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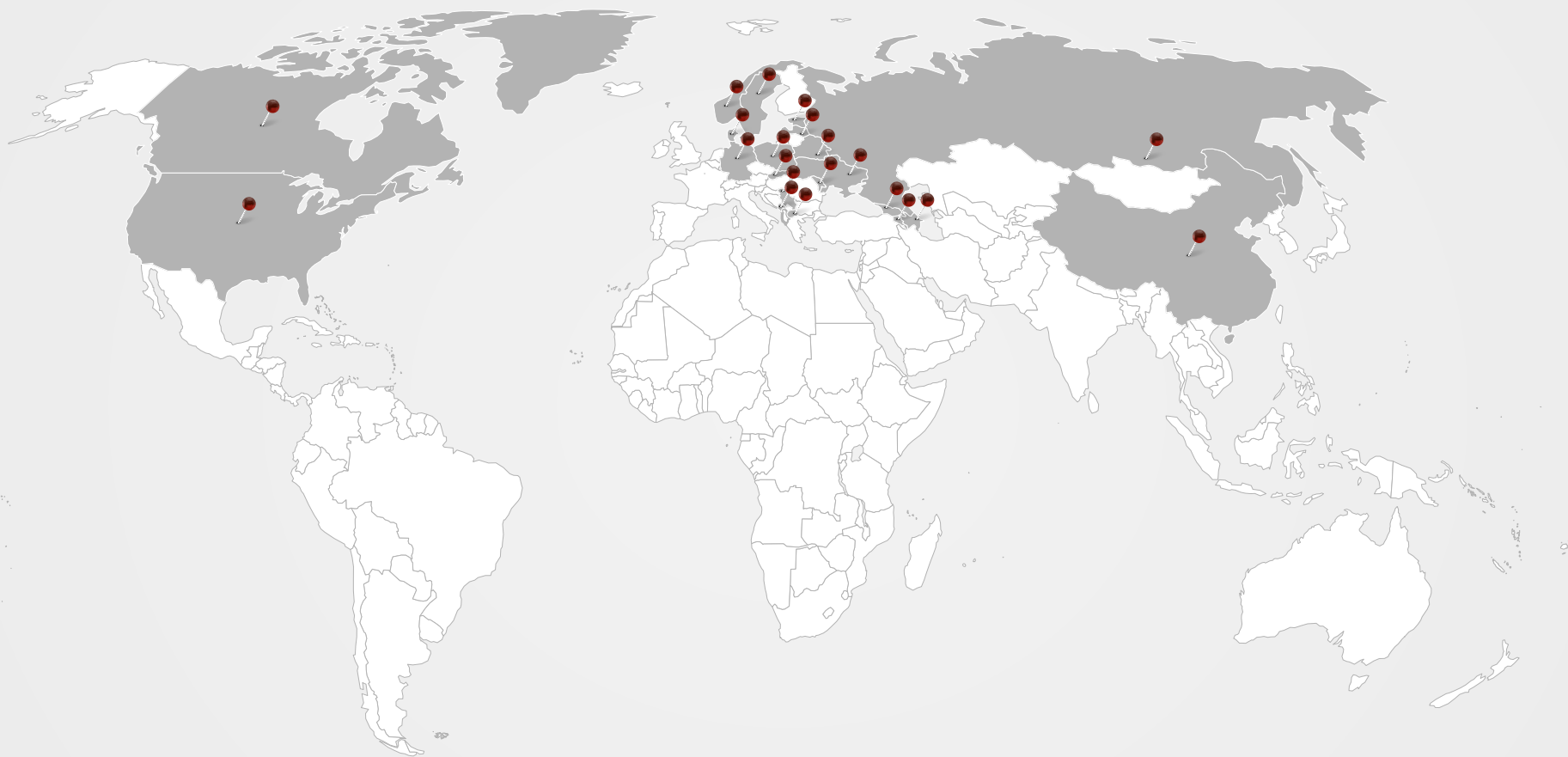


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EESC projects in 2020–2021 covered the following countries



EESC conducted research with institutions or organization from the above-mentioned countries or published analysis related to the countries' political, geopolitical, economic development.

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Director's Foreword



LINAS KOJALA
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It is a privilege to lead the Eastern Europe studies center (EESC), a think tank that celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2021. Over that time, we managed to build an extensive international network of partners, implement a broad range of projects, publish analysis on variety of topics concerning international affairs and security; all of this enables us to be an effective and a trustworthy institution.

We made significant strides forward in 2020-2021. The EESC grew as an institution by adding bright young talents to our team; we implemented high-level projects with partners such as the European Commission, NATO, National Endowment for Democracy and others; we remained the most important platform for a debate on Lithuanian foreign and security policy; our analysts were active in discussing issues of importance on the national and international media. Some of the outcomes are highlighted on the following pages of this report.

I am especially proud of our annual *Foreign Policy Conference, commemorating Lithuanian Diplomatic Chief S. Lozoraitis*, and *Lithuanian Foreign Policy Review*, an annual publication dedicated to discussing relevant geopolitical challenges for the Baltic states. These are trademark examples of our work, which gained notice both domestically and internationally.

This would not have been possible without support from our stakeholders, the Government of Lithuania and Vilnius university, as well as our long-term domestic and international partners. I am also thankful for the EESC Board Members, led by the Board Chairman Vytis Jurkonis and newly-formed Advisory Council, led by the Chairman Andrius Kubilius, who brought their insights and experience to the table. Finally, I appreciate the trust the stakeholders placed in me by offering to continue working as a Director for the second five-year term.

The ambition that we have is to ensure that the center has an even better future than its rich past. Therefore, we will grow by adding more expertise and increasing the scope of our activities.

I have no doubt that the team we have is able to do just that.

Introducing the Organization

The Eastern Europe Studies Centre (EESC) is a non-profit think tank established by the Government of Lithuania and Vilnius University in 2006. As an independent organization it focuses on analysing international policy processes and Lithuania's role in them. The EESC implements large-scale national and international projects, strengthening the tradition of think tanks in the region.

In its activities, the EESC aims to provide objective and consistent information, studies, recommendations, independent of specific ideologies or political parties. The aim of all EESC employees is

to maintain the highest level of professionalism and ethics in their activities, as well as the principle of dialogue and respect for the diversity of opinions. We believe in the importance of Euro-Atlantic cooperation, and we adhere to the guidelines of multilateralism and responsible action in the international arena. This is important in order to further strengthen the principles of democracy and the rule of law in Lithuania and beyond. Civil society, non-governmental organisations and community initiatives play a key role in this process and the EESC seeks to contribute to them.

The EESC at a glance



Analysis of geopolitical, socioeconomic, cultural issues;



Education and public information;



Evidence-based policy recommendations;



Discussion of Lithuania's role in Europe and beyond.



Connecting research, government, civil society, business;

Introducing the Organization



Vision

- Independent and internationally-recognised think tank that aims to reflect and contribute to the discussion of Lithuania's role in international affairs and the regional political environment.



Mission

- Provide recommendations to decision makers, inform the society on the most pressing international issues, provide a platform for debate and implement large-scale projects.



Value guidelines

- Rule of law
- Human rights
- Freedom of thought and expression
- Public sector cooperation with non-governmental organisations
- Objective, independent and transparent media
- Active civil society
- International relations based on cooperation and dialogue
- Economic cooperation and market openness



Working principles:

- High ethical and professional standards for employees and other persons directly involved in the activities of the EESC
- Transparency, openness and tolerance
- Objectivity and impartiality

Introducing the Organization

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| 113. | Chongyang Institute for Finacial Studies (RDCY) (China) |
| 114. | Center for Economic, Political and Strategic Research (TESAM) (Turkey) |
| 115. | Centro Studi Internazionali (Ce.S.I.)(Italy) |
| 116. | Charhar Institute (China) |
| 117. | Eastern Europe Studies Centre (EESC) (Lithuania) |
| 118. | Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) (Dominican Republic) |
| 119. | Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations (India) |
| 120. | Center for China and Globalization (China) |
| 121. | Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IERAS) (Russia) |

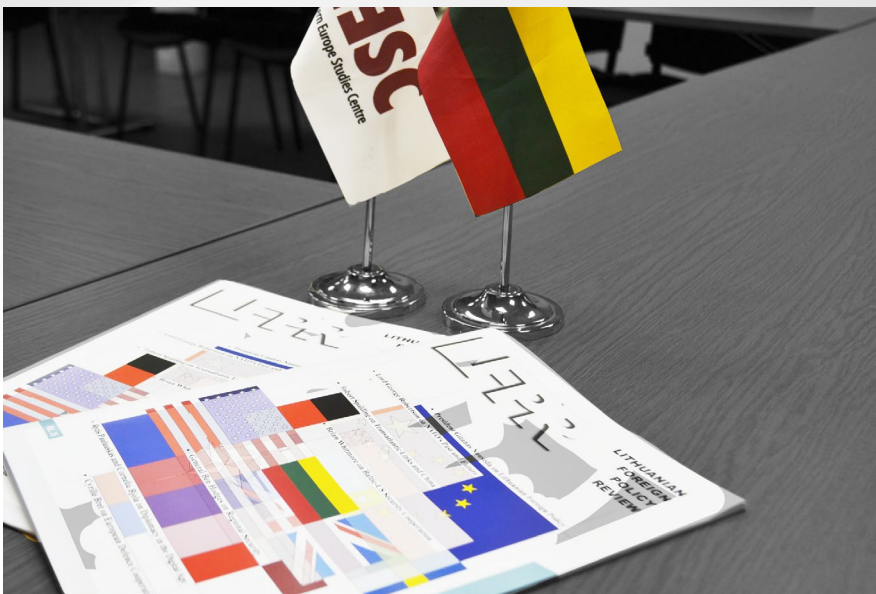
In the latest University of Pennsylvania think tank ranking from 2020, the Eastern Europe Studies Centre retains its top position in the Baltic States, ranking 76th among Central and Eastern Europe think tanks and 117th in the Global Foreign Policy and International Relations category.



EESC updated its website this year

The new version of the website will now be more user-friendly, more functional and faster. Upon visiting the website, you will find a new content layout, more information about the EESC and new visual solutions. Users are also able to easily register to events and sign up for a subscription to our weekly newsletter and other publications.

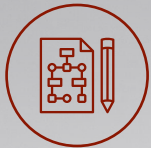
Main Areas of Activity



Research

The EESC collaborates with state institutions and non-governmental organisations in Lithuania and abroad, presents recommendations and examples of good practices, and produces publications, analytical papers and articles. We strive to maximize the applied value of the EESC's research activities and translate them into practical solutions.

Main Areas of Activity



Projects



In cooperation with civil society, the public and private sectors, we seek dialogue and discussion on relevant events in our region and around the world. The EESC organises dozens of public events every year on various topics that attract participants from Lithuania and abroad. We are convinced that the European Union's motto "United in diversity" is no empty promise. It is namely through dialogue between various partners that we can achieve the best results.



Public domain



We are one of the longest functioning and internationally recognized Lithuanian think tanks. The EESC team is regularly seen in local and foreign media, commenting on international policy processes, phenomena, and events. You can find the views of our analysts in publications and interviews published by CNN, Euronews, the BBC and others.

EESC Team



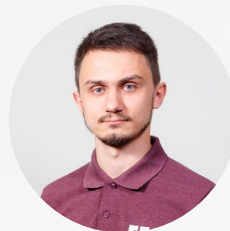
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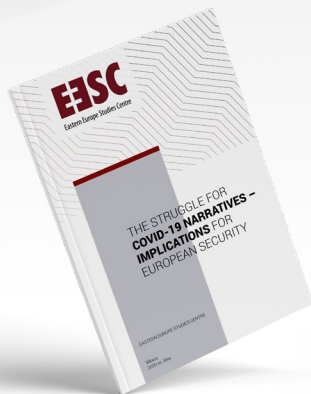
Every year, the EESC accepts a variety of students to perform internships at the centre, hosting students of various nationalities from educational institutions around the world. Although the pandemic has imposed vast limitations on internship opportunities in 2020 and

2021, a remote internship format is being trialled with success. This year, in partnership with Vilnius University, the centre also introduced the Dr Vilius Ivanauskas Internship Stipend, and its first winner has been undertaking their internship at the centre.

Research

The EESC is the leading Lithuanian think tank, which provides insights and policy recommendations to decision makers in Lithuania, the EU and Eastern Partnership Countries.

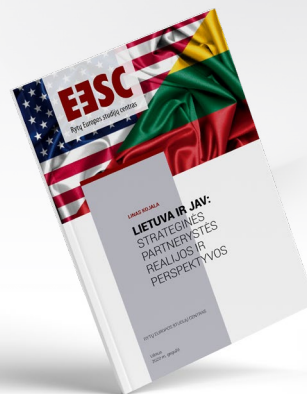
The EESC's scholars regularly monitor and analyse political, economic, social, and cultural processes in the Eastern Partnership countries. Commissioned and independent analyses generated by the EESC contribute to Lithuanian and EU policy making towards a safer, more stable, economically stronger and more pro-European Eastern Europe, engages political scholars in neighbouring countries, and intensifies dialogue between the academics and practitioners. In 2020, the EESC published eleven studies.



The Struggle for COVID-19 Narratives – Implications for European Security (May, 2020)



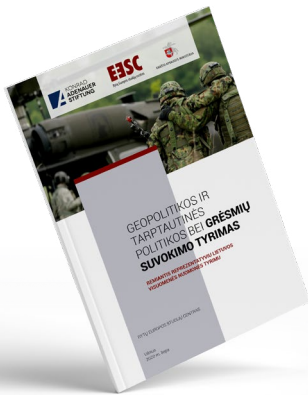
Eastern Partnership Policy: Challenges, Actualization and Opportunities for Development (May, 2020)



*Lithuania and the US: Realities and Prospects in Strategic Partnership
Linas Kojala (May, 2020)*



*External Threats and Risk Factors in the Lithuanian Election Context
(June 2020)*



Research on the Assessment of the Geopolitical Situation and Perception of Threats Based on representative research on the Lithuanian public's opinion. (July 2020)



The Protests in Belarus: Insights from Minsk and the Western View (August 2020)



Lithuanian-Turkish Relations and the Baltic Region's Security Justinas Mickus (August 2020)



A. Lukashenko's Regime and Public Resistance: Scenarios for Short-term Events in Belarus prof. Dr. Tomas Janeliūnas (September 2020)



A review of the response to the European migration crisis and changes in migration policy in the EU and Lithuania between 2015–2020. Austėja Makarevičiūtė and Jurgis Vedrickas (September 2020)



Non-traditional threats and NATO. Michael Scrima and Jurgis Vedrickas (December 2020)



The Protests in Belarus: Insights from Minsk and the western view. Andrei Yahorau (August, 2020)



Non-Traditional Threats and NATO. A look toward an expanded role for the NATO alliance. Michael Scrima, Jurgis Vedricas (December, 2020)



Resilient Media: Challenges and Opportunities in the Democratisation Process. Austėja Makarevičiūtė, Adam Roževič (January 2021)



Trends in Belarus. 2021/1: January-April (April 2021)



Tightening and Development of Sanctions against the Belarusian Regime: Arguments "for" and "against". Laurynas Jonavičius (June 2021)

EESC NEWS

Nikolas K. Gvosdev. Reconceptualizing Lithuania's Importance for U.S. Foreign Policy

Jul 26, 2021 | News, Publications



Nikolas K. Gvosdev is the Editor of Orbis: FPRI's Journal of World Affairs and a Senior Fellow in FPRI's Eurasia Program. He is also a Professor of National Security Affairs, holding the Captain Jerome E. Levy Chair in Economic Geography and National Security at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He was formerly the Editor of *The National Interest* magazine and a Senior Fellow at The Nixon Center in Washington, D.C. Gvosdev received his doctorate from St Antony's College, Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes Scholarship.

Executive Summary

- During the immediate post-Cold War period, the importance of Lithuania, along with other Central-Eastern European countries, to U.S. foreign policy increased. Lithuania became one of the jumping-off points for further "democratic enlargement" in Europe, Eurasia, and the Greater Middle East.
- Today, U.S. policy is focused on retrenchment and consolidation—defined by a shift in attention and resources away from the Euro-Atlantic region and the Greater Middle East towards the Indo-Pacific region—as well as the growing priority of climate change and the environment as central organizing principles.
- S. foreign policy is also increasingly subordinated to domestic political considerations

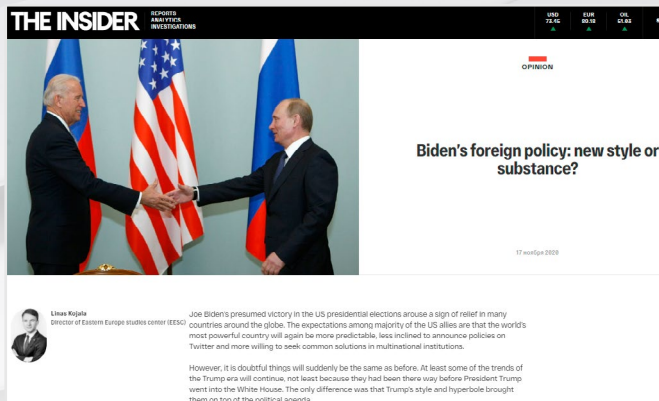
Reconceptualizing Lithuania's Importance for U.S. Foreign Policy. Nikolas K. Gvosdev (June, 2021)

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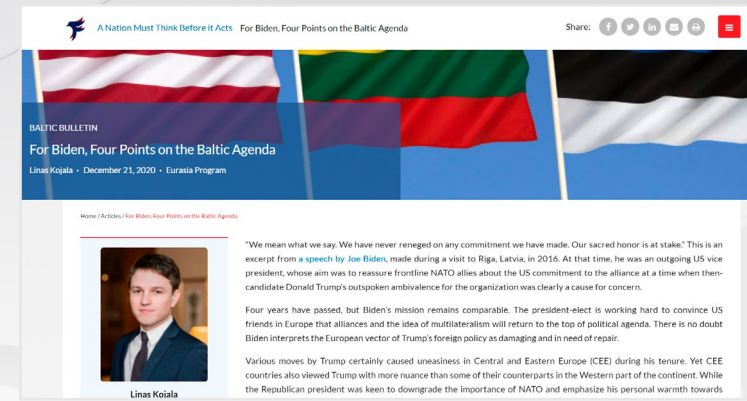
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◀ *Biden's foreign policy: new style or substance?* Linas Kojala, in "The Insider"

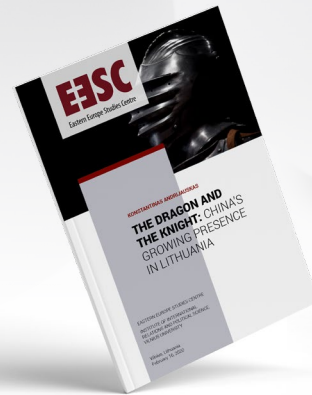
For Bidens, Four Points on the Baltic Agenda. Linas Kojala, in Foreign Policy Research Institute ▶



This year, the EESC launched weekly newsletters to provide a brief and focused overview of the week's major international policy trends. Also, the centre began publishing an analytical bulletin "World Pulse", which appears on a monthly basis.

Research Programmes

- China Research Programme
- Belarus Research Programme
- Transatlantic Relations Research Programme
- Eastern Partnership Research Programme
- Disinformation Research Programme





The Dragon and the Knight: China's Growing Presence in Lithuania Konstantinas Andrijauskas (February 2020)




Kinijos ir Lietuvos santykiai 2020 m.: nusimetant kaukes? Konstantinas Andrijauskas (January 2021)



Minsk Express (Minsko ekspresas / Минский экспресс) is a monthly podcast of the Eastern Europe Studies Center produced in partnership with the Lithuanian National Radio and Television (LRT). Episodes are released in Lithuanian and Russian and focus on exploring the Belarusian political, economic, social and cultural phenomena. Minsk Express episodes are distributed via LRT Audioteka, Spotify and alike platforms. Co-hosts of the podcast are EESC Associate Analysts Dr. Laurynas Jonavičius and Maksimas Milta.

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Events

America's approach to the Three Seas Initiative in Central Europe

May 07, 2021 | 10:00 am to 11:00 am | [Eurasia Program](#)

Speakers

Linus Kojala - Linus Kojala is the Director of the Eastern Europe Studies Centre, a think tank in Vilnius, Lithuania, and Lecturer at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science at Vilnius University.



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Marko Koplmaa - Marko Koplmaa is the Charge d'Affaires at the Embassy of Estonia in Washington, D.C.



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Chris Miller - Chris Miller is the Director in the Foreign Policy Research Institute's Eurasia Program. He is also Assistant Professor of International History at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.



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Lithuanian Foreign Policy Review

During *the Annual Foreign Policy Conference, commemorating Lithuanian Diplomatic Chief S. Lozoraitis*, analytical journal “*Lithuanian Foreign Policy review*” (LFPR) was introduced. The journal was established in 1998 as a publication discussing the challenges and problems pertaining to mostly Lithuanian foreign policy. In 2018, it was published for the first time by the EESC, and the journal’s concept changed from academic to an analytical publication. For the second year in a row, the Editor-in-Chief is EESC Director Linas Kojala. The LFPR consists of interviews and articles from leading global politicians and experts: President Gitanas Nausėda, President Valdas Adamkus, President Aleksander Kwaśniewski, Lord Robertson, Robert Shiller, Ben Hodges, Cyrille Bret, Brian Whitmore, Robert S. Spalding III, Konstantinas Andrijauskas, Christopher Miller, Corneliu Bjo-la, Rytis Paulauskas and Andžej Pukšto.

In 2020, the EESC introduced a public competition for the creation of the cover page for the Lithuanian Foreign Policy Review. Participants were not given any guidelines, only the topic “Lithuanian Foreign Policy”, which participants were free to interpret as they chose. An exhibition of the works of all twelve contestants was held at the closing event of the EESC season, where distinguished guests were able to choose their favourite. The centre also invited those following its Facebook page to choose their favourite work. The first place was awarded a prize, and the work became the cover of the LFPR, with the author of the work being Fausta Mikutaitė.



*The initial and the final version of the cover page.
Author – Fausta Mikutaitė*

Lithuanian Foreign Policy Review



Exhibition at closing event of the EESC season. (July 2020)

The newest release of the publication was introduced in December, 2020. This year, the 39th publication of Lithuanian Foreign Policy review has no lack of famous names. Two former heads of the Lithuanian and Polish states – Valdas Adamkus and Aleksander Kwaśniewski – discuss Polish-Lithuanian relations and their development. Nobel Prize Laureate Robert Shiller shares his insights on the global economy and the narratives that describe it during the pandemic.

“By attracting such well-known names, we showcase that Lithuania is a prominent participant of international processes, and this publication is an excellent platform for discussing the most important topics of the day through concise, acute and well-argued texts,” the publication’s Editor-in-Chief Linas Kojala said.



The publication also features commentary by the Permanent Lithuanian Representative to the United Nations Audra Plepytė on the 75th anniversary of the UN’s founding and its nearest challenges, Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Science lecturer Laurynas Jonavičius’ overview of political conditions in Belarus, as well as texts from famous international policy experts such as Daniel Fried, Chris Miller and James Sherr on the US’ global role, Russian foreign policy, geopolitical “hotspots” around the world and their impact on the Baltic States.

In keeping with tradition, the Lithuanian Foreign Policy Review has been published with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the US Embassy in Vilnius.

Most recent activities for 2021

President V. Adamkus Conference Hall was unveiled

The Eastern Europe Studies Centre's (EESC) conference hall was granted the title of the President Valdas Adamkus Conference Hall on Thursday.

"This year, we mark fifteen years of work and take a qualitative step forward. V. Adamkus has not only dedicated great attention to Eastern Partnership in his work but has also contributed to building a Western culture of discussion in Lithuania. It is our honour that the President was willing to bequeath his name, thus binding both the renewed EESC conference hall's guests and us in duty," the EESC's director Linas Kojala said.

During the unveiling of the President V. Adamkus Conference Hall, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania Ingrida Šimonytė applauded the centre's fifteen years of work: "The centre has proven that it can be a source of high quality, truly earnest and reliable analysis, concurrently nurturing an open space for people to speak up. Sometimes strictly, sometimes to the point of shaking the earth, but always in the spirit of dialogue."

While thanking the centre, President Valdas Adamkus emphasised its importance in building a connection between East and West: "We have around 1,000 kilometres of common border separating two European cultures – East and West. They are



Valdas Adamkus, President of Lithuania (1998–2003; 2004–2009)

Most recent activities for 2021



*Prof. Rimvydas Petrauskas,
Rector of Vilnius University*



Ingrida Šimonytė, Prime Minister of Lithuania



*Margarita Šešelgytė, Director at Institute of International Relations and Political Science,
Vilnius University*

different and have currently been pitted one against the other and so, any exchange of information, any pursuit of ways to bring the two sides closer, is incredibly important. Other than the efforts of our government efforts and our academic community, I believe that this centre should be the key voice in our society in resolving the reasons for the two cultures drawing closer or even separating."

He was echoed by Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Science director Dr Margarita Šešelgytė, who spoke during the conference hall's opening about the centre's importance in the development of Lithuanian foreign policy, with the country seeking to hold a leading role in the region, bridging Eastern and Western capitals: "The Eastern Europe Studies Centre has been tasked with a crucial role – on the one hand, to create ideas and maintain links to the analytical centres of those countries, but also to help decision-makers discover new visions, even in small increments."

The centre also has established a "Chief of Diplomacy" S. Lorožaitis Meeting Hall and a small library, where publications on Lithuanian foreign and security policy are gathered.



The first discussion of the Lithuanian Foreign Policy Outlook series. Visiting – Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda

The Eastern Europe Studies Centre held the first discussion of the Lithuanian Foreign Policy Outlook cycle, featuring the President of the Republic of Lithuania Gitanas Nausėda. The discussion was moderated by the EESC's Director Linas Kojala. During the event, discussions revolved around core foreign policy trends – the dynamic of Lithuanian-Polish relations, the prospects for a democratic Belarus, Eastern Partnership and Europe's stance regarding Russia.



Lithuanian Foreign Policy Outlook discussion featuring the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania Gabrielius Landsbergis

The Eastern Europe Studies Centre hosted the second discussion in the series Lithuanian Foreign Policy Outlook, featuring the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania Gabrielius Landsbergis. The discussion was moderated by the EESC's director Linas Kojala. During the event, the minister spoke about Lithuanian foreign policy in the Eastern Partnership region, Lithuania's relationship with Belarus and highlighted the necessity to form a unified European Union foreign policy.



A meeting with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba

Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dmytro Kuleba visited the Eastern Europe Studies Centre. During a discussion, which was moderated by the EESC's director Linas Kojala, he discussed ongoing reforms in Ukraine, the importance of the Eastern Partnership format, security dilemma and the conflict in Eastern Ukraine, the country's integration with transatlantic structures and matters of bilateral relations between Lithuania and Ukraine.



Conferences



*James Rogers, British Analyst; Margarita Šešelgytė;
Robert S. Spalding, US Air Force Brigadier General (ret.);
Linas Kojala*



*Gitanas Nausėda,
President of Lithuania*

The EESC has earned an excellent reputation for the organisation of many conferences on political, economic, security, and civil society issues of Eastern Europe.

The annual Lithuanian Chief of Diplomacy S. Lozoraitis Foreign Policy Conference has been organised since 2015. This time, the conference was held in two parts, with the first dedicated to the future of Europe and the second to transatlantic turbulence.

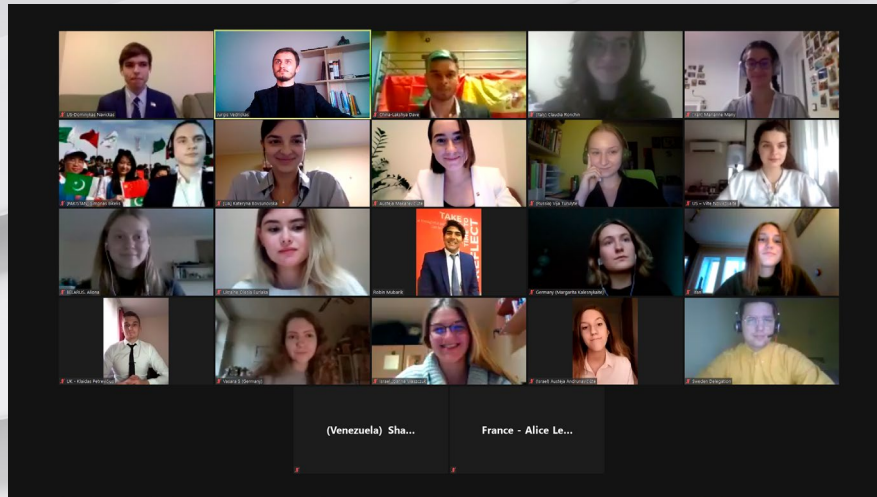


Guests at the Annual Conference

The EESC held a discussion cycle entitled “Baltarusijos klausymai” (Hearings on Belarus), which offered a more in-depth look at the neighbouring country’s development. The first discussion focused on Belarusian history and identity, with Vilnius University Rector prof. Rimvydas Petrauskas and Institute of History Director Alvydas Nikžentaitis participating. The second discussion was on Belarus’ economy and ties to Lithuania, with comments by Luminor Lithuania Chief Economist dr. Žygimantas Mauricas and Ministry of Economics and Innovation Vice Minister dr. Jekaterina Rojaka. The third revolved around Belarusian geopolitics and featured VU TSPMI Director dr. Margarita Šešelgytė and prof. Dovilė Jakniūnaitė, as well as EESC Associated Expert Maksimas Milta. The events were hosted at the Palace of the Grand Dukes and were met with vast interest – the three online broadcasts were viewed by over 100,000 viewers.



Conferences

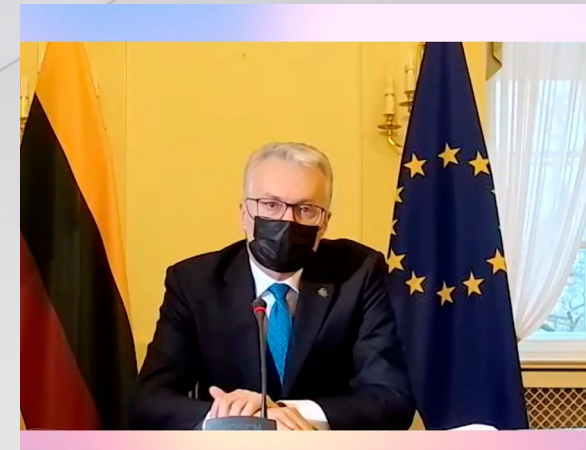
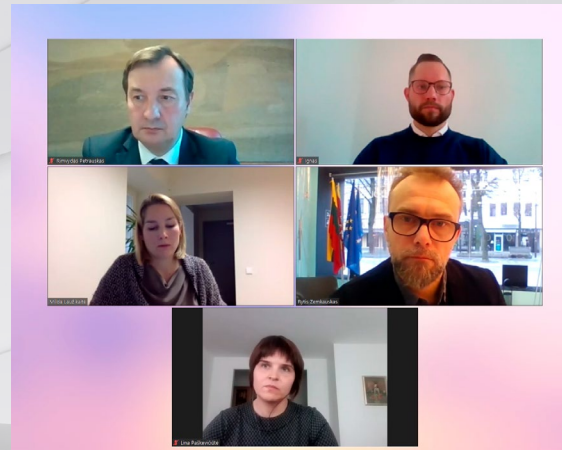
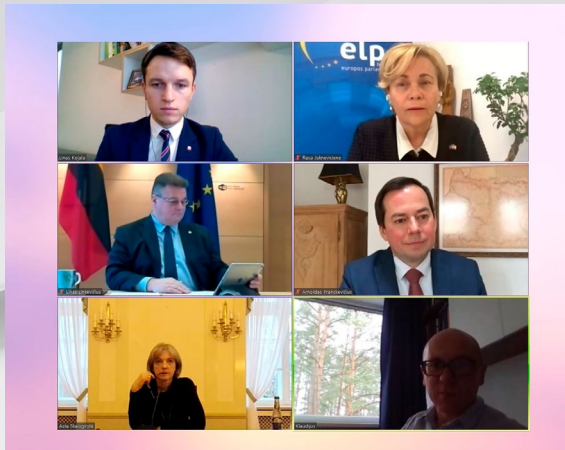


In October, 2020, VMUN (Vilnius Model United Nations) was organised. The event covered this year's topic "Building Crisis Resilience for the Next 75 Years of the UN". Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions, for the first time, the event was held online. It featured participants from a diverse group of countries and various educational institutions across Lithuania.



In November, 2020, the Eastern Europe Studies Centre organised the annual Vilnius Young Leaders Meeting (VYLM), which has earned international recognition. This year, the VYLM changed its format to a virtual one, and invited citizens from Eastern Partnership countries living in Lithuania and the expert community to join in for a two-day cycle of expert discussions.

Conferences



Alongside the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the EESC organised the Mano Europa – Ateitį Kuriame Kartu! conference. The President of the Republic of Lithuania Gitanas Nausėda, who participated in the remote event, noted that discussions on the European Union's future must be grounded in the principles of the welfare state – relying on core values, the development of science and innovation and the

nurturing of a secure neighbourhood. During the conference, discussions were held on the European Union's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, research on a new vaccine and other key facets of the union's policy. Also, there were discussions on how specialists from different domains contribute to European initiatives and what is missing from Lithuania's contribution in making it even more notable.

Conferences

Interviews were taken in order to introduce audiences to the European Union's Future Conference and invite them to follow news about it, participate in Lithuania's preparations for it.

On June 17, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) alongside the Eastern Europe Studies Centre organised the virtual discussion The Virus of Disinformation – How to Deal with Social Media.



Eastern Europe Studies Center together with the German Embassy in Lithuania and the Polish Embassy in Lithuania organizes summer advanced learning programme “To dispel myths, to create the future”



Discussions, Seminars & Roundtables

The EESC regularly organises discussions, seminars and roundtables. It is another important part of organisational activity and provides a forum for open discussions on the most significant and sometimes very specific Eastern European issues. Such events allow the EESC's experts to present their research findings, as well as to bring together fellow experts to discuss the latest events and developments.



Discussion featuring Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania Linas Linkevičius regarding the situation in the region and the world, as well as Lithuania's foreign policy priorities. (January 2020)

Discussion with Lt. Col Louis Flynn from the United Nations Training School Ireland about Ireland's contribution to peacekeeping missions around the globe and Ireland's model of peacekeeping training. (February 2020)



Discussions, Seminars & Roundtables



Discussion with experts from the United Kingdom, EESC, VU, EHU and VMU about the situation in Russia and Belarus and its impact on the entire region. (February 2020)

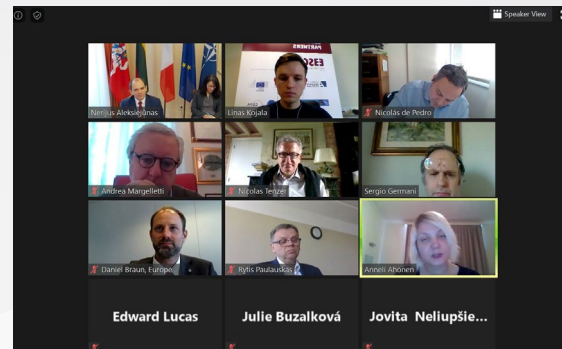


Webinar about Eastern Partnership with H.E. President of the Republic of Lithuania Gitanas Nausėda, former Prime Minister of Sweden Carl Bildt, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania Linas Linkevičius and MEPs Anna Fotyga, Andrius Kubilius and Petras Auštrevičius. (June 2020)

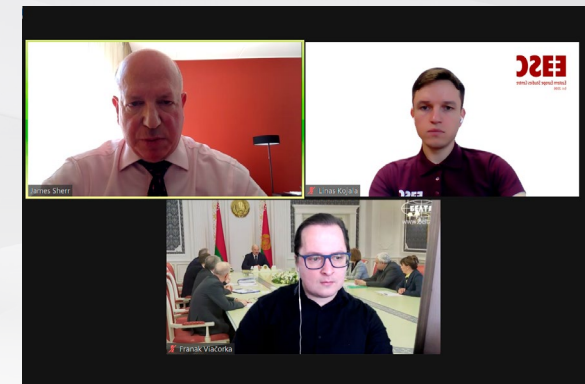
Discussion with Members of the Parliament of Georgia about disinformation and propaganda problems. (February 2020)



EESC analyst Andrius Prochorenko presented the EESC's study on Lithuanian citizens' views of internal and external threats to the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Belarus. (March 2020)



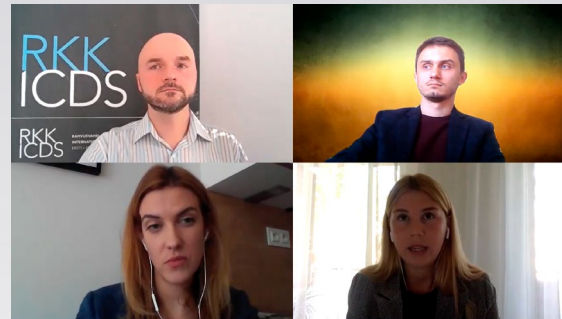
Online discussion The Struggle for COVID-19 Narratives – Implications for European Security. More than 140 high-ranking participants from more than 25 countries joined to exchange views and opinions on disinformation and the European response. (May 2020)



Webinar Belarusian Politics: COVID-19, Economy, Russia today with Franak Viačorka, an analyst at the US Global Media Agency, and James Sherr, a Senior Fellow at the ICDS. (May 2020)

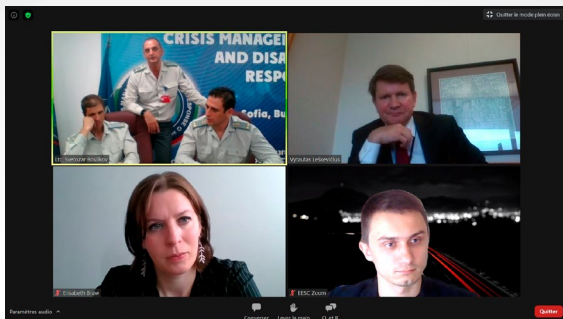
Discussions, Seminars & Roundtables

The EESC's Policy Analyst Andrius Prochorenko conducted a seminar for Lithuanian students on the perception of external threats in 2020. (August 2020)



Online discussion Hopes, Fears and Conspiracies in the Baltic Societies, with participants from think tanks around the Baltic States. The event was organised in partnership with GLOBSEC. (September 2020)

Discussion with EESC director Linas Kojala, together with EESC chief analyst Vladimiras Laučius about current foreign policy issues. (June 2020)



Online discussion on NATO's role in the face of a changing world and non-traditional threats such as COVID-19 or climate change. The discussion featured Ambassador Vytautas Leškevičius, Lt. Svetozar Bosilkov and Lt. Tsvetan Panovski, as well as Elisabeth Braw. (September 2020)



ru.Delfi discussion with political scientist Vladimiras Laučius, policy reviewer Jacek Komar, businessman Viktor Voroncov at the Naujoji Vilnia Culture House about parliamentary elections in Lithuania. (October 2020)



ru.Delfi discussion with the experts who reviewed the protests in Belarus after the presidential election. (August 2020)

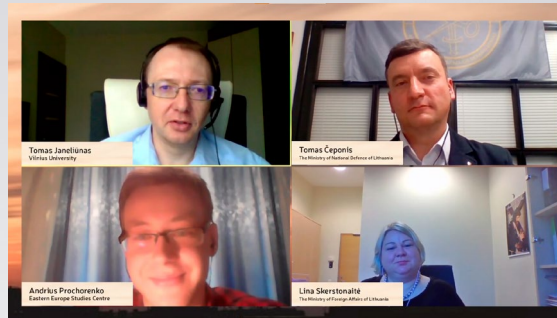
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EESC policy analyst Justinas Kulys participated in the discussion festival “Ad Astra” organised by Vilnius University and VU SA. (September 2020)



EESC Policy Analyst Andrius Prochorenko discussed the results of the USA Presidential Election on ru.Delfi (November 2020)



EESC Policy Analyst Andrius Prochorenko participated in the Vilnius Young Leaders Meeting, and during the open discussions, together with Lithuanian experts, discussed problems that Lithuania and the Eastern Partnership countries face in the security, disinformation and independent news media domains. (November 2020)



The first training event for the project Stimulus for Independent Journalism Across the Regions of Ukraine started in July, 2021, with Eastern Europe Studies Centre project assistant Beatričė Narbutaitė participating.

The project is implemented alongside the EESC's partners at the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine and the Lithuanian Journalists' Union.

The project activities are funded by the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Development Cooperation and Democracy Support Programme.

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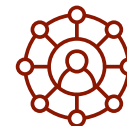
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