



The 16th Jonas Pranas Aleksa  
international interdisciplinary scientific conference  
“DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE ROLE  
IN THE XXI CENTURY: NATIONAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT”

29<sup>th</sup> of September, 2023  
Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University  
Vytauto str. 84, Šiauliai, Lithuania

## INVITATION

Institute of Regional Development of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University and partners kindly invite scientists, researchers and practitioners, who are interested in such topics as state governance and local self-government, regional policy and regional socio-economic development, modernization of the public sector, to take the part in the international interdisciplinary scientific conference. Insights from newest research and practice will be shared and discussed. This conference is dedicated to the 105th anniversary of the Re-establishment of the State of Lithuania and the 144th birth anniversary of Professor Jonas Pranas Aleksa.



*Professor Jonas Pranas Aleksa (1879-1955) was one of the most famous leaders of the agrarian sector in the independent Lithuania (1920-1940) and the founder of the agrarian economy science. J. P. Aleksa's public and scientific activities were effectively adapted for the strengthening of democracy in the state public administration and the creation of modern rural development strategy. Also, the J. P. Aleksa personality itself becomes is a bright example for future generations, how to serve to the native country and to the universal goodness.*

Please, fulfil the online **Participant Registration Form until September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/8mHsYsVji4>

**Conference will be held in the hybrid mode:** face-to-face in VU Šiauliai Academy (Vytauto str. 84, room 413, Šiauliai, Lithuania) and online mode via MS Teams.

### Conference agenda:

9.30-10.00 Registration, coffee

10.00-12.00 A.M. **Plenary session** (the session in the hybrid mode: face-to-face and online).

1.00-5.00 P.M. **Working groups:**

- 1) Perspectives of social-economic and cultural regional development;
- 2) Increase of the regions' resilience to crises, strengthening the local self-government and institutional potential;
- 3) The vision of transparency in the public sector: theoretical and practical perspectives;
- 4) Studies of young researchers: summarizing the experience of sustainable regional development and searching for new perspectives.

### Organizers of the conference:



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Webpages:  
[www.mokslasplius.lt/mokslo-lietuva](http://www.mokslasplius.lt/mokslo-lietuva),  
[www.sa.vu.lt/mokslas/mokslo-renginiai](http://www.sa.vu.lt/mokslas/mokslo-renginiai).

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**Conference languages:** Lithuanian, English.

**Participation in the conference is free of charge.**

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**Estimated duration of presentations at the conference:** up to 20 minutes in the plenary session and up to 10 minutes during the working groups.

Certificates of participation will be provided to authors, who prepared and read a presentation at the conference, by e-mail.

The conference program and the connection link to the MS Teams meeting will be sent to all registered participants by September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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**Publishing:** articles can be published in the periodical peer-reviewed scientific journal of social sciences “Social Research”: <https://www.journals.vu.lt/social-research>

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