

# Call for Papers

International Interdisciplinary Conference

## **Challenges in Ethnography: Ethnographers and Ethnographic Knowledge**

in Vilnius, Lithuania, 22-23 October 2020

### LITHUANIAN INSTITUTE OF HISTORY

Newly arising social, cultural, political and local issues of ethnicity are revealed through ethnography. This is why the international academic community claims that in assessing the meanings and perspectives of ethnography we first need to recognise its history and theory. For a postmodern person who cares about a dialogue with the *Other* and the *Self*, to what extent do ethnographic studies reveal ethnic belonging? Anthropological historians have recently revealed pages of colonial and postcolonial ethnographic theory. The construction of ethnographic knowledge in “field” studies and archives, as historical, theoretical, and practical perspectives, remain a relevant discussion amongst ethnologists. In anthropological, ethnological, historical, and folklorist interdisciplinary studies, new research ethics, reflexivity and interrelated topics arise, which are important to be discussed. The conference aims at studying the history, epistemology, theory, and practice of ethnography. Paper presenters are encouraged to focus on:

- ethnography of the *Other*;
- ethnographers and their theories on the topics of ethnicity and more;
- peculiarities of writing ethnographic texts;
- methodology of ethnography, their practical aspects in fieldwork and other studies;
- ethics of ethnographic studies;
- issues of self-reflexivity;
- qualitative, quantitative, and inter-disciplinary methods of ethnography.

We look forward to receive proposals in which an analysis of works on scientific history of anthropology, ethnology, ethnography, history, folklore, sociology will allow us to understand issues in modern research. We welcome presentations on how developments in modern society are revealed by means of ethnographic studies. Our aim is to contribute to inter-disciplinary academic discussions on ethnography, ethnographers and ethnographic knowledge.

Please send your abstract (not exceeding 200 words) per email to [vida.savoniakaite@istorija.lt](mailto:vida.savoniakaite@istorija.lt) until 2 April 2020. Responses on whether your presentation has been accepted will be send on 22 April. We are looking for funding to support part of the conference attendance costs.

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