

## Foreword

We present you with the first issue of a new journal “Culture and Society.” The journal was founded by scholars working in the research cluster “Citizenship and Identity in Contemporary Society” at Vytautas Magnus University. Researchers from the fields of sociology, social work, public administration and anthropology supported this brave and daring idea. Starting a journal always involves an aspiration for shared narratives, representations and reciprocity.

The journal traverses single discipline. It will also intentionally differ in critical and theoretical registers. The creative collective of the journal hopes that it will further ongoing conversations in social sciences not only about the modes of theorizing but also about different forms of scholarly knowledge and practice. Built on genuine sharing and reciprocity with other scholars, it intends to be a forum for self-reflexive explorations of both individual and collective experiences in contemporary societies.

Scholars from different countries kindly agreed to participate in the editorial board of our journal. The articles in the first issue also reflect the variety and complexity of research experiences. Scholars from Spain, Latvia, Lithuania and USA share their current research. The topics and research fields covered are also very diverse: from the discourse theory to theorization of patient-doctor relationship, from the analysis of men’s experiences in caring for their wives with multiple sclerosis in Spain, Finland and Austria to the critical look at representations of aging in Latvia and at gender norms, sexual minorities and political participation in Lithuania.

Each new publication wants to build a challenging group of new authors and attentive audiences. Along with my colleagues, I hope that this journal will become a venue for lively and socially engaged discussions and debates.

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