

- 8:30 – 9:00** **Registration, welcome coffee**
Kaunas University of Technology, Aula, A. Mickevičiaus str. 37, Kaunas
- 9:00 – 9:30** **Opening session**
Welcome
Dr. Ainius Lašas, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities,
Kaunas University of Technology
Migration, Social Crisis, and Resiliency: An Overview
Dr. Thomas Bryer, Professor, School of Public Administration, University of Central
Florida (USA)
- 9:30 – 11:00** **Plenary session – Addressing the Hybrid Threat and Migration Crisis at the
Belarussian Border**
Key-note speech: Principles of Dealing with Crisis
Dr. Abdul-Akeem Sadiq, Professor, School of Public Administration,
University of Central Florida (USA)
Invited speakers:
1. *Dr. Laurynas Kasčiūnas*, Chair, Committee on National Security and Defence, Seimas
of the Republic of Lithuania
2. *Vytautas Bakas*, Member, Committee on Human Rights, Seimas of the Republic of
Lithuania
3. *Arnoldas Abramavičius*, Vice-minister, Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of
Lithuania (TBC)
Questions and Answers (15 minutes)
- 11:00 – 11:15** **BREAK**
- 11:15 – 12:15** **II Session – Managing Emergencies: Inter-organizational Relations and
Institutional Resilience**
Key-note speech: Developing and Sustaining Resilient Organizations and Institutions
in Response to Crisis
Dr. Jungwon Yeo
Assistant Professor, School of Public Administration, University of Central Florida (USA)
Invited speaker:
1. *Mindaugas Sinkevičius*, President of Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania,
Mayor, Jonava District Municipality
Questions and Answers (15 minutes)
- 12:15 – 13:30** **Lunch break**
- 13:30 – 14:45** **III Session – Human Rights and National Security in Times of Crisis**
Key-note speaker:
Dr. Nils Muižnieks, Amnesty International's Regional Director for Europe (Latvia)
Invited speakers:
1. *Lina Vosyliūtė*, Research Fellow, Justice and Home Affairs Unit, Centre for European
Policy Studies (Belgium)
**Solidarity with refugees and other migrants: a moral obligation or a crime of
facilitation?**
2. *Marta Górczyńska*, Human Rights Lawyer and Researcher, University of Warsaw
(Poland)
Questions and Answers (15 minutes)



**Migration Crisis:
Challenges
and Possible Solutions**

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14:45 – 15:00 BREAK

15:00 – 16:10 IV Session – Democratic Resilience in Communities

Key-note speech: Developing and Sustaining Democratic Resilience

Dr. Thomas Bryer, Professor, School of Public Administration, University of Central Florida (USA)

Invited Speakers

1. *Giedrė Blažytė*, Research director, Diversity Development Group

Public attitudes towards refugees in Lithuania: local community response to the increased irregular migration from Belarus

2. *Vytautas Valentinavičius*, Head, Human Rights Division, Seimas Ombudsmen's Office, junior researcher, Kaunas University of Technology

Questions and Answers (10 minutes)

16:10 – 16:15 BREAK

16:15 – 17:20 V Session - Public Innovation and Responses to Migration Challenges

Key-note speech: Public Innovation and Responses to Migration Challenges

Dr. Amanda Daflos, Executive Director, Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation, Johns Hopkins University (USA)

Workshop facilitated by UCF and KTU Team

A set of interactive scenarios related to addressing national security, humanitarian assistance, and migrant integration will be discussed.

17:20 – 17:30 Closing of the day

Dr. Ainius Lašas, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Kaunas University of Technology

You are kindly invited to register to the international conference by **May 13**.
The conference will be held in English (with synchronic translation to Lithuanian)