

## Future Images in Lithuanian Society on the Boundary of XX–XXI Centuries

### *Summary*

This article deals with the problem of the change of future imagery predominant in the Lithuanian society in 20<sup>th</sup> c. – early 21<sup>st</sup> c. The use of diachronic cross-section of the problem and the comparison of individual empirical facts allows disclosing the dynamics and influence of future imagery on the changing Lithuanian society. It shows that under intensifying trends of European integration and globalization,

future imagery, naturally or artificially formed, has substantial effect on the modelling of social changes in the society. The slow change of future imagery, various old cultural narratives, which tend to recur, and the complicated process of establishment of innovation shows high inertia of the conservative mentality of the society and influences the actual or apparent social stability.

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