

COURSE SYLLABUS FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES

Name of the course	Field of study and its code	Faculty
Ego-Document Studies	Communication and Information S 008	Communication

Study method	Number of credits ECTS	Study method	Number of credits ECTS
Lectures		Consultations	2 ECTS
Individual work	5 ECTS	Seminars	

Course abstract
<p>The aim of the subject is to expand and deepen one's knowledge about the area of research of ego-documents, the theoretical attitudes and methodology, to develop the capacity of conducting research of the origin, development and historical typology of ego-documents by applying methods of communication and information science as well as methods of interdisciplinary research.</p> <p>Content of the subject</p> <p>The concept of an ego-document (further referred to as <i>ED</i>), its relationship with the research of memoirs, biography research, epistolary writing research and intimate scriptures research. Personal and public documents. The issue of the relationship of personality and collective identity in ego-document research. An ego-document message as a type of media. The methodology of ego-document research. The autobiographies by craftsmen by James Stephen Amelang. The concept of the autobiographic life writing and ego-documentation in the presence of the 'first person' ('me') as developed by Jacob (Jacques) Presser. The concept of <i>Selbstzeugnisse</i> (Self-Testimony) as developed by Winfried Schulze. The research of ED in Switzerland (Kaspar von Greyerz), the Netherlands (Rudolf Dekker and Arianne Baggerman), Poland (Stanisław Roszak), and in the Czech Republic (Miloš Řezník). ED as a scripture tradition in the private space (<i>Écrits du for privé</i>) and its research in France (François-Joseph Ruggiu, J.-P. Bardet, É. Arnoul). The theory of social autonomy by Madeleine Foisil. The theory of the autobiographical pact by Philippe Lejeune. ED research in the UK and in the USA. ED as a tool for the interpretation(s) of the development of the country state and the society in the research of <i>sameness(es)</i>, <i>private life</i>, <i>memory culture</i>, <i>ancient scriptures</i>, <i>literary culture</i> and the <i>history of emotions</i>. ED research in Lithuania. Correspondence, the theory and practice of writing letters (A. Tamošiūnaitė). Wills: their origin, structure and development. Stories of life as <i>oral history</i> (D. Marcinkevičienė). Research of the ED heritage of Lithuania. The paradigms of source and book investigation (D. Kaunas). ED in the reconstruction(s) of the history of national revival. The issues of the classification/typology and systemizing of ego-documents. The issues of 'reading' and interpreting the ED of WW2, the postwar period, exile and the resistance movement.</p> <p>The origin, development and historical typology of ED. The establishment of the genre of autobiography in the 19th century. <i>Silva rerum</i> as continuations of ego-documentation. The mission (function) of family albums and diaries (<i>livre de raison</i>, <i>livre de famille</i>, <i>libri di famiglia</i>). The issue of distinguishing between the private and public writing. Publishing and commercialization of ED. Communicative types and models of ED. ED in the written, oral and visual culture. Strategies of the application of ED in academic research. The issue of the dissemination of identities in ED: the family, children, the family property, dynasty, gender relations. The issue of confessional and personal identity (<i>spiritual reflection</i>, <i>mystical autobiographies</i>, <i>personal reflections</i>). Time and space in ego-documentation. ED and regional identity. ED resources in the memory archives of Lithuania and the neighboring countries.</p>

<p>Statistics (the structure of languages, the origin and provenance, monuments). Strategies of the digitization of ED and the related information systems. ED in the virtual space: the Netherlands (http://www.egodocument.net), Switzerland, (http://selbstzeugnisse.histsem.unibas.ch), Italy, France, Poland, Lithuania.</p> <p>Study methods: individual counseling, studies of sources and literature.</p> <p>Methods of assessment: an exam (both orally and in the written form). An intermediate presentation: a paper on a topic approved by the coordinating Professors and reflecting the area of research of the student's thesis.</p>
<p>Course literature</p>
<p>Amelang, J. S. (1998). <i>The flight of Icarus: Artisan autobiography in early modern Europe</i>. Stanford University Press.</p>
<p>Būda, V. (sudarytojas) ir Pacevičius, A. (sudarytojas) (2018). <i>Mykolas Girdvainis (1841-1925). Autobiografija = Michał Girdwojń (1841-1925). Autobiografia</i>. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.</p>
<p>Dekker, R. (2000). Egodocuments in the Netherlands from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century. In E. Griffey (Ed.), <i>Envisioning self and status: Self-representation in the Low Countries 1400–1700</i> (pp. 255–285). Hull: Association for Low Countries Studies in Great Britain and Ireland. http://www.egodocument.net/pdf/Egodocuments_in_the_Netherlands.pdf</p>
<p>Dekker, R. (2002). Jacques Presser's heritage: Egodocuments in the Study of History. <i>Memoria y Civilización: Anuario de Historia</i>, 5, 13–37. http://www.egodocument.net/pdf/2.pdf</p>
<p>Dekker, R. (Ed.). (2002). <i>Egodocuments and history: Autobiographical writing in its social context since the Middle Ages</i>. Rotterdam: Hilversum Verlonen. http://repub.eur.nl/pub/17065/</p>
<p>Green, M. (2022). <i>An interreligious dialogue: Portrayal of Jews in Dutch French-language periodicals (1680–1715)</i>. Lodz and Cracow: Lodz University Press.</p>
<p>Grigaitienė, V. (vert.) (2007). <i>Mykolas Römeris. Dienoraštis. 1918 m. birželio 13-oji–1919 m. birželio 20-oji</i>. Vilnius: Versus Aureus.</p>
<p>Kuismin, A. & M. J. Driscoll. (Eds.). (2013). <i>White Field, Black Seeds: Nordic literacy practices in the long nineteenth century</i>. Helsinki: Finnish Literature Society.</p>
<p>Mikailionienė, B. (2003). Kelionių memuaristikos pradžia ir T. Bilevičiaus Dienoraštis. In <i>Teodoras Bilevičius: Kelionės vokiečių, čekų ir italų žeme dienoraštis</i>. Vilnius: Lietuvių literatūros ir tautosakos institutas.</p>
<p>Pacevičius, A. (sudarytojas), Orzeł, J. (sudarytojas), Roszak, S. (sudarytojas) ir Katilienė, I. (vertėjas) (2013). <i>Juozapo Jurgio Hilzeno 1752-1754 metų kelionės dienoraštis = Dziennik podróży Józefa Jerzego Hylzena z lat 1752-1754</i>. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.</p>
<p>Pacevičius, A. (sudarytojas), Chorążyczewski, W. (sudarytojas) ir Rosa, A. (sudarytojas) (2013). Butlerio kelionės į Italiją ir Vokietiją 1779–1780 metais dienoraštis = Dziennik podróży Butlera do Włoch i Niemiec w latach 1779–1780. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.</p>
<p>Pacevičius, A. (2024). <i>Egodokumentai. Visuotinė lietuvių enciklopedija</i>. https://www.vle.lt/straipsnis/egodokumentai/</p>
<p>Pacevičius, A. (sudarytojas) (2013). <i>Egodokumentai ir privati Lietuvos erdvė XVI-XX amžiuje: straipsnių rinkinys</i>. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.</p>
<p>Ragauskienė, R., & Ragauskas, A. (2001). <i>Barboros Radvilaitės laišakai Žygimantui Augustui ir kitiems</i>. Vilnius: Vaga.</p>

Račkauskas, M. (2008). *Užrašai. Dvidešimt metų (1885–1905) Žemaitijos užkampy*. Vilnius: LLTI.

Sarcevičienė, J. (Ed.). (2024). *Merkinės seniūno Antano Kazimiero Sapiegos 1730–1733 metų dienoraštis*. Vilnius: Lietuvos istorijos institutas.

Roszak, S. (2004). *Archiwa sarmackiej pamieci. Funkcje i znaczenie rękopiśmiennych ksiąg silva rerum w kulturze Rzeczypospolitej XVIII wieku*. Toruń: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Mikołaja Kopernika.

Vaišnoravičius, K. J. (2009). *Kelionė po Europą su jaunuoju kunigaikščiu Ostrogiškiu: 1667–1669 metų dienoraštis* (B. Mikalonienė & E. Patiejūnienė, Translation from Polish; E. Patiejūnienė, Translation from Latin). Vilnius: Lietuvių literatūros ir tautosakos institutas.

Žaltauskaitė, V. (sudarytojas) (2004). *Povilas Januševičius. Visokių atsitikimų sąrašas: 1895–1898*. Vilnius: Lietuvos istorijos institutas.

Name of consulting lecturer	Academic rank	Major works published in the last 5 years
Arvydas Pacevičius	Prof. Dr	Pacevičius, A. (2024). Opisy podróży do/przez Wielkie Księstwo Litewskie w XVI–XVIII wieku: Problem egodokumentalności. In W. Chorążyczewski, H. Ciechanowski, W. Piasek, & S. Roszak (Eds.), <i>Egodokumenty – samoświadectwa – egodokumentalność: Teoria i praktyka</i> (pp. 49–62). Wydawnictwo Naukowe Uniwersytetu Mikołaja Kopernika.
		Pacevičius, A. (2024). Mokslinės periodikos apytaka Lietuvoje XIX a. pirmojoje pusėje: Vilniaus universiteto atvejis. <i>Knygotyra</i> , 82, 29–52. https://doi.org/10.15388/Knygotyra.2024.82 .
		Pacevičius, A. (2024). Nėra brangesnio lobia už studijoms skirtas knygas: Vilniaus augustinų bibliotekos raida ir paveldas. <i>Acta Academiae Artium Vilnensis</i> , 114, 206–241. https://doi.org/10.37522/aaav.114.2024.253 .
		Pacevičius, A. & Raudytė, N. (2023). <i>Žemaičių daktaras Faustas: Jurgio Ambraziejaus Pabrėžos bibliotekos kilmė, raida ir paveldas</i> . Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.
		Pacevičius, A. (2022). <i>Vilniaus imperatoriškasis universitetas mokslinės informacijos gniaužtuose / The Imperial University of Vilna in the Clutches of Scholarly Information. 1803–1832</i> . Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.
Domas Kaunas	Prof. Habil. Dr	Kaunas, D. (2025). <i>Mažosios Lietuvos knygų namai: Bibliotekos, rinkiniai, jų kūrėjai ir likimas: Monografija</i> . Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.

	<p>Kaunas, D. (2024). <i>Aušros pirmtakai</i>. In <i>Mėnraštis „Aušra“ (1883–1886)</i> (pp. 33–87). Vilnius: Lietuvių literatūros ir tautosakos institutas. http://www.xn--altiniai-4wb.info/files/literatura/LG00/Auszra_1883%E2%80%931886.%C4%AEvadin%C4%97knyga.LG1007.pdf</p>
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	<p>Kaunas, D. (2021). <i>Martynas Jankus. Tautos vienytojas ir lietuvių spaudos kūrėjas: Monografija</i>. Vilniaus universiteto leidykla.</p>

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<p>Chair of the Committee Prof. Dr Aušra Navickienė</p>