

Asian Studies and recent international events: challenges and lessons

Centre for Asian Studies (Vytautas Magnus University) invites **researchers, administrators, and teachers** to Erasmus Blended Intensive Program to gather and share experiences from different institutions regarding (but not limited to) Asian studies and evaluate them in the recent international context.

The last few years brought about many changes to our work style. On the one hand it temporarily closed many opportunities to travel for research/teaching purposes, but on the other, it offered new means to teach/learn as well as access various data online. Now, as the countries are reopening again, we are facing another challenge for international cooperation with Russo-Ukrainian war. We believe that now is the best time to reflect on these issues and share the experiences dealing with the recent challenges of pandemic and post-pandemic situations. What challenges we faced and how they were solved? Have the teaching/learning methods changed and how? Have the research topics changed and how? How was the international cooperation affected? Feel free to include and discuss other relevant international events as well.

N.B.! Here, term “Asian studies” is used in its broadest meaning, including Near East, Middle East, East Asia, etc.

One part of the program will consist of presentations, given by each participant, and cultural activities in Kaunas (see table below). The second part of the program will take place online, March 2.

Program for the physical part in Kaunas:

	Feb. 20 (Mon.)	Feb. 21 (Tue.)	Feb. 22 (Wed.)	Feb. 23 (Thu.)	Feb. 24 (Fri)
9:30-10:30	Participants registration, welcoming procedures, and introduction	Presentation 1&2	Presentation 7&8	Presentation 13&14	Wrap-up session
10:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Closing remarks
11:00-13:00	warm-up session	Presentation 3&4	Presentation 9&10	Presentation 15&16	
13:00-14:15	Cultural activity	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:15-15:15		Presentation 5&6	Presentation 11&12	Presentation 17&18	
15:45		Cultural activity	Cultural activity	Cultural activity	
18:00	Welcome dinner				