



## INVITATION

To the 19<sup>th</sup> International Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference

## RETHINKING REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

28 November, 2019. Venue - ŠIAULIAI ARENA (J. Jablonskio str. 16, Šiauliai, Lithuania)

The **aim of the conference** is to bring together scientists, researchers, practitioners from the field of Economics, Management, Marketing, Finances and Accounting, Public Policy and Administration to discuss the contribution, role and decisions of different actors or stakeholders (business companies, government and local self-governments, non-governmental organizations) when developing competitive region. We combine three events under the common topic: Trade Fair „Šiauliai 2019“, E. Galvanauskas Scientific Conference on Economics and Management and Good Governance in Local Self-Government Scientific Conference. Participants will share scientific and practical approaches and discuss how synergies between science and practice, business and government, communities and local government could increase sustainable economic growth and the competitiveness of regions in the global market.

We expect to strengthen multidisciplinary approach to the economic and political spatial development issues and support greater synergy between science and practice.

**Special topic of this year plenary session is “Circular economics for region Competitiveness”.** Business representatives, researchers, foreign experts will discuss on the questions: How can the transition to a circular economy increase the attractiveness of regions for investment, add value, create jobs and stimulate innovation? How can economic operators reap the benefits of the internal market for secondary raw materials?

### The conference will focus on a broad range of topics:

- Current Issues of Business, Public Financial Management and Accounting.
- Socio-economical local challenges.
- Solutions of Public Policy and Administration.
- Creativity and Value Innovations in Business.
- Competitive Marketing Strategies.
- Strategies for Sustainable Development.
- Regional Governance, Strategic Planning and Development.
- Trends of Labour Market Changes.
- Capacity building and competencies for efficiency and welfare society.
- Enhancing the efficiency of public services.
- Strengthening democracy and building trust in local self-government.
- Cross-Sectoral Partnerships.
- Subsidiarity and ethics.

Participation: i) with oral presentation; ii) with oral presentation+ publication; iii) as participant without presentation or publication. Working languages **Lithuanian, English**. Duration of presentation - 10 minutes.

### Important dates

For participants **with oral presentations**:

- **Until November 8 2019: registration** by filling the application form online [www.su.lt/rethinking-regional](http://www.su.lt/rethinking-regional).
- **Until November 15, 2019** Payment of Conference participation fee.

**For full paper submission:**

- **November 1, 2019: Full paper submission** for winter issue of *Social Research*. For later issues submission deadline May 1, 2020. Papers (in English) should be submitted by email [social.research@su.lt](mailto:social.research@su.lt) to the editorial board. Only papers, selected by the Editorial Board as fully corresponding to the journals' requirements, will be published in open access journal *Social Research* (indexed in *CEEOL*, *EBSCO*, *Index Copernicus*). Authors will be informed personally no later **November 28, 2019**.

### Conference Fees

**Conference participation fee** – 30 EUR. It covers Conference handouts, lunch, coffee breaks. The fee applies to each contributing co-author. The *conference fee is not refundable*.

**Publication fee** – 75 EUR Payment must be transferred only after two positive reviews and acceptance of paper publication.

**Conference organized by Šiauliai University. Organizational partners: Šiauliai Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts, European Regional Science Association Baltic Section, Public Administration Academic Centre. Plenary session will be organised as part of programme Šiauliai SMART supported by Šiauliai Municipality.**

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Registration and more info: [www.su.lt/rethinking-regional](http://www.su.lt/rethinking-regional)