

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

01/11/2024 – Research fellow

Postdoctoral research project “A Genealogy of Political Homophobia in Post-Soviet Lithuania: From Soviet Legacy to the Transnational Anti-Gender Movement”, which has received funding from the Research Council of Lithuania (LMTLT), agreement No. S-PD-24-139.

Institute for International Relations and Political Science (IIRPS), Vilnius University, Lithuania.

01/09/2024 – Senior Lecturer

IIRPS, Vilnius University, Lithuania

01/09/2021 – 31/08/2024 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions postdoctoral fellow

Research project “Modernization of Sexuality and the Construction of Deviance in Soviet Lithuania” (MoSeLit), European Commission, grant agreement No 101025145.

Research platform “Transformations and Eastern Europe”, University of Vienna, Austria

01/02/2021 – 31/08/2021 Teaching Fellow

Yehuda Elkana Center for Higher Education, Central European University, Hungary

Open Society University Network (OSUN), Education in Emergencies (Refugee Education initiative)

21/09/2020 – 31/12/2020 Visiting Professor

Department of History, Central European University Private University (CEU PU), Austria

16/09/2019 – 30/06/2020 Visiting Lecturer

Department of Gender Studies, Department of History, Central European University (CEU), Hungary

15/12/2018 – 15/01/2019 Visiting Lecturer

Department of Media and Culture, Utrecht University, the Netherlands

03/09/2018 – 03/12/2018 Visiting Researcher

Research Center for Historical Studies, University of Groningen, the Netherlands

01/10/2017 – 31/07/2018 Visiting Researcher

Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Institute of the Leibniz Association, Germany

EDUCATION

08/09/2014 – 20/01/2020 PhD in Comparative Gender Studies with Specialization in History

Department of Gender Studies, Central European University, Hungary

01/09/2011 – 29/08/2013 Research Master in Gender and Ethnicity, *cum laude*

Department of Media and Culture, Utrecht University, the Netherlands

01/09/2007 – 23/06/2011 Bachelor in Political Science

The Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2023, *Marija Gimbutas. Transnational Biography, Feminist Reception, and the Controversy of Goddess Archaeology*, New York, Routledge.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2024, translated by Rima Bertašavičiūtė, *Marija Gimbutienė. Archeologija, Didžiosios Deivės hipotezė, feminizmas*, Vilnius, Kitos knygos.

Academic publications (peer-reviewed)

Rasa Navickaitė, 2024, “Gender Complementarity Paradigm and Sexual Deviance in Late Soviet Expert and Pedagogical Texts – the Case of the Lithuanian SSR”, *Intersections East European Journal of Society and Politics*. <https://intersections.tk.hu/index.php/intersections/article/view/1244>

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2024, „Political Homophobia in Soviet Lithuania Revisited: The Case of the Dissident Viktoras Petkus,” *Latvijas Vēstures Institūta Žurnāls*, 120, 32-58.
https://www.lvi.lu.lv/fileadmin/user_upload/lu_portal/lvi.lu.lv/LVIZ_Numuri/2024_Specializlaidums/lviz.120.03_navickaite.pdf

Navickaitė Rasa, 2024, “Marija Gimbutas: an interview about prehistoric matriarchy with Tarybinė moteris. About the Author” and “Context”, In *Texts and Contexts from the History of Feminism and Women's Rights in East Central Europe*, edited by Zsófia Lóránd, Adela Hincu, Katarzyna Stańczak-Wiślicz, and Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, Budapest: CEU Press.
<https://ceupress.com/book/texts-and-contexts-history-feminism-and-womens-rights>

Rasa Navickaitė, 2024 (forthcoming), “Among the Characters from That Chapter”: Soviet Medicalization of Homosexuality in Lithuanian Lesbian Oral History Narratives”, *Journal of Lesbian Studies*.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2023, “In the Name of Love? Sexuality, Gender, and Soviet Morality in the Late Soviet Baltic States,” *Themenportal Europäische Geschichte*, <https://www.europa.clio-online.de/essay/id/fdae-116915>

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2023, “(Re-)Considering Authenticity: A Critical Review of Lithuanian Soviet Historiography of Gender and Sexuality,” *Nordost-Archiv. Zeitschrift für Regionalgeschichte*.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2015, “Under the Western Gaze: Sexuality and Postsocialist ‘Transition’ in East Europe.” In *Postcolonial Transitions in Europe: Contexts, Practices and Politics*, edited by Sandra Ponzanesi and Gianmaria Colpani, 119–32. Rowman & Littlefield International.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2014, “Postcolonial Queer Critique in Post-Communist Europe - Stuck in the Western Progress Narrative?” *Tijdschrift Voor Genderstudies*, special issue Gendered Fortress Europe 17 (2): 165–85.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2012, “Queer as Alla: Subversion And/or Re-Affirmation of the Homophobic Nationalist Discourse of Normality in Post-Soviet Vilnius.” *Lambda Nordica*, special issue Central and Eastern European Sexualities “In Transition”, 4: 126–52.

Other publications (selected)

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2024, December 06, “Kreivi spektakliai tarpukario Vilniuje (Queer Theater Plays in interwar Vilnius)”, *Literatūra ir menas*.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2024, February 12, “Legally sanctioned homophobia in the EU”, *Eurozine*.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2022, July 1, “Seksualinio disidentų gyvenimo Sovietų Sąjungoje kronikos” (The chronicles of a sexual dissident in Soviet Lithuania), *Šiaurės atėnai*.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2022 August 19, “Neįvardintos tapatybės: ką žinome apie moterų (homo)seksualumą sovietmečiu”, (Unspoken identities: what do we know about female homosexuality under socialism), *Šiaurės atėnai*.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2021, October 22, “Marija Gimbutienė pabėgėlių stovykloje” (Marija Gimbutas at a refugee camp), *Šiaurės atėnai*.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2018, March 23/April 6, “Apie patriotizmą ir raganas: Marija Gimbutas radikalios feministinio kontekste” (On patriotism and witches: Marija Gimbutas in the radical feminist context), *Literatūra ir menas*.

Navickaitė, Rasa, 2016, “The “Apolitical” Politics of Soviet Memory in Vilnius”, *Baltic Worlds*, a scholarly journal and news magazine of the Center for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES), Södertörn University, October 2016, Vol. IX:3: 78-80.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Postdoctoral research grant, the Research Council of Lithuania, at the Institute for International Relations and Political Science (IIRPS), Vilnius University, Lithuania (04/11/2024 – 31/10/2026)
- European Commission grant, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship for the postdoctoral research project “Modernization of Sexuality and the Construction of Deviance in Soviet Lithuania” (MoSeLit) at the University of Vienna, Austria (01/09/2021- 31/08/2023)
- Lithuanian Council for Culture (LCC) Scholarship for the creators of arts and culture, for the preparation of a monograph based on doctoral research (01/08/2020 – 31/10/2020)
- ASEEES Regional Scholar Travel Grant for the ASEEES 2020 Convention in Washington
- CEU Dissertation Write-up Grant (01/02/2019 – 31/07/2019)
- CEU Doctoral Research Support Grant (DRSG) (03/09/2018 – 03/12/2018)
- AABS Conference Travel grant for the AABS Conference at Stanford University (01/06/2018 – 03/06/2018)
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Research Grant for Doctoral Candidates and Young Academics and Scientists for a research stay at the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe in Marburg and an intensive German language course (01/08/2017 – 31/07/2018)
- Lithuanian Foundation Scholarship to support doctoral studies (01/09/2017 – 31/08/2018)
- AABS Dissertation Grant for Graduate Students for a two month long archival research trip (01/06/2017 – 31/07/2017)
- CEU Summer school grant to attend the CBSS Summer University: Cultural Memory of Europe: East and West, Center for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden (15-23/06/2016)
- CEU Doctoral scholarship (01/09/2014 – 31/08/2017)
- Utrecht University Faculty of the Humanities travel grant to present master thesis research at the 2nd European Geographies of Sexualities Conference (05/09/2013 – 07/09/2013)
- Friedrich Ebert Foundation Conference travel grant for the 8th European Feminist Research Conference (17/05/2012-20/05-2012)
- ERASMUS+ grant for a 4month long stay at Essex University, the United Kingdom (01/09/2009 – 31/12/2009)

AWARDS

- Edith Saurer Prize 2024, Der Edith Saurer Fonds (ESF), Vienna, 2024
- AABS Book Publication Subvention for the monograph *Marija Gimbutas: Transnational Biography, Feminist Reception, and the Controversy of Goddess Archaeology*, (AABS), 2023

- Duke University Feminist Theory Workshop Travel Award, Program in Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies at Duke University, the U.S., 2018.
- CEU Academic Achievement Award, 2015.
- European Commission, The European Journalist Award “For Diversity. Against Discrimination”, 2011.

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Panel organizer, "Studying Queer Sexuality in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania: from the Soviet Period to Contemporary Times", Eighth Annual Tartu Conference on East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Tartu, Tartu, 20.06.2024

Panel organizer, "Utopian Thinking and the Transformation of Environment", RECET History and Social Sciences Festival "Green Transformations", University of Vienna, Vienna, 06.06.2024

Conference organizer, "Queering Modernization in Eastern Europe: Deviant Sexualities, Gender Regimes, and the Limits of State Control", University of Vienna, Vienna, June 29-30, 2023.

Panel organizer, "Between "Communist Morality" and the Post-Socialist "Traditional Family" Discourse: Gender, Sexuality, Children", Conference "15th Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe (CBSE)", Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, June 17, 2023.

Panel organizer, "Book Panel on Rasa Navickaitė's "Marija Gimbutas' Transnational Biography, Feminist Reception, and the Controversy of Goddess Archaeology"(Routledge 2023), Conference "15th Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe (CBSE)", Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, June 15, 2023.

Panel organizer, "Book Panel on Rasa Navickaitė's "Marija Gimbutas' Transnational Biography, Feminist Reception, and the Controversy of Goddess Archaeology"(Routledge 2023), Conference: Conference "27th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)", Columbia University, New York, May 19, 2023.

Panel organizer, “Transformations of LGBTQ Politics and Cultures in the Post-socialist Baltic States,” The British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, University of Glasgow, U.K. March 31-April 2, 2023.

Conference co-organiser, "Emancipacijos diskursai nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje: Žvelgiant iš lyties perspektyvos" (Discourses of Emancipation in Lithuania: Looking from Gender Perspective), National Art Gallery, Vilnius, February 17, 2023.

Panel organizer, "New Directions in Gender Research in the Baltic States", 52nd Annual Convention of The Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Washington D.C., the U.S., November 5-8, 2020.

Conference co-organizer, “Bridging Gender Research and Policy Making: Missing Links, Good Practices, Future Scenarios”, ATGENDER Spring Conference, in cooperation with EIGE & Vilnius University, Lithuania, April 19-21, 2017.

Conference co-organizer, “Emancipacijos diskursai nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje: feminizmas, politika, kultūra” (Discourses of emancipation in independent Lithuania: feminism, politics and culture), group of independent organizers, the National Art Gallery, Vilnius, Lithuania, February 17, 2016.

Conference co-organizer, The 9th European Feminist Research Conference, ATGENDER & University of Lapland, Finland, June 3-5, 2015.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

Invited speaker

“Socialism with a Straight Face: Homophobia and LGBT people in Soviet and post-Soviet Lithuania”, invited speaker at the “bal” conference on queer*feminist perspectives in the Balkans and the Baltics, *Improper Walls*. Kulturverein zur Förderung von Kunst und soziokulturellen Initiativen, Vienna, Austria. (21.10.2023)

“In Search of Old Europe: Radical Feminism, Lithuanian Nationalism, and Marija Gimbutas’ Archaeological Work”, invited speaker at the Leibniz-Institut für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europa (GWZO), Leipzig, Germany. (13/07/2022)

“Goddess Archaeology: Marija Gimbutas, Feminism, and the Construction of Eastern European Heritage”, invited panel speaker at the 27th Annual Northwest Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, University of Washington, the United States. (30/04/2021).

“Between Archaeology and Feminism: Great Goddess in the Work of Marija Gimbutas”, public lecture organized by the University of Illinois Chicago, Department of Polish, Russian and Lithuanian Studies, the Consulate General of Lithuania in Chicago and Lithuanian Culture Institute. (11/02/2021)

“Lithuanian *Ragana* Reborn in California: Marija Gimbutas and the American Feminist Spirituality Movement”, public lecture organized by the Research Center for Historical Studies (RCHS) and the Center for Gender Studies, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. (12/11/2018)

“Lietuvos feministinės retorikos (savi)analizė” (An analysis of Lithuanian feminist rhetoric), summer school *Gender Studies and Activism in the West and Post-Soviet Countries: Theories, Practices, Forms, Tolerant Youth Association* (Lithuania) & Linköping University (Sweden), Vilnius, Lithuania. (24/08/2015)

"Posovietinis feminizmas: teorinės ir praktinės tyrimo problemas" (Post-socialist feminism: theoretical and practical challenges for research), Center for Gender Studies, Vilnius University, Lithuania. (04/11/2015)

“Gender Studies in Europe Today, Perspectives from Eastern Europe”, ATGENDER roundtable at the 9th European Feminist Research Conference “Sex and Capital”, ATGENDER & University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland. (05/05/2015)

Presenter (conference papers)

“Gender Complementarity Discourses and the Making of Sexual Deviance in Late Soviet Lithuania: Science, Pedagogy and Attitudes”. Conference "Queering Modernization in Eastern Europe: Deviant Sexualities, Gender Regimes, and the Limits of State Control". (30.06.2023)

"Homophobia as Positive Eugenics: From “Communist Morality” to Post-Socialist Right-Wing Discourses", Conference "15th Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe (CBSE)", Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas. (17.06.2023)

"Modernizing Homosexuality in Soviet Lithuania: a Pathology, a Crime, and a Vice", International seminar "Researching, reworking and representing Soviet LGBT histories: Queer Between Surveillance and Non-Interference of State Authorities under Soviet System: The Practices and the Discourses", University of Latvia, Riga. (02.06.2023)

"The Legacy of “Communist Morality” in Post-Soviet Lithuanian Homophobic Rhetoric", Conference "27th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)", Columbia University, New York. (19.05.2023)

“In the Name of Love?: Gender Complementarity and Sexual Deviance in Late Soviet Lithuania,” European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC), University of Gothenburg, Sweden. (12/04/2023)

“Transformation and/or Revelation of the Self in Post-socialist Lithuanian Queer Life-Narratives.” BASEES Annual Conference, University of Glasgow, U.K. (31/03/2023)

“The Earth was Sacred: Romantic Images of Lithuania and Marija Gimbutas’ Scientific Persona.” The 2018 AABS Conference: The 100th Anniversary of Baltic Independence, Stanford University, the U.S. (02/06/2018)

“Importing Western Feminism to Post-Soviet Space?: the Role of Diaspora Intellectuals in Building Women’s Studies in Lithuania in the early 1990s.” Conference The Europe of Women, Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands. (27/11/2015)

“Queer Critique in the post-Communist Europe: Stuck in the Western Progress Narrative”. Soviet and Post-Soviet Sexualities Workshop, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, United Kingdom. (20/02/2015)

“Sexuality in Eastern European Scholarship.” II European Geographies of Sexualities Conference, Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal. (07/09/2013)

“Postcolonial Queer in the post-Communist Europe.” Graduate Workshop: Dislocating Agency, Moving Objects: Association, Demarcation, Transformation, Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, April 17-19, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. (19/04/2013)

“Sexual Nationalism in Europe” (with Gianmaria Colpani). The 8th European Feminist Research Conference: The Politics of Location Revisited, May 17-20. ATGENDER & Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. (20/05/2012)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

The Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Scientific reviewer for the *Hertha Firnberg-Programme*, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- Scientific reviewer for the *National Science Centre*, Poland.
- Scientific reviewer for the scholarly journals: *Central Asian Survey*, *Feminist Critique: East European Journal of Feminist and Queer Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *Istorija (VDU)*.
- Board member and co-treasurer of *ATGENDER: The European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation* (2014-2017)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

I have completed the Program for Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education, offered by the Center for Teaching and Learning at CEU.

LANGUAGES

Lithuanian – native

English – fluent

Dutch – very good

German –good

Russian – good