

## Call for Papers:

### The National Library of Lithuania Annual Conference

# Europe. Capital. Transformations: Vilnius in the 19th–21st Centuries



As part of the celebration of the 700th anniversary of Vilnius, the Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania invites researchers and practitioners to the international conference, *Europe. Capital. Transformations: Vilnius in the 19th-21st Centuries*, which will take place on **October 19-20, 2023** at the National Library of Lithuania, Vilnius.

Over the last 200 years, Vilnius has undergone major changes in its political status, social and demographic transformations: from a provincial city of the Russian Empire, to an administrative center under German occupation and provincial center of Poland, to the capital of independent and Soviet-occupied Lithuania and finally, to the capital of a EU member state. During this period, the composition of the Vilnius' population and its identities went through many changes, as did the social and cultural picture of the city.

The conference welcomes an interdisciplinary dialogue in order to explain the various transformations associated with Vilnius, their origins, current situation and future perspectives. To reveal the city's vitality, it proposes to look at Vilnius in the context of a dynamic and transformative process.

The conference is open to anthropologists, architects, demographers, dendrologists, ecological economists, philosophers, historians, language and communication studies researchers, literary scholars, art historians, heritage preservationists, political scientists, semioticians, sociologists, urbanists, and other researchers and scientists.

Proposals for individual presentations and sessions on the following topics are invited:

- Vilnius in the context of Western, Northern, Central and Eastern Europe
- Vilnius during the historical upheavals
- Vilnius and other cities
- The urban and architectural development of Vilnius
- Multicultural Vilnius
- The names of the city: the people who have been creating Vilnius
- Sacred Vilnius
- Vilnius in art
- Vilnius as an administrative, economic, political, cultural and scientific center
- Places of memory and oblivion in Vilnius
- Historiography and bibliography of Vilnius
- Visions of the future of Vilnius
- Vilnius and nature.

The length of presentations—up to **20 minutes**.

Please send your topics and abstracts in English (up to 500 words), along with biographies by **June 2, 2023** to [valstybingumocentras@lnb.lt](mailto:valstybingumocentras@lnb.lt)

Applicants will be notified by **June 16, 2023**.

**Partners:** Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore, Lithuanian Union of Architects, Lithuanian Institute of History, Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Vilnius Academy of Arts, Vilnius Museum, Vilnius 700 and Vytautas Magnus University.

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