

# Editorial

The 2018 issue of *Lithuanian Ethnology* includes a number of articles dealing with *moral economy*, one of the most important concepts in economic anthropology. Chris Hann, a renowned scholar of this field from the Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology, opens this issue by addressing ritual and magic practices of embedded economy in the (post)socialist Hungarian countryside, emphasising the resilience there of the embedded economy function. It is followed by an article by Rasa Paukštytė-Šaknienė on the issue of moral economy, which focuses mainly on neighbourly ties and forms of togetherness, as well as social support in rural and suburban Lithuania.

Emigration is a relevant topic in Lithuania, and the research by Darius Daukšas and Jolanta Kuznecovienė, both experts in the field, introduces a grass-roots-level understanding of first-generation (Daukšas) and second-generation (Kuznecovienė) Lithuanian immigrant life in Norway and Great Britain. Both articles apply a socio-cultural identity perspective, by scrutinising identity resources, such as citizenship, ethnicity and generation.

The year 2018 is important for the centenary commemorations of the Republic of Lithuania, which was established on 16 February 1918, and this is echoed in the article by Žilvytis Šaknys on the celebration of national holidays from a historical perspective, from the very beginning of independent Lithuania in 1918, until the Soviet occupation in 1940. Šaknys points at shifting dates and uncertainty about the number of holidays to be celebrated as national holidays, as well as the dynamics of the attribution of meaning to these holidays during this period.

By using extensive fieldwork undertaken in many parts of Lithuania between 2013 and 2017, Audronė Daraškevičienė provides an in-depth understanding of contemporary processes of enculturation, socialisation and cultural politics in relation to bringing up children, as well as changing models of upbringing, from hierarchical (*hard*) to individualistic (*soft*).

This issue of the journal has two new sections. The first is 'Forum', providing a floor for frank discussions on urgent themes in the theory, method and epistemology of the discipline. It begins with a critical article by Christian Giordano, a Swiss anthropologist and expert on political anthropology, about *political subjectivity* and its instrumental usage. The other new section 'Special Lecture' is for publishing keynote and other remarkable public presentations given at ethnological and anthropological conferences and research seminars. We start by publishing the keynote presentation given by Orvar Löfgren,

a Swedish ethnologist renowned for his studies of everyday life, at the 41st *Deutschen Gesellschaft für Volkskunde* congress last year in Marburg, where he elaborates on the already-mentioned issue of *moral economy*, by applying it to the socio-cultural construction of *home* through an everyday life perspective, and by using plentiful examples from European and North American home life as comparisons.

We hope this collection of articles in the present volume of *Lithuanian Ethnology* will be of great interest to readers.

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing away of **Professor Christian Giordano** on 29 December 2018. It is a great loss of a prominent scholar and a beloved colleague to us all. The editorial board of *Lietuvos etnologija* express our deep condolences to his family and friends.