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

29th of September, 2023
Vytauto str. 84, Šiauliai, Lithuania

INVITATION

The conference is dedicated to the 144th birth anniversary of Professor Jonas Pranas Aleksa.

Organizers: Institute of Lithuanian Scientific Society, Institute of Regional Development of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University, Researchers' Excellence Network (RENET), coordinated by Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University.

Registration: please, complete the **online Participant Registration Form**
<https://forms.office.com/e/8mHsYsVji4> until September 14th, 2023.

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:

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.

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

Conference languages: Lithuanian, English.

Participation in the conference is free of charge.

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

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 26th, 2023.

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Information sponsors of the conference – Newspaper of Lithuanian Scientists “**Mokslo Lietuva**” and webpages: www.mokslasplius.lt/mokslo-lietuva , www.sa.vu.lt/mokslas/mokslo-renginiai

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. The comprehensive analysis shows J. P. Aleksa public and scientific activities can be very effectively adapted for the creation of modern rural development strategy and strengthening of democracy in the state public administration. 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. Unshakeable idealism, integrity and honesty, faith in human progress are the qualities, which will enable to choose the most valuable trends of life strategy for us and for our future generations.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

Chairman – prof. Dr Dalius Serafinas, Professor of Vilnius University, Chairman of the Council of the Lithuanian Scientific Society.

Members:

Valentinas Aleksa, economist, president of the World Lithuanian Sports Association, president of the Sūduva Regional Society of Science, History and Culture;

Dr Jonas Jasaitis, Member of the Council of the Lithuanian Scientific Society, Editor-in-Chief of the Lithuanian scientists’ newspaper “Mokslo Lietuva”;

Prof. Dr Irina Pilvere, Rector of Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technology (Latvia);

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Prof. Dr Vilma Atkočiūnienė, Professor of the Academy of Agriculture of Vytautas Magnus University;

Prof. Dr Diana Šaparnienė, Professor at the Institute of Regional Development of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University;

Assoc. prof. Daniela Georgieva, Associate professor and a Dean at the International Business School – Botevgrad (Bulgaria);

Assoc. prof. Dr Lina Garšvienė, Director of the Institute of Regional Development of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University;

Assoc. prof. Dr Rita Toleikienė, Associate professor at the Institute of Regional Development of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

Chairperson – assoc. prof. Dr Vita Juknevičienė, Associate Professor of the Institute of Regional Development of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University, Chairperson of Public Administration Study Program Committees, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Researchers' Excellence Network (RENET), coordinated by Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University; Executive editor of the scientific journal “Social Research”.

Members:

Assist. prof. Dr Violeta Kiurienė, assistant professor of the Institute of Regional Development of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University;

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Asta Repšienė, Administrator of the Institute of Regional Development of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University.