


9.00–9.30

**Registration**  
1st floor

9.30–10.00

**Official opening**   
Atrium space (3rd floor)

**Moderator** – Mindaugas Jackevičius  
Editor in Chief of lrt.lt

**Opening remarks:**  
**Gediminas Kirkilas**  
Deputy Speaker of the Seimas

**Afshan Khan**  
UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia

**Linas Linkevičius**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

**Opening remarks:**  
**Dainius Žalimas**  
President of Constitutional court of Republic of Lithuania  
**Valerijus Simulik**  
Chair of the Committee on Human Rights of the Seimas

**Augustinas Normantas**  
Head of National Human Rights Institution of the Republic of Lithuania


**Agneta Skardžiuvienė**  
Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson

**Edita Žiobienė**  
Ombudsperson for Children’s Rights of the Republic of Lithuania

**Juozas Augutis**  
Rector of Vytautas Magnus University

**Birutė Sabatauskaitė**  
Director, at the Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights

10.00–11.30

**Youth Activism and Education in Lithuania: When Will Lithuania Have its own Malala?**   
Atrium space (3rd floor)

**Moderator** – Girvydas Duoblys  
Head of Advocacy at Galiu Gyventi Coalition

**Ambassador of Canada**  
**H. E. Mr Kevin Michael Ernest Rex** opening remarks

**Participants:**  
**Birutė Sabatauskaitė**  
Director, at the Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights

**Liveta Kazlauskaitė**  
Student of Vievis Gymnasium

**Nancy Mitchell**  
Representative of Prime Minister’s Youth Council (Canada)

**Vaidas Bacys**  
Director of Aukštelkė School/Multifunctional Center

10.00–11.30

**International Standards and Human Reality: Non-Existent Gender Reassignment Procedure in Lithuania**  
Conference hall (5th floor)

**Moderator** – Mindaugas Jackevičius  
Editor in Chief at lrt.lt

**Presentation – “Legal Gender Recognition: Mission (Im)Possible?”**,  
Tomas Vytautas Raskevičius  
Head of the Equal Opportunities Mainstreaming Division at the Office of the Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson

**Participants:**  
**Alisa Alasevičė**  
Representative of Transgender Community

**Agneta Skardžiuvienė**  
Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson of the Republic of Lithuania

**Rasa Svetikaitė**  
Advisor to the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania

**Algirdas Šešelis**  
Vice-Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania

**Dainius Žalimas**  
President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania

11.30–12.00

**Coffee break**  
Leisure area (5th floor)  
**Visual Arts Contest’s “Civic Engagement and Student Activism: What Can I Do To Make Lithuania More Inclusive?” awards ceremony**  
**(Atrium space 3rd floor)**

12.00–13.30

**How to Ensure Children’s Rights in Case of Parental Conflicts?**   
Atrium space (3rd floor)

**Moderator** – Birutė Sabatauskaitė  
Director of the Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights  
**Ambassador of Finland**  
**H. E. Mr. Christer Michelsson** opening remarks

**Participants:**  
**Aušra Kurienė**  
Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Co-founder and director of Children Support Centre

**Linas Kukuraitis**  
Minister of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

**Edita Žiobienė**  
Ombudsperson for Children’s Rights of the Republic of Lithuania

**Julia Kuokkanen**  
Senior Advisor at Central Union for Child Welfare of Finland

**Rokas Uscila**  
Associate Professor at the Institute of Criminal Law and Procedure of Mykolas Romeris University

12.00–13.30

**Are Lithuanian Prisons Capable of Achieving the Goals of Punishment?**  
Conference hall (5th floor)

**Moderator** – Roberta Tracevičiūtė  
Journalist at 15min.lt

**Participants:**  
**Vytautas Valentinavičius**  
Head of the Human Rights Division of the Seimas Ombudsmen’s Office

**Gintautas Sakalauskas**  
Chair of the Lithuanian Society for Criminology

**Raimonda Čičauskaitė**  
Head of Centre for the Consulting of Sentenced Persons

**Virginijus Kulikauskas**  
Director of the Prison Department

**Gintaras Motuzas**  
Advisor at the Prison Department

13.30–14.30

**Lunch**  
Leisure space (5th floor)

14.30–16.00

**Best Practices in Implementing Right to Legal Gender Recognition**  
Conference hall (5th floor)

**Moderator** – Tomas Vytautas Raskevičius  
Head of Equal Opportunities Mainstreaming Division at the Office of the Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson

**Presentation – “European Standards on Legal Gender Recognition”**  
Cianán B. Russel  
(pronouns: them/they/theirs),  
ILGA-Europe’s Senior Policy Officer

**Participants:**  
**Emma Smith**  
(pronouns: them/they/theirs),  
Representative of the Council of Europe’s SOGI Unit

**Manuel Abrantes**  
Advisor to the Secretary of State for Citizenship and Equality, Government of Portugal

**Gabriella Calleja**  
Head of the SOGIGESC Unit within the Human Rights and Integration Directorate, Ministry for European Affairs and Equality, Government of Malta

**Marianne Sælen**  
Senior Advisor, Health Legislation Department, Ministry of Health and Care Services, Government of Norway

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Throughout the event, exhibitions of human rights-related VAA posters and pupils' visual arts works will be open on the main staircase, as well as an exhibition of Lithuanian stamps and postcards.

16.15–17.45

Human Rights and Technologies: between Challenges and Good Practices

Statehood room (2nd floor)

**Moderatorius** – Tomas Gulbinas  
Ambassador of Sweden  
**H.E. Ms. Maria Christina Lundqvist** opening remarks

**Participants:**  
**Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen**  
Member of the Committee on Human Rights of the Seimas  
**Vladimir Simonko**  
Head and co-founder of the national LGBT rights organisation LGL  
**Jūratė Ruzaitė**  
Professor at the Dept. of Foreign Language, Literary and Translation Studies of Vytautas Magnus University  
**Lyra Jakulevičienė**  
Professor, Dean of Law School at Mykolas Romeris University  
**Peter Öholm**  
Representative of NGO Civil Rights Defenders (Sweden)  
**Darius Gaidys**  
Ambassador at large for artificial intelligence at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

18:00

Screening of documentary movie “Normal” and follow-up discussion “Masculinity in 21st Century”

Conference hall (5th floor)

**Moderator** – Jūratė Juškaitė  
Head of Communications at Lithuanian Human Rights Center and editor of manoteises.lt

**Participants:**  
**Artūras Tereškinas**  
Sociologist, cultural researcher, poet, Professor at VMU Dept. of Sociology;  
**Donatas Paulauskas**  
Gender equality expert, Vilnius University lecturer, Senior Advisor to Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson  
**Margarita Jankauskaitė**  
Expert on gender equality at the Center for Equality Advancement

**Saulius Baradinskas**  
Film Director

**Egidijus Grigonis**  
Lawyer, disability activist

16.00–16.15

Break

16.15–17.45

Satirical Discussion: Human Rights: Challenges and Opportunities – But Where Should the Comma Go?

Atrium space (3rd floor)

**Participants:**  
**Paulius Gritėnas**  
Member of Advisory Board of Human Rights Monitoring Institute, political analyst, philosopher

**Paulius Ambrazevičius**  
Comedian, member of Humoro Klubas, organiser of pub quizzes, and reader of books

**Aistė Krušinskaitė**  
Director of a public enterprise, actress, comedian, lecturer, event hostess

Transgender Experiences in Lithuania: from Stigma to Social Acceptance

Conference hall (5th floor)

**Moderator** – Jūratė Juškaitė  
Head of Communications at Lithuanian Human Rights Center and Editor-in-Chief of manoteises.lt  
**Presentation** – „World Health Organization and Depathologization of Transgender Identities: Causes and Consequences”,  
UN Special Rapporteur on the Right of Everyone to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health

**Participants:**  
**Evelina Dobrovolska**  
Representative of Transgender Community

**Simas Kuliešius**  
Legal Assistant, Lawyer at the European Foundation of Human Rights

**Alisa Alasevičė**  
Pediatrician, Representative of Transgender Community

14.30–16.00

Religious Communities in Lithuania: Equal and More Equal?

Statehood room (2nd floor)

**Moderator** – Rasa Tapinienė  
Journalist at LRT

**Participants:**  
**Massimo Introvigne**  
Founder and Managing Director of the Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR)

**Donatas Glodenis**  
Religion researcher, MA in Religious Studies

**Milda Ališauskienė**  
Sociologist, religion researcher, and professor at Vytautas Magnus University

**Miglė Valaitienė**  
Public relations specialist, political scientist, and priestess in the Family Romuva religious community

**Mantas Adomėnas**  
Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

**Discussion: Feeling good at work**  
Arts space (5th floor)

**Moderator** – Darius Matas  
Radio journalist and radio host at LRT

**Participants:**  
**Birutė Sabatauskaitė**  
Director of the Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights

**Povilas Poderskis**  
Director of the Vilnius City Municipality Administration

**Danas Arlauskas**  
Chief Executive Officer at the Lithuanian Employers' Confederation

**Laima Vengalė-Dits**  
Senior Adviser at Legal Division of The Office of the Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson

**Agnė Jonaitytė-Karalienė**  
Head of Human Resources Division at Swedbank Lietuva

14.30–16.00

Public Interest in Knowing and Human Rights: What is Media Policy?

Atrium (3rd floor)

**Moderator** – Auksė Balčytienė  
Professor of VMU Dept. of Public Communication, Chair of Media Council of Lithuania

**Participants:**  
**Monika Garbačiauskaitė-Budrienė**  
CEO of the Lithuanian National Radio and Television (LRT)

**Raimundas Celencevičius**  
Editor-in-Chief of 15min

**Rasa Lukaitytė-Vnarauskienė**  
Editor-in-Chief of Delfi.lt

**Gražina Ramanauskaitė**  
Inspector of Journalist Ethics

**Jūratė Juškaitė**  
Head of Communications at Lithuanian Human Rights Center and Editor-in-Chief of manoteises.lt

**(Un)dignified life: when will we open the doors of social care institutions?**  
(Renginių erdvė III a.)

**Moderator** – Karilė Levickaitė  
Director of “Mental Health Perspectives”

**Participants:**  
**Dainius Pūras**  
Director of Human Rights Monitoring Institute

**Dovilė Juodkaitė**  
President of Lithuanian disability forum

**Kęstutis Rudzinskas**  
Representative of Social Care Home Valakampiai

**Virginija Paulauskytė**  
Deputy Director at Social Care Home Valakampiai

**Artūras Tereškinas**  
Sociology professor at Vytautas Magnus University



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