

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference

SMALL GENRES OF FOLKLORE : LOCAL CONTEXTS AND COMPARATIVE PARALLELS

In Honour of the 100th Anniversary of Prof. Kazys Grigas

Professor Kazys Grigas (1924–2002) was one of the most eminent Lithuanian folklorists, historians of folklore, and undoubtedly the most famous Lithuanian paremiologist, collector, and populariser of proverbs and proverbial sayings. Having shown Lithuanian proverbs to be a part of the international paremiological compendia, Kazys Grigas highlighted their national character as well as the peculiarities of their linguistic and poetic expression. The books "Lithuanian Proverbs: a Comparative Study" (1976) and "Proverb Parallels: Lithuanian Proverbs with Latvian, Belarusian, Russian, Polish, German, English, Latin, French, and Spanish Equivalents" (1987) have been recognised as fundamental works by the international community of paremiologists. These books along with his other comparative studies have become an indispensable part of international research and supplement the global pool of paremiological data.

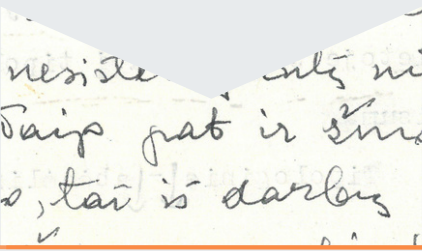
In addition to his achievements in the field of paremiology, Kazys Grigas studied other so-called small genres of folklore, i. e. folklore texts of various kinds, characterised by their short form. These include not only proverbs and proverbial sayings but also riddles, situational expressions, etiquette formulas, beliefs, charms, prayers, curses, fortune-tellings, tongue-twisters, counting-out rhymes, teasing rhymes, onomatopoeia (sound imitations), etc.

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of professor Kazys Grigas, we invite you to celebrate his life and works, explore their importance for Lithuanian folkloristics and international paremiology, and to share relevant research in the field of small genres of folklore.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

- The influence of personality on the development of folklore studies: life, scientific and cultural activities of Kazys Grigas
- Small genres in the history of folklore studies
- Theoretical and methodological aspects in the study of small genres of folklore
- Importance of context for small genres of folklore
- The international and national character of small genres of folklore
- Tradition and modernity in small genres of folklore
- Small genres and other forms of folklore: cross-genre links
- Linguistic expression and poetic features of small genres of folklore
- Magical and practical functions of small genres of folklore
- Translation of small genres of folklore
- Manifestations of small genres of folklore in literature and art
- Small genres in digital spaces: communication, variation, visualisation

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We invite folklorists, ethnologists, linguists, historians, and other cultural researchers from various institutions worldwide to share their research in relation to the above-mentioned and other relevant topics. Please submit proposals including your name, institution, position, proposed title of your paper, abstract (of maximum 300 words) and short biographical note [to the form](#) by **September 30, 2023**.

Accepted papers will be confirmed by November 1, 2023. Participation is possible both in person and online.

Selected proceedings of the conference will be published after a double-blind peer reviewing process.

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Wolfgang Mieder, University of Vermont, Burlington, USA

Prof. Giedrius Subačius, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA

Conference language: English

Presentations: 20 minutes (plus 10 minutes for discussion)

The conference fee is due:

Early fee by January 1, 2024
Regular participants 100 EUR
PhD students 80 EUR

Late fee by February 1, 2024
Regular participants 120 EUR
PhD students 100 EUR

The conference fee covers admittance to all the conference events and conference materials. Please note that it does not cover travel and accommodation costs.

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