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Announcement and Call for Papers

The Center for Faith and Human Flourishing at LCC International University invites proposals for a three-day international academic conference to be held in Klaipėda, Lithuania, on **March 21–23, 2019**, in partnership with Friends University (Wichita, KS, USA).

Conference Theme: ***“Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Trauma.”*** *Trauma can be experienced through an event that is distressful or disturbing. This includes a wide range of experiences from more common events such as divorce, loss of or illness of a child, and a car accident to more extraordinary and rare occurrences such as abuse, war, natural disaster, and genocide. In this broad definition, trauma affects a wide variety of individuals, families, and communities. Modern life has been characterized by increasing prosperity on one hand and increased awareness and experience of stress on the other hand. Thus, trauma-informed interventions have been gaining popularity among professionals. Yet there is still stigma about seeking professional help, so victims of trauma do not necessarily seek help.*

Specific Interest: *The purpose of the conference is to generate **research working groups** in the social sciences. These groups would address various facets of trauma from **therapeutic and social-scientific perspectives**, with the goal of producing high-quality research publications. Presentations of 15–20 minutes may include: preliminary research data, research proposals, methodological considerations. 20–25 minutes for discussion will follow each presentation. Submission Details: Abstract (150–300 words) due by January 31, 2019.*

Broad Interest: *Inter- and cross-disciplinary perspectives on trauma. Presentations should be 20–25 minutes, with 15–20 minutes for discussion. Submission Details: Abstracts (150–300 words) in **any discipline** (history, literature, religion, social sciences, educational sciences, etc.), **related to trauma** (broadly understood), due by January 31, 2019.*

Proposals welcome: December 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.

Registration: Required for conference participants by February 15, 2019.

- Conference fee: €30
- Optional: guided local excursion to significant trauma-related historical sites in Lithuania: €20 (includes transportation and entrance fee for sites)

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For current information on the conference and to submit a paper proposal: lcc.lt/mar2019-conf-trauma.