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Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **IRENA ŽEMAITAITYTĖ**
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Work experience

Dates	2012 – till now
Occupation or position held	Professor of Institute of Educational Science and Social Work Mykolas Romeris university, Ateities str. 20, Vilnius Lithuania
Dates	2015 – till now
Occupation or position held	Member of Senate (2025-2030 Chairwoman of the Senate Research and Doctoral Commission; 2015– 2020 Senate Vice-Chairwomen;), MRU
Dates	2016 – till 2020
Occupation or position held	Deputy Director of Institute of Educational Science and Social Work, MRU
Dates	2004 – till 2014
Occupation or position held	Vice Dean for studies, MRU
Dates	2001-2002
Occupation or position held	Lecturer Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Social Sciences

Education and training

1996 -2001	Doctor of Social science (Education science) Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas
1993-1995	Master of Social science (Education science) Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas
1986-1991	Artist of Chamber Group, Teacher of Music (the Piano) Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Vilnius

Membership:

- Lithuanian Adult Education Association - Chairman of the board
- ESREA - European Association of Researchers of Adult Education
- European Social Work Research Association (ESWRA)
- LETA – Member of Lithuanian Educational Research Association
- WERA - Member of the World Association for Educational Research
- EERA - Member of the European Educational Research Association
- Lithuanian Catholic Science Academy

International projects:**Project experience**

- COST Action CA22167 Participatory Approaches with Older Adults (PAAR-net COST 2023 - 2027
- Action CA18119 „Who Cares in Europe?“ 2019-2023
- COST Action CA15130 „Study Abroad Research in European Perspective“ 2016-2020 m
- „NELCA - Creating the Network of Excellent ULCA Schools (nr. 2023-1-SK01-KA220-HED-000158697) 2023-2026.
- BOOSTING THE GREEN FUTURE VIA UNIVERSITY MICRO-CREDENTIALS /B-Green-ED/ (Nr. 2022-1-BG01-KA220-HED-000085821) 2022 – 2024.
- “ULCA – Upgrade with Learner-centred Approach”, (Nr. 2020-1-SK01-KA203-078306), 2020 – 2022.
- ”Digi-Ageing – overcoming Loneliness“ (Nr. 2020-1-AT01-KA202-078084), 2020 – 2023.
- „TeBeISi – Partcertification in the professional field of Information Security “, (Nr. 2018-1-DE02-KA202-005218), 2018-2021
- „Location-based games as a contemporary, original, and innovative method of seniors’ teaching and learning“ (Nr. 2017-1-PL01-KA204-038869), 2017-2019.
- „Innovative Management And Educational Practices in Elderly Centres“ LLL Grundtvig Multilateral Project (No. 539829-LLP-1-2013-1-IT-GRUNDTVIG-GMP) 2013-2015.
- „Transcultural Biography Work for Adult Education” (No. 510559-LLP-1-2010-1-IT-GRUNDTVIG- GMP) 2010-2012.
- LLL2010 “Towards a Lifelong Learning Society in Europe: The Contribution of the Education System”, No.: 513321, PRIORITY 7 “Citizens and Governance in a knowledge based society], 2005-2010.
- "PASS – Influence on personal access for people with migrant background" LLL Grundtvig partnership project (Nr.LLP-GRU-MP-2007-LT-00108)2006-2008;

National projects:

- Study of the popularity of the "Epale" platform in Lithuania and the level of user engagement (Education exchange support fund) 2024
- Vilnius city teacher motivation study "Vilnius city teacher survey and qualitative research services" 2022
- A study of the implementation of non-formal adult education in the regions of the country. 2019. Project "The new educational paradigm in competitive conditions" (project code: 10.1.2-ESFA-K-917-03-0011), is financed from the 2014-2020 European Union funds investment action program priority 10 "Advanced public management that meets the needs of society" No. 10.1.2-ESFA-K-917 measures "Initiatives for increasing public intolerance to corruption and promoting participation in public management processes".

- "Study of the need and availability of health promotion for seniors", State Public Health Promotion Fund, 2018

International Conference Scientific Committee member:

- Hradec Social Work Days: Reflections, Changes, and Perspectives on 18 - 19 September, 2025 (Czech Republic).
- 10th International Multidisciplinary Research Conference. Society. Health. Welfare“ on 24-28 March, 2025 (Latvia);
- “Society. Health. Welfare“ on 25-27 March, 2023 (Latvia);
- XIX Hradec Days of Social Work: Sustainable Development in Contemporary Social Work Approaches on 15 - 16 September, 2022 (Czech Republic).
- “Society. Health. Welfare“ on 24-26 March, 2021 (Latvia);
- “Society. Health. Welfare“ on 10-12 October, 2018 (Latvia);
- „Public administration and policies in the digital age“ on November 1-4, 2017 (Turkey);
- „Aging in a multicultural world – individual and social contexts of learning“ (2016, Poland);
- "Lifelong learning for older adults: Hopes, fears and expectations"(2015, Sweden);
- "Innovations in Older Adult Learning: Theory, Research, Policy "(2014, Malta);
- “Learning Opportunities for Older Adults: Forms, Providers and Policies“ MRU (2013);
- „Innovative methods to work with Adults: Educational ir Social Work perspective“ MRU (2012),
- „Adult Education: Creativity and Innovative“ MRU (2009).

Scientific supervisor for doctoral students:

1. Giedrė Paurienė „Development of teachers' professional competence through self-directed learning“ (Education Science, 07 S) Scientific supervisor. The dissertation was defended 2017-12- 19.
2. Marius Kalinauskas „Expression of Students’ Engagement into Gamified Studies“ (Education Science, 07 S) Scientific supervisor. The dissertation was defended 2018- 09- 28.
3. Lina Grudulaitė „A transformative learning process for the host country’s population working with refugees,,(Education Science, 07 S) Scientific supervisor, 2017-2023.
4. Flavius Streianu “An innovative approach to holistic education and learning: S.M.A.R.T. (Students Make Art Research & Technology)”, (Education Science, 07 S) Scientific supervisor, 2018 – 2024.
5. Kęstutis Liekis “Web 5.0 Web Educational and Hybrid Cloud Technologies in Education: A Team-Based teaching / Learning Strategy” (Education Science, 07 S) Scientific supervisor, 2020 – 2024.

Scientific supervisor for postdoc students:

1. Joana Butėnaitė-Switkiewicz 2022-2024

Participation in Dissertation Defense Committees:

1. 2020-10- 30. Marjan Masoodi “Metacognitive awareness in university studies: the comparative study of Lithuanian and Iranian cases” (Education Science 07 S) Chairperson of the Defense Committee.
2. 2020 – 03 – 10. Vaida Jurgilė “Grounded “Spiral” theory of intercultural learning: learning experience of Lithuanian students“ (Education Science 07 S) Chairperson of the Defense Committee..

3. 2019 – 06 – 28. Cristiana Barbierato „Teacher’s Educational Authority: An Ontological Perspective by Luigi Giussani” (Education Science 07S) Member of the Defense Committee.
4. 2017 – 12 - 22 Virginija Bortkevičienė “Transformations of Entrepreneurial Learning in Business Activities“ (Education Science 07S) Member of the Defense Committee.
5. 2016 – 11- 29. Daiva Penkauskienė „Provoked the experience of rethinking learning during university undergraduate studies“ (Education Science 07 S) Chairperson of the Defense Committee.
6. 2016 -05- 16. Giedrė Valūnaitė Oleškevičienė „Making Sense of Social Media Use in University Studies“ (Education Science 07 S) Chairperson of the Defense Committee.
7. 2016 -02 -19. Aušra Kolbergytė „Adult self-education as a transformative education” (Education Science, 07 S) Chairperson of the Defense Committee.
8. 2014- 01- 10. Eilina Dailidienė. „Parameters of student career planning competence: the case of the first cycle of university studies (Education Science 07 S), Member of the Defense Committee.

Internships

1. Middle East University, Amman, Jordania, 2025 05 25-29.
2. Jerevan University, Armenia, 2024 06 04-08.
3. LilleUniversity, France, 2023 10 16-22.
4. Haifa University, Israel, 2023 05 01-07.
5. Riga Stradins University, Latvia, 2022-05-16-20.
6. Burgas Free University, Bulgaria, 2021 07-13-16.
7. Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia, 2021-04-14-15.
8. Riga Stradins University, Latvia, 2021-02-15-17.
9. Riga Stradins University, Latvia, 2020-02-17-22.
10. Louvain Catholic University, Belgium, 2019-06-03-07.
11. Isparta University, Turkey., 2018-06-02-08.
12. Genua University, Italia.; 2017-11- 22-26.
13. Rigos Stradins University, Latvja, 2017-11- 13-16.
14. Varmia ir Mozuria University, Olštín, Poland, 2017 -10- 25-28.
15. Roma La Sapienza University, Italia. Italian Government scholarship, 2016 - 10- 22-30.
16. Isparta University, Turkey. 2015-05-18-22.
17. Rygos Stradins University, Latvia, 2014 -02- 22-28.
18. Haifa University, Israel. 2014 -03 - 30 - 04 10;
19. Milano Bicocca University, Italia, 2013 -07- 09 -13 d.
20. Porto University, Porto, Portugal, 2013 -04- 26- 05-05

Trainings carried out:

- Creating the Network of Excellent ULCA Schools (NELCA)” (2024, July 15-18) MRU.
- Student-Centered Education - Building Excellent school” (2023, May 22-24) Riga Stradins University.
- Innovative educational activities for older clients” (2022, September 12) Klaipėda Social Services Center.
 - Peculiarities of organizing educational activities for older adults (2021, September 27, Grodno Social Services Center of Belarus (on-line).
 - Peculiarities of organizing educational activities in social work (2021, July 1, Druskininkai Social Services Center.
- “Strategic planning workshop: strengthening the motivation of educators” (2020, December 8 and 15) Mykolas Romeris University

- “Peculiarities of organizing educational activities in social institutions” (2020, September 3 October) Mykolas Romeris University
- “Fundamentals of Andragogy” (2019, February 27, March 18), Vilnius Karoliniškės Music School
- “Development of Andragogy Competencies – Features of adult learning and learning motivation” (October 15-17, 2018) Trakai Municipality
- “The need for quality social services and the relevance of quality assessment” (March 24-26, 2017) Druskininkai Municipality
- “Application of the biographical method and reflection on personal experience” (October 23-25, 2015) Druskininkai Municipality
- Features of the Tomatis method when working with various client groups” (April 22-25, 2015) Mykolas Romeris University
- "Training for strengthening subject competencies" (November 11-15, 2014) Mykolas Romeris University