuanian Institute of History

Location: Faculty of History, VU (Universiteto g. 7, Room 211)

12:00–14:00 – Lunch

Location: Senatoriai Restaurant, Tilto g. 2a

14:00–14:40 – Practical Lesson at the Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences: Manuscript Sources on the History of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania

Lecturer: **Oleg Odnorozhenko**, Institute of Ukrainian Archeography, Lithuanian Institute of History

15:00–16:00 – What is the Lithuanian Metrica?

Lecturer: **Karolis Čižauskas**, Lithuanian Institute of History, University of Vilnius

Location: The Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences (Žygimantų g. 1)

From 17:00 – Social Evening

Location: VU Mažosios aulos kavinėje, Šv. Jonų bažnyčios (Universiteto g. 3)

Day 2 (August 19, 2025) – KERNAVĖ

10:00 – Pick-up and departure to Kernavė

Location: Lithuanian Institute of History (Tilto g. 17)

11:00–13:00 – The Emergence of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (Kernavė)

Lecturer: **Darius Baronas**, Lithuanian Institute of History

13:00–14:00 – Lunch

Location: „Kerniaus” virtuvėlė, Senovės g. 3A, Kernavė

14:00–16:00 – On-site Learning Session in Kernavė. Module on the History of the GDL

16:00–18:00 – Political Elites of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania

Lecturer: **Genutė Kirkienė**, Vilnius University

18:30–19:30 – Dinner

Location: Senatoriai Restaurant, Tilto g. 2a

Day 3 (August 20, 2025) – VILNIUS

10:00–12:00 – Cities of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania

Lecturer: **Natalia Bilous**, Institute of History of Ukraine

Location: Faculty of History, VU (Universiteto g. 7, Room 211)

12:00–14:00 – Lunch

Location: Senatoriai Restaurant, Tilto g. 2a

14:00–17:00 – Archaeological Visit of Vilnius Old Town. Open-air Lecture

Lecturers: **Oksana Valionienė**, Lithuanian Institute of History

Rytis Jonaitis, Lithuanian Institute of History

18:30–19:30 – Dinner

Location: Senatoriai Restaurant, Tilto g. 2a

Day 4 (August 21, 2025) – TRAKAI

9:45 – Pick-up and departure to Trakai

Location: Simono Daukanto aikštė (near the Vilnius University)

11:00–13:00 – Military Affairs in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania

Lecturer: **Borys Cherkas**, Institute of History of Ukraine

13:00–14:00 – Lunch

14:00–16:00 – Study Visit in Trakai Castle and Old Trakai. Module on the History of the GDL

16:00–19:00 – Free Time in Trakai

19:30–20:30 – Dinner

Location: Senatoriai Restaurant, Tilto g. 2a

Day 5 (August 22, 2025) – MEDININKAI & VILNIUS

10:00 – Pick-up and departure to Medininkai

Location: Lithuanian Institute of History (Tilto g. 17)

11:00–13:00 – Architectural Heritage of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania

Lecturer: **Saulius Sarcevičius**, Lithuanian Institute of History

14:00 – Departure from Medininkai

15:00–16:00 – Lunch

Location: Senatoriai Restaurant, Tilto g. 2a

16:00–16:30 – The Duchy of Courland within the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth: Integration or Independence?

Lecturer: **Simona Glazauskaitė**, PhD student from Lithuanian Institute of History

16:30–17:00 – In the Flow of History: Insights from Research on Navigable Rivers in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, 16th–18th Centuries

Lecturer: **Rimantas Bedulskis**, PhD student from Lithuanian Institute of History

17:00–17:30 – The Symbol Communication Analysis - Possibility of Interpretation of Medieval Narrative Sources

Lecturer: **Ignas Račickas**, PhD student from Vilnius University

17:30–18:00 – Doctoral Study Opportunities in Vilnius University & Session with Doctoral Students (Presentation of PhD Projects)

Lecturers: **Rima Bareikienė**, doctoral studies administrator at the Faculty of History

Location: Faculty of History, VU (Universiteto g. 7, Room 211)

Organisers

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