

# Student Conference “Nurturing Critical Minds: (Inter)national Student Team Research Proposals Across Scientific Disciplines and Cultures”

11–12 December 2025

118 (Vinco Krėvės) Auditorium  
Faculty of Philology, Universiteto St.5  
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## PROGRAMME

Thursday, 11 December 2025

Link for online participants: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5d5m78fp">https://tinyurl.com/5d5m78fp</a>	
09.30–10.00	<p><b><u>Conference Opening</u></b></p> <p>Vice-Rector, Pro-Rector for Research, Vilnius University</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr Gintaras VALUŠIS</b></p> <p>Vice-Dean for Studies of the Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University</p> <p><b>Assoc. Prof. Dr Gintarė JUDŽENTYTĖ-ŠINKŪNIENĖ</b></p>

	<p>Director of the Institute of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr Roma KRIAUCIŪNIENĖ</b></p> <p><b>Session Moderator: Prof. Dr Roma KRIAUCIŪNIENĖ</b></p>
<b>10.00–10.30</b>	<p><b>Keynote Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Dr Samantha DOCKRAY</b> (University College Cork, Ireland)</p> <p><i>The Psychobiology of Adolescent Experience</i></p>
<p><b>SESSION 1</b></p> <p><b>Chairs: Klėja PRAKAPAITĖ and Gabrielė MALAKAUSKAITĖ</b></p>	
<b>10.30–10.50</b>	<p><b>Laura GUDAITĖ, Klėja PRAKAPAITĖ, Rugilė ŠIMAITYTĖ</b></p> <p><i>From Pixels to Power: Examining How the Proteus Effect Boosts Self-Confidence in Video Game Players</i></p> <p>Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy</p>
<b>10.50–11.10</b>	<p><b>Milana BABAŠINSKAJA, Kamilė DRAUDVILAITĖ, Elzė VŽESNIAUSKAITĖ</b></p> <p><i>Early Cosmetics Use and Self-Perception Among Pre-adolescent Girls: The Mediating Effects of Peer Pressure and Social Media</i></p> <p>Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy</p>
<b>11.10–11.30</b>	<p><b>Maksym CHERNYTSKYI, David BAHIRAU, Shaohong LI, Kateryna IVANCHENKO</b></p> <p><i>The Price of Being Online: Cyberstalking Uncovered</i></p> <p>Kaunas University of Technology, Faculty of Informatics</p>
<b>11.30–12.00</b>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>

SESSION 2	
Chairs: Klėja PRAKAPAITĖ and Gabrielė MALAKAUSKAITĖ	
12.00–12.20	<b>Jamshedjon AKHUNPOCHOEV, Aleksandra SOKOLOVSKA, Mohamed Hashim Mohamed MUSTAFA</b> <b><i>Understanding and Preventing Phishing Attacks (online)</i></b> Kaunas University of Technology, Faculty of Informatics
12.20–12.40	<b>Beata VASILIAUSKAITĖ, Gabija DOMARKAITĖ, Anastasija SKOKOVSKAJA, Maryia SHCHERBA</b> <b>Bioprinting Human Organs: Ethical, Medical and Technological Perspectives</b> Vilnius University, Life Sciences Centre
12.40–13.00	<b>Nikita KOZLIUK, Aleksej KISLIAK, Emilija MUKAITĖ</b> <b><i>Food Biotechnology in Domestic Environment</i></b> Vilnius University, Life Sciences Centre
13.00–14.00	Lunch break
SESSION 3	
Chairs: Emilija Barbora MASIULYTĖ and Tornike QOMETIANI	
14.00–14.20	<b>Viktorija NANARTAVIČIŪTĖ, Silvija STANKEVIČIŪTĖ, Einora BUTKEVIČIŪTĖ, Rugilė ŠIMKUTĖ, Dominykas MINTURAVIČIUS, Anelė URBAITĖ</b> <b><i>Critical Thinking Development in Foreign Language Learning</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy
14.20–14.40	<b>Gabija BUTKUTĖ, Beatrisė VINOKUROVA, Elzė ŠLEPAVIČIŪTĖ, Kamilė ZAVODSKOVAITĖ, Saulė JANKŪNAITĖ</b>

	<b><i>Empathy Development in Primary Education</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy
14.40–15.00	<b>Meda MICAITĖ, Greta PERVENECKAITĖ, Rugilė KAZAKEVIČIŪTĖ</b> <b><i>The Impact of Short-Form Video Content on Attention Span Amongst Different Age Groups</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics
15.00–15.20	<b>Ieva STANKŪNAVIČIŪTĖ, Matas ULECKAS, Mėja NAUJALYTĖ</b> <b><i>Exploring the Interface Between Self-Induced Suffering and Artistic Creativity in Female Poets: A Qualitative Study</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy
15.20–15.40	<b>Rokas JURAS, Austėja LIKAITĖ, Ugnius KAVALIAUSKAS</b> <b><i>Stress Coping Mechanisms in VU MIF Students</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics
15.40–16.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16.00–16.20	<b>Dainius KNIEŽA, Augustas GECEVIČIUS, Vaiva EVALTAITĖ, Raminta ČINČIKAITĖ, Gerda MISEVIČIŪTĖ</b> <b><i>AI and Humanoid Robots in Healthcare</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics
16.20–16.40	<b>Saulė MAMINSKAITĖ, Margarita KODYTĖ</b> <b><i>What Positive Impacts Does Karate Have on Your Body?</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Medicine

16.40–17.00	<b>Mila EIDUKAITYTĖ, Urtė CHOLINAITĖ, Ema GRAŠYTĖ, Livija AUČYNAITĖ</b> <b><i>Psychology and Sports - How Psychological Well-Being Influences the Effectiveness of Training</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Medicine
17.00–17.20	<b>Gustė JUŠKĖNAITĖ, Dominyka JUCĖ, Augustė KAZBARAITĖ, Dominyka LAPĖ</b> <b><i>Dominant Side Upper-Limb Use and Shoulder Pain Correlation in Volleyball</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Medicine

## Friday, 12 December 2025

<b>Link for online participants: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/273cs4du">https://tinyurl.com/273cs4du</a></b>	
09.30–10.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Conference Opening</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vice-Dean for Research and Development of the Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Assoc. Prof. Dr Giedrius TAMAŠEVIČIUS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director of the Institute of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prof. Dr Roma KRIAUCIŪNIENĖ</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Ovidiu IVANCU</b></p>
10.00–10.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keynote Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Dr Caroline ALLEN</b> (Leipzig University, Germany)</p> <p><b><i>Why Language Learning Still Matters in the Age of AI</i></b></p>

<b>SESSION 4</b> <b>Chairs: Gintarė STANYTĖ and Liepa KADZIAUSKAITĖ</b>	
<b>10.30–10.50</b>	<b>Šarlotė Ieva BALAIŠYTĖ, Gustė ANTANAITYTĖ, Aušrinė VANCEVIČIŪTĖ, Silvija OŽELYTĖ</b> <b><i>Why Study Philosophy: Motivations, Value, and Career Implications</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy
<b>10.50–11.10</b>	<b>Austėja PATKAUSKAITĖ, Aistė PŪKAITĖ</b> <b><i>How Religion and Politics Intertwine in Modern South Korea</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy
<b>11.10–11.30</b>	<b>Gabrielius DAPKUS, Ažuolas KAUBRYS</b> <b><i>Economic Progress Under Hu Jintao</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy
<b>11.30–12.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>SESSION 5</b> <b>Chairs: Gintarė STANYTĖ and Liepa KADZIAUSKAITĖ</b>	
<b>12.00–12.20</b>	<b>Smiltė STANEVIČIŪTĖ, Smiltė LIEPUONIŪTĖ, Sandra VAIČIŪTĖ, Lina VAIČIONYTĖ</b> <b><i>The Effect of Perceived Opportunity to Media Multitask on Attention in High Media Multitaskers</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy

<b>12.20–12.40</b>	<b>Žamal Adomas YOUSSEF, Rokas LAURINAVIČIUS, Petr MRNUŠTÍK</b> <i>Are We Trading Privacy for Convenience in our Homes?</i> Kaunas University of Technology, Faculty of Informatics
<b>12.40–13.00</b>	<b>Larisa MAILYAN, Maia KHUTSISHVILI, Marharyta PEREPELYTSIA, Tuoyo Omasan AMOYE</b> <i>Marketing in the Digital Age: Emotional Exploring Fan Loyalty Through Social Media Strategies</i> Vilnius University, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
<b>13.00–14.00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>

SESSION 6	
Chairs: Kornelija BALČAITĖ and Ernestas ZIBAROVAS	
14.00–14.20	<p><b>Jonas SAVICKAS, Kornelija BALČAITĖ, Marta PŪŽYTĖ</b></p> <p><b><i>The Relationship Between Digital Hoarding and Mental Fatigue in University Students: The Mediating Role of Procrastination</i></b></p> <p>Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy</p>
14.20–14.40	<p><b>Katrīna SOLOVJOVA, Kamilė MILIEŠKAITĖ</b></p> <p><b><i>Side Hustles and Student Identity: Investigating Micro-Entrepreneurial Self-Perception Among University Students</i></b></p> <p>University of Latvia, Faculty of Humanities; Vilnius University, Faculty of Philology</p>
14.40–15.00	<p><b>Miglė BURAGAITĖ, Gytis DAUKŠA, Kristalė GENYTĖ</b></p> <p><b><i>Same Perfume, Different Aroma: The Science Behind Scent Perception</i></b></p> <p>Vilnius University, Faculty of Chemistry and Geoscience</p>
15.00–15.20	<p><b>Titas KRAŠAUSKAS, Matas POCEVIČIUS</b></p> <p><b><i>Effect of Common Beverages on Tooth Enamel Erosion</i></b></p> <p>Vilnius University, Faculty of Chemistry and Geoscience</p>
15.20–15.40	<p><b>Nojus BARZDA, Simona LAURINĖNAITĖ</b></p> <p><b><i>Invisible Ink: How Thermal Receipts Transfer Bisphenols to Skin — Exposure, Awareness, and Everyday Risk</i></b></p> <p>Vilnius University, Faculty of Chemistry and Geoscience</p>
15.40–16.00	<p><b>Gabrielė JAGĖLAITĖ, Nikodemas LAURYNAS</b></p>



	<b><i>Sleep Deprivation Effects on Humans</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Chemistry and Geoscience
16.00–16.20	<b>Gabija GENDVILĖ, Greta RADZEVIČIŪTĖ, Ugnė MAŽONAITĖ</b> <b><i>The Toxic Narratives of Masculinity: How Adolescent Boys' Engagement with Red Pill Content Affects Their Perception of Women</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy
16.20–16.40	<b>Gabija GENYTĖ, Rasa DANIELĖ, Kamilė DVILINSKAITĖ</b> <b><i>Young Adults versus AI</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Law
16.40–17.00	<b>Smiltė KOZLOVSKYTĖ, Greta KVIETKUTĖ, Paula KOTOVAITĖ, Benita LEDOVSKOJUTĖ</b> <b><i>Understanding Fake News: Emotional Effects, Social Fragmentation and Generational Differences in Detection</i></b> Vilnius University, Faculty of Law

## Telecollaboration project

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17.00–17.30	<p><b><u>Opening of the Telecollaboration Session</u></b></p> <p>Director of the Institute of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University (Lithuania)</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr Roma KRIAUCIŪNIENĖ</b></p> <p>Chair of the Study Programme, Faculty of Philology, Vilnius (Lithuania)</p> <p><b>Assoc. Prof. Dr Dalius JARMALAVIČIUS</b></p> <p>Chair of the Study Programme, University of Latvia (Latvia)</p> <p><b>Assoc. Prof. Dr Jana KUZMINA</b></p> <p>Director of the Undergraduate Honors Program, National Louis University (USA)</p> <p><b>Dr Natasha KOHL</b></p> <p>Coordinator of the English Area for FAA, Language Center, Austral University of Chile (Chile)</p> <p><b>Prof. Constanza CASTILLO</b></p> <p><b>Session Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Loreta CHODZKIENĖ</b></p>
17.30–17.45	<p><b>Dmytro KRYSIUK</b>, Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Anna JANSONE</b>, Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Mohamed Rafea Mokhtar ELHMAHMY</b>, Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University, <b>Benjamin Mauricio Durán ABURTO</b>, Faculty of Science, Austral University of Chile, <b>Xycara Leshenka JUARIZA</b>, Undergraduate College, National Louis University</p>

	<b><i>Intercultural Communication in Practice: A Telecollaborative Study Across Five Countries</i></b>
<b>17.45–18.00</b>	<b>Beatrise LAVRINOVIČA</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Mikaela MARKIDOU</b> , Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University (Erasmus) / Faculty of Philosophy, University of Ioannina, <b>Estela GUERRERO</b> , Faculty of Humanities, Austral University of Chile <b><i>Benefits, Challenges, and the Most Interesting Part of the Project</i></b>
<b>18.00–18.15</b>	<b>Greta PAKALKAITĒ</b> , Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University, <b>Matilda SEGUEL</b> , Faculty of Philology, Austral University of Chile <b><i>Monochronic Meets Polychronic: A Cross-Cultural Chronemic Analysis in Lithuanian-Chilean Interaction</i></b>
<b>18.15–18.30</b>	<b>Alise ALUTE</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Aleksandra BEIERE</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia <b><i>Intercultural Collaboration in Practice: A Student Perspective on the Telecollaboration Project-2025</i></b>
<b>18.30–18.45</b>	<b>Gilda Paulina NOVOA MANCILLA</b> , Faculty of Law, Austral University of Chile, <b>Estere KAĶERĀNE</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Simran SEJWAL</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia <b><i>Building Connections Beyond Borders: International Telecollaboration Project</i></b>
<b>18.45–19.00</b>	<b>Undīne BELICKA</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Anna MINNO</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Eliet Esperanza NAVARRETE PÉREZ</b> , Faculty of Architecture and Visual Arts, Austral University of Chile, <b>Ieva ADOMAVIČIŪTĒ</b> , Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University <b><i>Intercultural Communication at Practice: A Telecollaborative Study Across Five Countries</i></b>
<b>19.00–19.15</b>	<b>Jelena KORSUNSKA</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Signe BRILTE</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Sibilē GERBUTAVIČIŪTĒ</b> , Faculty of Communication, Vilnius University <b><i>Cultures Beyond the Screen</i></b>
<b>19.15–19.30</b>	<b>Nora DAMBE</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Inese Elīna LĪCE</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia

	<b><i>Telecollaboration Project and the Latvian Student Experience</i></b>
<b>19.30–19.45</b>	<b>Rūta VEITMANE</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Sviatlana BADRANKOVA</b> , Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University <b><i>Cultural Differences Between Countries and the Ways We Express Them</i></b>
<b>19.45–20.00</b>	<b>Arturs EVARTS</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Hanna KONOVCHEKO</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Miroslava RUBAHOVA</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia <b><i>Comparative Analysis of Holiday Traditions in Latvia, Lithuania, and Chile: Students' Insights</i></b>
<b>20.00–20.15</b>	<b>Kristers Jānis LOSEVS</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Nikita MIHUTA</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia <b><i>Student Experiences of Intercultural Learning Through Telecollaboration Across Latvia, Chile, USA, and Lithuania</i></b>
<b>20.15–20.30</b>	<b>Sofia KIVKULE</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Laura LAKOVICA</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia <b><i>Telecollaboration Project with Lithuanian and American Students</i></b>
<b>20.30–20.45</b>	<b>Paula SKADIŅA</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Valeriia KYSLENKO</b> , Faculty of Philology, Vilnius University <b><i>Comparative Analysis of Latvian and Ukrainian Cultures</i></b>
<b>20.45–21.00</b>	<b>Maria TATISHVILI</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Makss TOLKUNOVs</b> , Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, <b>Tanja BOZOVIC</b> , Faculty of Arts and Education, National Louis University, <b>Charlotte SOLLER</b> , Institute of International Relations, Vilnius University (Erasmus+ student) <b><i>Discovering Culture Through Conversation: Online Intercultural Exchange</i></b>