

CV of AIDA KISUNAITE

EDUCATION

2009 –2012

PhD, Political Systems and Institutional Change, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca, Italy.
Doctoral dissertation: “Participation of social civil society organisations in the Open Method of Coordination: How does it affect European governance and civil society organisations themselves? Case studies: European networks and Lithuanian civil society organizations”
Supervision: Prof. Bruno Dente (Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy). Evaluation: excellent

2006 –2010

Master of Arts (M.A.) in European studies, Hamburg University, Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics, Germany
Thesis: “The EU’s accession conditionality and its effects”

2001 –2006

Master of Laws (combined Bachelor and Masters Degrees), Vilnius University, Faculty of Law, Lithuania

EMPLOYMENT

September 2016 – ongoing

Dean of Law faculty, Kazimieras Simonavičius university, Basanaviciaus str. 29A, LT-03109, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Responsible for strategic planning of Law faculty’s academic, scientific and administrative work; internationalization of Law faculties activities; scientific coordinator of two international Master programs (LLM): ‘European union law and global challenges’, ‘International commerce and business law’.

April 2016- August 2016

Vice-Dean for Research and Studies, Law faculty, Kazimieras Simonavičius university, Basanaviciaus str. 29A, LT-03109, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Responsible for developing strategies for research and quality of studies and monitoring their implementation. Responsible for the development of new study programs

June 2014 – September 2015

Chief specialist, Vilnius Public Health Center, Subsidiary Institution of the Ministry of Health, Kalvariju str. 153, LT-08221 Vilnius (Lithuania).

Responsible for providing legal advice in the field of health, social and employment policies

NON REMUNARATED ACADEMIC POSITIONS

June 2016 - ongoing

Head of Interdisciplinary Research Center for Children Rights (IRCCR)

Kazimieras Simonavičius university, Basanaviciaus str. 29A, LT-03109, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Responsible for strategic planning, organizing and monitoring the implementation of the IRCCR’s scientific activities

PUBLICATIONS AND STUDIES

Peer-reviewed:

Kišūnaitė A. and Pūras, D., Toward holistic approach to children's rights. Case study – Lithuanian mental health policy, *Archives of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy*, Vol. 18(2), 2016, p. 40-47.

Kišūnaitė, A. Establishing National Human Rights Institution in Lithuania: Theoretical and Practical Lessons, In *The Mediterranean Human Rights Review*, University of Malta, Issue 2016.

Kišūnaitė, A. *Future Perspectives: The Emergence of Postnational Citizenship in Latin America*, *Alter/nativas, Latin American Cultural Studies Journal* (forthcoming).

Pūras, D. and Kišūnaitė, A. Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice in Lithuania: Historical and Critical Review In *Adolescent Psychiatry Reviews*, Bentham Science Publishers, Vol. 4, 2014, p. 284-292.

Studies, written and published upon the request by Lithuanian government:

Kišūnaitė A., *Children and youth welfare in Lithuania: challenges and possibilities*, Lithuanian Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Vilnius, 2013.

Contribution to publications:

Implementation of children's mental health policy in Lithuania (Vaikų psichikos sveikatos politikos įgyvendinimas), In: Pūras D., Murauskienė L., Veniūtė, M. et al, *Challenges of implementation of mental health policy in Lithuania (Iššūkiai įgyvendinant Lietuvos psichikos sveikatos politiką)*, Vilnius: Research Council of Lithuania, 2014.

Other studies (2009-2010)

“European citizenship and European identity: a constructivist approach”

Advisor: Prof. Giandomenico Majone, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

“Is European Union citizenship postnational?”

Advisor: Prof. Stefan Collignon, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy

“How to benefit from an ambiguous situation? The effects of the EU democracy promotion in the case of Turkey”

Advisor: Prof. Stefania Panebianco, University of Catania, Italy

“Judicial review of “politicized” questions with an emphasis on the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania”

Advisor: Prof. Luca Mezzetti, University of Bologna, Italy

Some thoughts on Envisaging Postnational Citizenship in Latin America

Advisor: Juan Corradi, New York University, USA

European identity formation through citizenship from constructivist perspective

Advisor: Prof. Vladislav Zubock, Temple University, USA

Germany in the transformation period of 1963-1969

Advisor: Prof. Giovanni Orsina, LUISS- Guido Carli, Rome, Italy

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

In the field of children's well-being:

2014 – Consultant on children mental health policies for the project “Challenges of implementation of mental health policy in Lithuania” (funded by the Research Council of Lithuania).

Short description: The objective of this project was to conduct complex analysis of Lithuanian mental health policy (MHP) during 1990-2011 in the levels of formulation and implementation, to evaluate effectiveness of MHP, including its impact on public mental health and well-being, and on the basis of this study to provide recommendations for increasing quality of performance of MHP and to develop a mechanism of independent monitoring.

2013 - Head of the project “Children and youth welfare in Lithuania: challenges and possibilities” (funded by Lithuanian Ministry of Social Security and Labour).

Short description: The main objective of this project was to identify the scope of the most vulnerable children in Lithuania and to evaluate their access to healthcare, social, educational and legal services. In addition to that this project aimed at evaluating the quality of available services and to outline best practices of services for children at risk in other countries suggesting main policy development guidelines for Lithuania.

In the field of European governance experience:

2012 - Visiting fellow - research group “Political Economy and Transnational Governance”, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2012 - Visiting fellow, European Social Observatory (OSE), Brussels, Belgium

2010 - 2011, Visiting researcher – research group “Multilevel governance in the European Union”, ‘EUgov’, University Institute for European studies, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain

Activities in the field of migration and diversity:

February 2010 - International PhD Winter School (devoted to novel methods of research in migration studies)

IMISCOE (International Migration Integration Social Cohesion); University of Lisbon, Nova University of Lisbon, Lisbon

October 2009 - EURODIV 5th Conference “Dynamics of Diversity in Globalisation Era”

VI European Framework network of excellence “Sustainable development in a diverse world”, Milan

September 2009 - International PhD Summer School “Valuing cultural diversity in cities: Challenges to cultural economics”

University of Nottingham; VI European Framework network of excellence “Sustainable development in a diverse world”; Istituto Universitario Orientale, Naples; Procida.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks:

Establishing National Human Rights Institution in Lithuania: Theoretical and Practical Lessons, Paper presented at conference *The Role of Human Rights Bodies in Promoting a Human Rights Culture*, Malta university, Malta, 10th December 2015.

Participation of Social Civil Society Organizations in the OMC Inclusion: How Does It Affect European Governance and Civil Society Organizations Themselves? State of the Art and Future Research, Paper presented at workshop *Beyond the Welfare State: The Europeanization of Swedish Civil Society Organizations (EUROCIV)*, Lund university, Sweden, 24-24 October, 2011.

Departmental talks:

Security Discourse and the EU Border Control, Paper presented at Departmental research seminar on *Mediterranean Politics*, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca, Italy, 2 March, 2010.

Comparative Analysis of Immigrants' Integration Policies in Europe, Paper presented at Departmental research seminar on *Comparative Politics*, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca, Italy, 10 November, 2009.

Constitutional Rules and Fiscal Policy, Workshop on *American Politics*, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca, Italy, 23 September, 2009.

ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

I am a member of organizing committee and member of scientific committee of Vilnius International Workshop: "Achieving progress in children's welfare: Interdisciplinary and multilevel governance perspectives", which takes place on the 1st and 2nd of December 2016 at Kazimieras Simonavičius University, Vilnius, Lithuania. This workshop invites scholars and practitioners from different European countries and various disciplines (legal science, social work, educational sciences, sociology, and psychology) to share their views about the priority issues, achievements, obstacles, best practices in addressing the question of an interdisciplinary approach in children's rights related policies and their implementation.

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2007 – 2009 - Research assistant, University of Hamburg, Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics, Von-Melle-Park 9, 20146 Hamburg (Germany)

Responsible for assisting in preparation of teaching materials on European law: reviewing academic literature in the field, updating study material, selecting and analyzing related case law

2007 – 2008 - Office assistant, University of Hamburg, International Office, Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics, Von-Melle-Park 9, 20146 Hamburg (Germany)

Responsible for communication and correspondence with partner-universities worldwide; responsible for summarizing information on study possibilities and conditions for students who are interested in studies abroad.

2007 – Office assistant, University of Hamburg, Coordination Office, Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics, Von-Melle-Park 9, 20146 Hamburg (Germany)

Responsible for organizing academic welcome events for new students: preparation of a program; correspondence with the participants, organisation of technical details (place, inventor etc.); budget planning; preparation of financial activity reports

AWARDS

2009-2012 - PhD scholarship (IMT Institute for Advanced Studies Lucca, Italy)

2006-2007 - DAAD (Deutsche Akademischer Austausch Dienst) Master scholarship

2006 - Junior Research Fellowship sponsored by Gebert Rűf Stiftung (Institute of European law, Fribourg, Switzerland)

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

Native speaker in Lithuanian. Fluent in English. Working knowledge of Italian and German.