

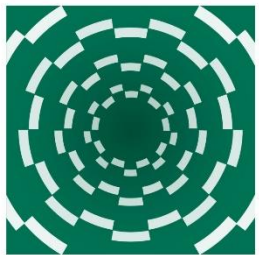


**What Solidarity?:  
Pandemic (Im)mobility Governance Discourse  
in Lithuania, 2020-2021**

(very very initial thoughts)

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Lietuvos viešosios politikos atsakas  
į COVID-19 pandemiją  
ir šios krizės valdymas 2020 m.



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### Leadership:

- **Paternalistic style**
- Inter-institutional mistrust
- Lack of open communication

From Quick Wins to Significant Losses:  
Lithuania's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the  
Management of the Crisis in 2020

Vilnius University Press, 2021

## Current scope of the research:

- 2020-2022 (before Russian war on Ukraine)
- Two governments: mixed left-conservative government of Saulius Skvernelis; liberal-conservative government of Ingrida Šimonytė (since 11 December 2020)
- Roughly, two stages of pandemic governance: mobility control and mobilization to vaccinate
- ~600 entries (data collected by PhD candidates Rasa Bortkevičiūtė and Neringa Mataitytė)
- Speakers: President of Lithuanian Republic, ministers and vice-ministers (chiefly – Prime-Minister, Minister of Health, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister of Social Security and Work), representatives of National Public Health Center; representatives of Association of Lithuanian Municipalities, and others.

# Contingency, irony, and solidarity

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How does discourse of solidarity enter Lithuanian discourse of pandemic (im)mobility governance and leave it?

What kind of solidarity is presumed or constructed?

What if not solidarity?

For discussion on pandemic immobility see:

Peter Ady, Kevin Hannam, Mimi Sheller & David Tyfield, “Pandemic (Im)mobilities”, *Mobilities*, 2021, 16:1, 1-19.

4 theoretical context for solidarity:

I        **Solidarity and Morality:** universality vs. exclusivity

II        **Solidarity and Society:** emotional cohesion & mutual support

III       **Solidarity and Liberation:** just goal & utopian horizon

IV        **Solidarity and Welfare State:** bureaucratic institutionalization vs. care

2020: solidarity, concord, unity (*solidarumas, susitelkimas, bendrumas*)

2021-2022 (before Russian war on Ukraine): solidarity (much less), consciousness, responsibility (*solidarumas, samoningumas, atsakomybė*) → risk and income management

Preliminary dynamics of Lithuanian pandemic (im)mobility discourse: from bureaucratic institutionalisation mixed with rhetoric of emotional cohesion to the emphasis on mutual support through (self)discipline