

**POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN ETHNOLOGY AT THE VILNIUS UNIVERSITY,  
THE INSTITUTE OF LITHUANIAN LITERATURE AND FOLKLORE, AND THE  
LITHUANIAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND THEATER: THE COURSE  
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Subject	Research area (branch), code	Institution	Department
<b>METHODOLOGIES OF POSTCOLONIAL STUDIES</b>	Ethnology H006	VU	Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies
Form of study	Duration	Form of study	Duration
lecture:	10	consultation:	10
independent study:	170	seminar:	10
Credit hours:	<b>8</b>		
Course description			
<p><b>Course objective</b> is to introduce PhD students to the interdisciplinary field of postcolonial studies, the various methodological approaches, the influence of postcolonial ideas and practices, and the interaction with other disciplines (poststructuralist literary criticism, economic theory, gender studies, anthropology, historiography, ethnicity studies, etc). The aim is to help students recognize how, in the development of the history of Asian Studies, the representation of the East as the essentialized and stereotyped 'otherness' of the West has obscured the cultural heterogeneity and colorfulness of the East and the West itself. The course analyses the diversity of the East and the diversity of the West and the East's cultural and cultural identities. Said, G. Spivak, F. Fanon, R. Guha, D. Chakraborty, A. Appadurai, H. Bhabha), revealing how the efforts of Western Orientalists to interpret some aspect of Eastern culture inevitably colonize and appropriate the object of interpretation. The questions to be addressed will be: is it even possible to break free from the epistemic compulsion of colonialism in the post-colonial era? Can we adequately perceive otherness? What is the significance of postcolonial studies in the context of contemporary globalization and cultural integration? Why is it that the object of the new postcolonial studies is not regional culture per se, but the canonized forms of knowledge and local 'traditions' of colonialist Western discourse? How did the acceptance of these forms of knowledge in Asia imply the recognition of cultural subordination to the notions of the hegemonic Western paradigm and shift the development of culture and thought in a Western direction. What is the relationship between post-colonial and post-Western studies?</p>			
<p><b>Course aims and competences:</b> doctoral students will have an understanding of the complex nature of post-colonial studies and its relationship with other disciplines and interdisciplinary fields. They will be familiar with the basic methods and concepts of postcolonial studies and interdisciplinary approaches. Understand the relevance of postcolonial studies in the context of contemporary globalization and cultural integration. Understand the dynamics of social, cultural and political change in the academic field of postcolonial studies. Doctoral students will be able to identify, analyze and critically evaluate Western conceptions of the Orient and the ways in which Orientalist discourse has legitimized colonialist aggression and the political and cultural supremacy of the Western world. They will become aware of the ways in which postcolonial reflection has been influenced by poststructuralist and postmodernist theories popular in Western intellectual circles in the 1980s. It will develop interdisciplinary, problem-oriented analytical skills and cognitive and communicative skills for a more adequate understanding of cultural otherness.</p>			

**Thematic content of the course:**

1. E. Said: Latent and Manifested Orientalism
2. Imperialism, colonialism, postcolonialism.
3. Post-structuralism and power relations.
4. Postcolonial studies and academic interdisciplinarity.
5. Postcolonialism and postmodernism.
6. Ranajit Guha and subaltern studies.
7. Postcolonial feminism and gender relations.
8. Dipesh Chakrabarty: The relocation of Eurocentric historiography.
9. Ethnicity, locality and the changing geographical atlas.
10. Trauma, culture and memory: from Maurice Halbwachs to Jan Assmann..
11. Transformations of anthropology in postcolonial studies.
12. Arjun Appadurai: social imagination and culture.
13. Traditional knowledge and indigenous forms of knowledge.
14. Franz Fanon and post-colonial transformations in South America.
15. Africa and the colonial legacy.
16. Academic colonialism and neo-colonialism.
17. Homi Bhaba: hybridity, ambivalence and the 'third space'.
18. Culture and memory
19. Postcolonial and post-Soviet studies.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Periodical publication No.	Place of publication and publisher or web link
<b>Required reading</b>				
Ashcroft, B.; Griffiths, G.; Tiffin Dutton, H.	1995	<i>Post-colonial Studies Reader.</i>		London and New York: Routledge.
Briggs, John; Sharp, Joanne	2004	“Indigenous Knowledges and development: A Postcolonial Caution”	<i>Third World Quarterly</i> , Vol. 25, No. 4. p. 661-676.	
Beinorius, Audrius	2003	“The Pitfalls of Orientalism: ‘Hinduism’ and Postcolonial Discourse”	<i>Dialogue and Universalism</i> , Vol. XIII, Nr.1-2, p.149-165.	
Erl Astrid	2011	<i>Memory in Culture</i>		Palgrave Macmillan
Chakrabarty, Dipesh	2000a	<i>Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference</i>		Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Chakrabarty, Dipesh	2000b	„Subaltern Studies and Postcolonial Historiography“	<i>Nepantla: Views from South</i> , Volume 1, Issue 1, p. 9-32.	
During, Simon	1998	„Postcolonialism and globalisation: a dialectical relation after all?“	<i>Postcolonial Studies</i> , Vol. 1, No. 1 p.31-47	
Rea, Will	2010	„Anthropology and Postcolonialism“ in <i>A Concise Companion to Postcolonial Literature</i> , (ed.) Chew, Shirley; Richards, David	p.182-203.	Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.
Huggan, Graham	2002	“Postcolonial Studies and the Anxiety of Interdisciplinarity”	<i>Postcolonial Studies</i> , Vol. 5, No. 3. pp. 245-275.	
Mignolo, Walter D.	1993	„Colonial and Postcolonial Discourse: Cultural Critique or Academic Colonialism?“	<i>Latina American Research Review</i> , Vol. 28, No.3, p. 120-134	
Kelertas Violeta (ed.)	2006	<i>On the Boundary of Two Worlds: Identity, Freedom, and Moral Imagination in the Baltics</i>		Amsterdam - New York, NY: Rodopi.
Moore-Gilbert, Bart	1997	<i>Postcolonial Theory: Contexts, Practices, Politics</i> ,		London: Verso.
Said, Edward W.	2006	<i>Orientalizmas</i> . (Iš anglų kalbos vertė Violeta Davoliūtė, Kazimieras Seibutis)		Vilnius: Apostrofa.
Schwarz, Henry, Ray Sangeeta (eds)	2005	<i>Blackwell Companion to Postcolonial Studies</i> .		Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.
Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty	1988	„Can the Subaltern Speak?“ in <i>Colonial Discourse and Postcolonial Theory: A Reader</i> . Williams, Patrick; Chrisman, Laura (eds.)		Edinburgh: Pearson Education Limited. p. 67-111.
Wagoner, Phillip B.	2003	„Precolonial Intellectuals and the Production of Colonial Knowledge“	<i>Comparative Studies in Society and History</i> Vol.45, No. 4	
			(Oct.) pp.783-814	
<b>Additional literature</b>				
Ashcroft, B.; Griffiths, G.; Tiffin Dutton, H.	2000	<i>Post-colonial Studies: The Key Concepts</i>		London and New York: Routledge.

Beinorius, Audrius	2020	“Psychoanalytic theory in postcolonial discourse: comparing Octave Mannoni, Frantz Fanon and Homi K. Bhaba”	Dialogue and Universalism, No.3, pp.123-140.	
Breckenridge, Carol A.; van der Veer, Peter (eds)	1993	<i>Orientalism and the Postcolonial Predicament.</i>		Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
Bhaba, Homi K.	1994	<i>The Location of Culture</i>		London and New York: Routledge.
Turner, Bryan	1994	<i>Orientalism, Postmodernism and Globalism.</i>		London and New York, Routledge.
Young, Robert J.C.	2001	<i>Postcolonialism: An Historical Introduction.</i>		Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.
Williams, Patrick; Chrisman, Laura (eds.)	1994	<i>Colonial Discourse and Postcolonial Theory: A Reader.</i>		Edinburgh: Pearson Education Limited.
Ania Loomba	2015	<i>Colonialism / Postcolonialism (The New Critical Idiom)</i>		Routledge;
Advisers: academic degree, name and surname	Major research published in the last 5 years in the field (branch)			
Audrius Beinorius, prof. dr. (HP)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beinorius, Audrius. “Sanskrit and Lithuania: On Linguistic, Religious and Cultural Proximity”, in <i>Sanskrit and European Languages</i>. Ed. Prof. Shashi Bala, New Delhi: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, 2020, p. 28-58. ISBN 978-81-938679-8-3.</li> <li>2. Beinorius, Audrius. “Psychoanalytic theory in postcolonial discourse: comparing Octave Mannoni, Frantz Fanon and Homi K. Bhaba.”, <i>Dialogue and Universalism, Warsaw, Polish Academy of Sciences</i>, No.3/2020, p.123-140. ISSN 1234-5792</li> <li>3. <b>Beinorius, Audrius</b>; Berniūnas, Renatas; Dranseika, Vilius; Silius, Vytis; Rimkevičius, Paulius. “The weirdness of belief in free will”, <i>Consciousness and cognition</i>. San Diego, CA : Academic Press. ISSN 1053-8100. eISSN 1090-2376. 2020, vol. 87, art. no. 103054, p. [1-15]. DOI: 10.1016/j.concog.2020.103054</li> <li>4. Beinorius, Audrius. „Constructing Otherness: On the Early Perception of Buddhism in the West“, in <i>The Spread of Buddhist Thought</i>. Edited by Upendra Rao, New Delhi: Eastern Book Linkers. 2022. p.1-18; 251-253 ISBN 978-8178544236.</li> <li>5. Beinorius, Audrius. “Teosofinis orientalizmas ir Indija: transkultūrinės Vakarų ezoterizmo transformacijos (Theosophical Orientalism and India: Transcultural Transformations of Western Esotericism)”, in <i>Ezoterizmo fenomenas: tarp Rytų ir Vakarų (The Phenomenon of Esotericism: between East and West)</i>, Vilnius: VU leidykla, 2023, p.189-226. ISBN: ISBN 978-609-07-0903-0</li> </ol>			

	<p>6. Beinorius, Audrius. “Ezoterizmas – globalus ar lokalus (Introduction: Esotericism – Local or Global?)”, in <i>Ezoterizmo fenomenas: tarp Rytų ir Vakarų, (The Phenomenon of Esotericism: between East and West)</i>, Vilnius: VU leidykla, 2023, pp.7-22. ISBN 978-609-07-0903-0.</p> <p>7. <b>Beinorius, Audrius</b>; Berniūnas, Renatas; Dranseika, Vilius; Silius, Vytis; Rimkevičius, Paulius. “Bound to Share or Not to Care. The Force of Fate, Gods, Luck, Chance and Choice across Cultures”, <i>Journal of Cognition and Culture</i> (September 2023), 23: 451–475; DOI: 10.1163/15685373-12340172</p> <p>8. Beinorius, Audrius. “Lunar Constellations (nakshatras) and Name Giving Tradition in Ancient India”, <i>Rocznik Orientalistyczny/Yearbook of Oriental Studies</i>, T. LXXVI, Z. 2, 2023, (s. 5–19) DOI: 10.24425/ro.2023.148339 (<a href="https://journals.pan.pl/dlibra/publication/148339/edition/129895/content">https://journals.pan.pl/dlibra/publication/148339/edition/129895/content</a>)</p> <p>9. <b>Beinorius, Audrius</b>; Berniūnas, Renatas; Dranseika, Vilius; Silius, Vytis; Rimkevičius, Paulius. “Being prosocial and happy, and believing in life-determining forces across cultures”. <i>Journal of Cultural Cognitive Science</i>, Published: 06 February 2024. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s41809-023-00139-x">https://doi.org/10.1007/s41809-023-00139-x</a></p> <p>10. Beinorius, Audrius. (2024) “Kāla: laiko veidai klasikinėje Indijos filosofijoje”, <i>Problemos</i> 105, p. 21–31. doi:10.15388/Problemos.2024.105.2</p>
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