



# HEROES & PROTAGONISTS

- PART I -

## Creating and interpreting heroes and heroism in a national context

17-18 September 2014 | Lietuvos Istorijos Institutas, Vilnius



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

18h00-20h00 Guided tour of the city

### WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

- 09h00 Welcome – Darius Staliunas (Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilnius)  
09h15 Introduction to the NISE platform – Louis Vos (NISE chairman)  
09h30 Conference introduction – Andreas Stynen (NISE & ADVN, Antwerp)

### **FIGURES**

Chair: Andreas Stynen

#### **Session 1 Historical Figures**

- 09h45 Vasilijus Safronovas (Institute of Baltic Region History and Archaeology, Klaipėda University)  
*A national hero as a tool of appropriation of terra irredenta: the case of Kristijonas Donelaitis*
- 10h10 Adelheid Ceulemans (University of Antwerp & Artesis Plantijn University College Antwerp - Royal Conservatoire of Antwerp)  
*Historical heroes in Flemish lyrical dramas of the 19<sup>th</sup> century (1830-1914)*
- 10h35 *Coffee break*

11h00      **Coro Rubio Pobes & Santiago de Pablo** (University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz)  
*Before and after the nation: Basque patriotic heroes, 1839-1939*

11h25      **Benjamin Bossaert** (Comenius University, Bratislava)  
*Primitive rebels as heroes: every nation their own Robin Hood!*

11h50      **Questions and discussion**

*12h30      Lunch*

**Session 2      Contemporary figures**

14h00      **Edward Molloy** (Queen's University, Belfast)  
*Young Ireland and heroism in nineteenth-century Ireland*

14h25      **Dovile Troskovaite** (Vilnius University & Klaipėda University)  
*Polish Karaites Seraja Szapszal (1873-1961): Making hero – Becoming hero*

14h50      **Ludger Mees** (University of the Basque Country, Leioa)  
*How does a Basque president become a national hero? José Antonio Aguirre: a case study on the shape and memory of a Great Man*

15h15      **Dario Brentin** (Centre for Southeast European Studies, Graz)  
*Ban Zvonimir Boban, a national hero of the streets? Heroism, sport and national identity in post-socialist Croatia*

*15h40      Coffee break*

16h10      **Questions and discussion**

*17h00      End of Day 1*

*19h00      Conference dinner*

**THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

***REPRESENTATIONS & MODELS***

Chair: Alan Sandry (Swansea University / Welsh Nationalism Foundation )

**Session 3 Representations**

09h00 Jurgita Verbickiene (Vilnius University)

*The construction of an image of the Jews patriot in interwar Lithuania*

09h25 Joan Esculies & Enric Ucelay-Da Cal (GRENS / University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)

*The Catalan case on trial: the making of heroic leadership on a courtroom stage*

09h50 Tamara Pavasovic Trost (Centre for Southeast European Studies, Graz) & Jovana Mihajlovic Trbovc (University of Ljubljana)

*A hero or a villain? The conflicting interpretations of Alojzije Stepinac in post-Yugoslav history textbooks, 1973-2012*

10h15 Aurimas Svedas (Vilnius University)

*The depiction of partisans in 21<sup>st</sup>-century Lithuanian fiction. A deconstruction of the Great Narrative?*

10h40 *Coffee break*

11h10 Questions and discussion

**Session 4 Models**

11h40 Juli Szekely (Central European University, Budapest)

*Heroes in a de-heroicized context: memory of 'silent heroes' in Berlin*

12h05 Konstanze N'Guessan & Mareike Späth (Anthropology and African Studies, Mainz)

*Betwixt and between. Heroes in Africa and beyond*

12h30 *Lunch*

14h00 Questions and discussion

14h30 Conclusions and research agenda – Louis Vos (NISE)

15h00 *Closing drink*