



THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL  
SCIENTIFIC READINGS  
OF PROF. JONAS PUZINAS

THE CENTENNIAL  
OF MARIJA GIMBUTIENĖ  
BIRTHDATE



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100th anniversary of  
the birth of Marija Gimbutas  
(Gimbutienė),  
archaeologist (1921-1994)  
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# THE NEW OLD EUROPE

The National Museum of Lithuania,  
The Old Arsenal, Arsenalo str. 3,  
Vilnius, II floor  
Conference will be broadcast online

**September**  
**23 – 24, 2021**  
Vilnius, Lithuania

## 23 September (Thursday)

9.30-10.00

Registration, welcome coffee

10.00-10.20

Welcome speech (translation provided)

Akad. Eugenijus Jovaiša, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Dr. Rūta Kačkutė, National Museum of Lithuania

Prof. Albinas Kuncevičius, Vilnius University, Department of Archaeology

Agnė Žilinskaitė, Society of Lithuanian Archaeology

### I SESSION. THE BALTS

10.20-10.40

**“The Balts“: Rhetoric of Reconstructing Religion in M. Gimbutienė’s Work**

Prof. Vytautas Ališauskas, Vilnius University, Faculty of Philology (translation provided)

10.40-11.00

**Marija Gimbutienė and the Theory of Baltic Origins**

Doc. dr. Algimantas Merkevičius, Vilnius University, Department of Archaeology

11.00-11.20

**Areas of Baltic Languages Until the 17th Century Based on the Data of Nomenclature**

Hab. dr. Kazimieras Garšva, Institute of the Lithuanian Language (translation provided)

11.20-11.40

**The Main Features of Balts’ Attire of Adornments**

Dr. Natalya Zhilina, Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Archaeology

11.40-12.00

Discussion

12.00-13.30

Lunch Break

### II SESSION. CROSSING EUROPE

13.30-13.50

**Remembering a Great Woman of Science: Professor Marija Gimbutienė (Gimbutas) during the Centennial Year of her birth (1921-2021)**

Joan Marler, Institute of Archaeomythology, USA

13.50-14.10

**Marija Gimbutas and Neolithic Macedonia**

Assist. prof. Goce Naumov, University Goce Delčev, Center for Prehistoric Research

14.10-14.30

**News from The Eastern Borders of Old Europe**

Dr. Mykhailo Videiko, Reiv Borys Grinchenko University

14.30-14.50

**Spiegel im Spiegel: Times of change – Archaeological Reflections on Marija Gimbutas’ Research**

Dr. Regina A. Uhl, German Archaeological Institute, Eurasia-Department

14.50-15.00

Discussion

15.00-15.30

Coffee Break

### III SESSION. WAVES OF CHANGES

15.30-15.50

**M. Gimbutienė’s Theory of Indo-European Origin and Genetic Research: New Echoes of an Old Discussion. Bibliographic Review**

Olegas Usačiovas, Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania

15.50-16.10

**M. Gimbutienė’s Hypothesis of Indo-European Origin and the Newest Paleogenetic Data of the Baltic Region**

Prof. Rimantas Jankauskas, Vilnius University, Faculty of Medicine

16.10-16.30

**Waves of Changes in Later Prehistory of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the 5th and 4th Millennia BC**

Dr. Igor Manzura, High Anthropological School University

16.30-16.50

**Cultural Interactions Between Agricultural and Pastoral Societies During the Last Quarter of the 4th Millenia BC: Case Study of Serezleevka Local Group**

Mykyta Ivanov, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Dr. Mykola Tupciyenko, Central Ukrainian National Technical University, Department of History, Archeology, Information and Archives affairs

16.50-17.10

**Marija Gimbutas and the Transformation of Europe in the 3rd millennium BC**

Prof. dr. Heyd Volker, University of Helsinki

17.10-17.30

Discussion

18.00

Opening Ceremony of the International Exhibition „Goddesses and Warriors:

100 Years to Marija Gimbutas“ at the National Museum of Lithuania (for conference delegates only)

## 24 September (Friday)

9.00-9.30 *Registration, coffee*

### IV SESSION. CONTEXTS

9.30-9.50 **Kurgan Rite on The Western Limits of The Great Steppe: "Constructors" vs. "Users"**  
Dr. Denis Topal, National Museum of History of Moldova

9.50-10.10 **The origins and mobility patterns of Stone Age humans from the Donkalnis and Spiginas burial grounds according to strontium isotope analysis**  
Dr. Gytis Piličiauskas, Lithuanian Institute of History, Department of Archaeology  
Edvardas Simčenka, Lithuanian Institute of History, Department of Archaeology  
Dr. Justina Kozakaitė, Vilnius University, Faculty of Medicine  
Dr. Žydrūnė Miliauskienė, Vilnius University, Faculty of Medicine  
Dr. Giedrė Piličiauskienė, Vilnius University, Department of Archaeology  
Dr. Harry Kenneth Robson, University of York, Department of Archaeology, BioArCh

10.10-10.30 **Burial Ground of Cherniakhiv Culture Boromlia (According to Ethnic Cranioscopic Data)**  
Yuriy Dolzhenko, National Academy of Science of Ukraine, Institute of Archaeology

10.30-10.50 **Usatovo in The Context of "Kurgan cultures" of the Early Metal Ages**  
Dr. Svetlana Ivanova, National Academy of Science of Ukraine, Institute of Archaeology  
Prof. Alexey G. Nikitin, Grand Valley State University, USA

10.50-11.10 **Of Amber and Satellites. Conclusions on the Settlement Excavations in Wiskiauten/Mokhovoye, Russia (2005–2011)**  
Annika Sirkin, Centre for Baltic and Scandinavian Archaeology, Schleswig

11.10-11.30 *Discussion*

11.30-13.00 *Lunch break*

### V SESSION. BETWEEN MYTH AND REALITY

13.00-13.20 **Matrifocality – Myth or Maybe?**  
Dr. Inga Merkytė, University of Copenhagen

13.20-13.40 **The Great Goddess and the Moon: Images and Symbols of Cucuteni-Trypillia**  
Dr. Nataliia Burdo, National Academy of Science of Ukraine, Institute of Archaeology

13.40-14.00 **Anthropomorphic Figurines with Hunchbacks and Deformed Breasts in Kodjadermen–Gumelnița–Karanovo VI Culture**  
Vanya Stavreva, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

14.00-14.20 **Newly Discovered Anthropomorphic Vessel from Eastern Bulgaria**  
Dr. Veselin Danov, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

14.20-14.40 **Cow, Bull, Woman, Man**  
Assoc. prof. Petya Georgieva, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

14.40-15.00 *Discussion*

15.00-15.30 *Coffee Break*

### VI SESSION. BETWEEN MYTH AND REALITY

15.30-15.50 **Relics of the Primeval Cult of Deer in Folklore of South-Eastern Europe**  
Dr. Nataliia Mykhailova, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Institute of Archaeology

15.50-16.10 **Scythian Ares - A God Whose True Name Unknown**  
Dr. Oksana Lifantii, National Museum of Ukrainian History, Museum of Historical Treasures of Ukraine  
Dr. Oleksandr Shelekhan, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Institute of Archaeology

16.10-16.30 **Pytheas of Massalia and the Baltic. Myth or reality?**  
Søren Skriver Tillisch, Primary school for gifted children (Atheneskolen), Denmark

16.30-16.50 **Zig Zag Protofilosofia and Contemporary Gilany**  
Ivana Spinelli, Academy of Fine Art of Bologna

16.50-17.30 *Discussion*

17.30 *Excursion*

