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# INVITATION

to participate in the International Scientific Conference

## “Higher Education for Sustainable Development of a Smart Region”

16 April 2026

On April 16, 2026 the international scientific conference “Higher Education for Sustainable Development of a Smart Region” will be held at the Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija (Aušros al. 40). Papers will be read at Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija and remotely. Participation in the Conference is free of charge.

Participants are welcome to publish their articles that are based on the conference paper presentations in the scientific peer-reviewed journal “Professional Studies: Theory and Practice” (ISSN 2345-0576). The journal is published in the Open Journal System OJS: <https://ojs.svako.lt/>. Articles submitted for publication can be uploaded in this system.

### Conference topics include:

1. The Impact of Changes in Higher Education on the Training of Highly Qualified Specialists.
2. Technological Change and the Impact on the Smart Society.
3. Applied Accounting, Finance and Auditing in a Sustainable Business Environment.
4. Evidence-Based Healthcare Practice in the Context of Holistic Health.
5. The Role of Social Dialogue and Responsibility in the Face of Global Change.
6. Artificial Intelligence in Science and Studies.

### Organising Committee:

**Chairperson** – Dr. Lina Tamutienė, Director of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija.

#### Members:

Dr. Lina Garšvė, Dean of the Faculty of Health Care of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Neda Jurgaitis, Deputy Director of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Mindaugas Kavaliauskas, Research Communication Specialist of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Silvija Papaurėlytė-Klovienė, Research Communication Specialist of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Rasa Pocevičienė, Head of Studies and Sciences Coordination Unit of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Erika Jonuškienė, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Technologies of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

## Scientific Committee:

**Chairperson** – Dr. Rasa Pocevičienė, Professor of Management and Communication Department of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija.

### Members:

Dr. Ayça Araci, Associate Professor, Head of Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation of Faculty of Health Care at Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University (Turkey)

Dr. Meliha Funda Afyonoglu, Professor of Social Work Department of Selcuk University (Turkey)

Dr. Vaida Aleknavičiūtė-Ablonskė, Associate Professor of Department of Physical, Aesthetic, and Social Wellbeing of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Milena Carvalho, Associate Professor at the Information Systems and Information Science Department of Porto Accounting and Business School, Polytechnic Institute of Porto (Portugal)

Dr. Donatas Dervinis, Associate Professor of Engineering Sciences Department of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Florin Filip, Lecturer of Suceava Stefan cel Mare University (Romania)

Dr. Rainer Rubira García, Professor, Director of the Department of Audiovisual Communication and Advertising of King Juan Carlos University, Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair for Communication Research (Spain)

Dr. Vitalija Gerikienė, Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences Department of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Kristina Kulikauskienė, Associate Professor of Management and Communication Department of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Jurgita Macienė, Associate Professor of Management and Communication Department of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Aistė Padgureckienė, Associate Professor of Business and Accounting Department of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Ana I. Pereira, Professor at the Department of Mathematics, Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (Portugal)

Dr. Neringa Povilaitienė, Associate Professor of Social Work Department of Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija

Dr. Renáta Tomášková, Vice-Rector for International Relations and a lecturer at the Dpt. of English and American Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ostrava (Czech Republic)

### Key dates:

Online registration until **March 16, 2026** (abstracts to be submitted), registration link:

<https://forms.gle/dxWqiixC5Zq67tS6>

Confirmation of acceptance will be sent by email **by April 1, 2026**.

The preliminary conference program will be announced on **April 10, 2026**.

**April 16, 2026**, 9 a.m. – registration begins, 10 a.m. – conference begins.

**Conference languages** – English and Lithuanian.

**Conference presentation duration:** 20 minutes for plenary sessions, 15 minutes for sections.

The conference will be held at Šiaulių valstybinė kolegija (Aušros al. 40, Šiauliai) and remotely.

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