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Profile

I am a social policy researcher specialising in social investment, work-life balance, inequality and the life-course. I possess strong quantitative data analysis skills and utilise various statistical techniques.

Research Interests

Social Investment, Childcare Policies, Work-Life Balance, Life-Course, Inequality, Gender

Education

PhD in Social Policy, University College Dublin	January 2020 - June 2024
MA in Social Policy, Vilnius University	September 2016 - February 2018
Erasmus+ Exchange Student, Utrecht University	February 2017 - July 2017
BA in Social Policy, Vilnius University	September 2012 - June 2016

Teaching Experience

Tutor

Understanding Social Problems and Policies (SPOL10030), BA, University College Dublin   Fall term 2020-2021/21-22/22-23/23-24

Guest Lecturer

Gender Inequality & Social Policy (SPOL38270), BA, University College Dublin   Spring term 2024/2025

Research Experience

Lecturer/Assistant Professor of Social Policy, UCD School of Social Policy,

Social Work and Social Justice l Dublin   **March 2025 - October 2025**

I am currently working as a temporary Lecturer/Assistant Professor of Social Policy. My main responsibilities include independent research work, teaching and administrative tasks.

Research Assistant, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy l Dublin   **September 2024 - October 2024**

I was responsible for the ESS11 data and producing results for the Irish social attitudes report. I was responsible for producing tables and charts that can be included in a report.

Research Assistant, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy l Dublin   **May 2023 - June 2023**

I was responsible for the ESS10 data and producing results for the Irish social attitudes report. I was responsible for producing tables and charts that can be included in a report.

Junior Researcher, Vilnius University   **April 2017 - November 2018**

I was a member of a research group project 'Income Smoothing over the Life Course from Social Investment Perspective in the Baltic Countries. The research was funded by the Research Council of Lithuania (No. Ger-009/2017). I was responsible for data preparation and processing, which included the preparation of descriptive

statistics and statistical analyses using EU-SILC data. I was also responsible for reviewing the most recent academic literature and building a theoretical framework for the Baltic countries.

Junior Researcher/ National Team Member, Vilnius University/EU JRC   May 2017 - June 2024

As a member of the EUROMOD Lithuania national team, my main responsibilities included technical support for developing and updating the EUROMOD Lithuania national model in collaboration with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (EC JRC). More precisely, I was responsible for EU-SILC data preparation, processing and uprating. Apart from yearly data preparation for the model, I was also responsible for modelling, uprating and validating the Lithuanian tax-benefit system of the current year. Other tasks included updating the yearly country report and other tasks dedicated by the JRC.

Project Specialist, The Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania April 2017 - January 2023

I was a project specialist at the Strategic Decisions Support Group under a project called 'The creation of a system for monitoring the change of social insurance and social assistance policy, decision making, coordination and effectiveness', which aimed to create a monitoring and forecasting system for the Ministry use. As a Project Specialist, I worked with the EU-SILC data: validation, improvement, and creation of alternative calibrated files. Over the years, I helped to develop a tool that simulates taxes and benefits for evidence-based policymaking. Furthermore, as part of the team, I was responsible for creating a model, which forecasts poverty and inequality for the Ministry use. In later years, my main responsibilities mainly included the ex-ante analyses using microsimulation models of proposed policy reforms and writing policy briefs and reports.

Grants / Awards

COST Action

The Short-term Scientific Mission (STSM) with the Eurofound (Dublin office) organised by the Cost Action 16111 "international Ethnic and immigrant minorities' survey data network'' (ETHMIGSURVEYDATA), Duration of STSM 2021/10/15-27 (1900 Eur).

InGRID-2 Transnational Visiting Grant

University of Antwerp at Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy, April - May 2019 (2300 Eur).

Graduate Research and Innovation Fund

UCD GRIF to support research endeavours in relation to conference attendance, Spring 2024 (400 Eur).

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Publications

Gabnytė V., **Čižauskaitė A.** and Navickė J. 2021. Nowcasting poverty and inequality in the context of economic growth and Covid-19 pandemic in Lithuania, *Lithuanian Journal of Statistics*, 60, pp. 8–21. DOI: https://doi.org/10.15388/LJS.2021.26443

Navickė J., **Čižauskaitė A.**, and Užgalė, U. 2019. Basic Needs and Absolute Poverty in Lithuania: Method and Estimation, *Lietuvos statistikos darbai*, 58(1), pp. 26-38. DOI: https://doi.org/10.15388/LJS.2019.16668

Lazutka, R., **Čižauskaitė**, A. 2018. Income Smoothing over the Life Course in the Baltic Countries, Athens: ATINER'S Conference Paper Series, No: SOS2018-2700

Skučienė, D., Lazutka, R., **Čižauskaitė, A.**, Markevičiūtė, J. 2018. *Socialinių išmokų vaidmuo mažinant skurdą ir pajamų nelygybę naujųjų socialinės rizikos grupių gyvenimo kelyje*. Vilnius: Vilniaus universiteto leidykla. ISBN: 9786090700532

Čižauskaitė, A., Gruževskis, B. 2018. Ikimokyklinių ugdymo paslaugų įtaka tėvų užimtumui Lietuvoje, *Socialinė teorija, empirija, politika ir praktika*, vol. 17, pp. 74-91. DOI: 10.15388/STEPP.2018.17.11932

Reports

Creighton MJ, Collins ML, Işıklı E, **Cizauskaite A**, Carol S, McMahon D (2024), Irish Social Attitudes in 2021-22: topline results from round 10 of the European Social Survey. Dublin, UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy.

Navickė, J., **Čižauskaitė, A.** EUROMOD Country Report: Lithuania (LT) 2014-2017, November 2017, EUROMOD version H1.0.

Navickė, J., **Čižauskaitė, A.** EUROMOD Country Report: Lithuania (LT) 2015-2018, November 2018, EUROMOD version I1.0.

Navickė, J., **Čižauskaitė, A.**, U. Užgalė. EUROMOD Country Report: Lithuania (LT) 2016-2019, November 2019, EUROMOD version I2.0.

Navickė, J., **Čižauskaitė, A**. EUROMOD Country Report: Lithuania (LT) 2017-2020, December 2020, EUROMOD version I3.0+.

Čižauskaitė, A., Navickė, J., EUROMOD Country Report: Lithuania (LT) 2018-2021, December 2021, EUROMOD version I4.0+.

Čižauskaitė, A., Navickė, J., EUROMOD Country Report: Lithuania (LT) 2019-2022, December 2022, EUROMOD version I5.0+.

Work in Progress

Satisfaction with Childcare Quality: The Role of Education, Income and the Matthew Effect in Childcare Use.

Bottom-Up Perspective to Social Investment: A Multilevel Examination of User Satisfaction with Childcare Quality.

The Effects of Social Investments on Women's Subjective Assessment of Work-Care Balance Difficulties.

Conference Presentations

22nd ESPAnet Annual Conference 28–30 August 2024 at Tampere University, Finland. Paper presented: "The Effects of Social Investments on Women's Subjective Assessment of Work-Care Balance Difficulties", Tampere, 30 August 2024, Finland.

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) conference 2024 'For Dignified and Sustainable Economic Lives: Disrupting the Emotions, Politics, and Technologies of Neoliberalism'. Presented paper: 'Subjective Women's Work-Care Difficulties: The Role of Childcare and Women's Work Intensity'. 27-29 June 2024, Limerick, Ireland.

21st Annual ESPAnet conference 'Challenges for the welfare state in turbulent times'. Presented paper: 'Quality of Social Investment Interventions: A Bottom-Up Approach to Satisfaction with the Quality of Childcare Services'. 7-9 September 2023, Warsaw.

2023 Transforming Care Conference, Transforming Care Network. Presented paper: 'Quality of Social Investment Interventions: A Bottom-Up Approach to Satisfaction with Quality of Childcare Services'. June 26-28th, 2023, Sheffield University, Sheffield, UK.

20th Annual ESPAnet conference 'Social Policy Change between Path Dependency and Innovation' Vienna, 14-16 September 2022. Presented paper: 'Subjective Quality of Social Investment Interventions: A Bottom-Up Approach of Perceived Quality of Childcare Services in the EU'.

16th Conference 'Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe' Quality of Life in Europe at Risk? Effects of the Pandemic and Recent Social Change (online). Presented paper: 'Subjective Quality of Social Investment Interventions: A Bottom-Up Approach of Perceived Quality of Childcare Services in the EU', 2022.

ESA RN26 midterm conference 'From the cradle to the grave? Social policy in diverse temporal and spatial contexts' organised by ESA in Berlin, Germany 7-8 Oct 2022. Presented paper: 'Subjective Quality of Social Investment Interventions: A Bottom-Up Approach of Perceived Quality of Childcare Services in the EU'.

27th International Conference of Europeanists 'Europe's Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopias', organized by the Council for European Studies. Presented paper: 'Subjective Quality of Social Investment Interventions: a Bottom-Up Approach of Perceived Quality of Childcare Services', by A. Čižauskaitė, June 21-25, 2021, online conference.

The 17th Annual Conference of the East Asian Social Policy Research Network & The 27th Annual Conference of the Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (online). Mitigating the Economic and Social Impact of Covid-19: Social Security and Social Welfare Responses in East and West. Presented Paper: "Nowcasting Poverty And Inequality In The Context Of Economic Growth And Covid-19 Pandemic In Lithuania" by V. Gabnytė, A. Čižauskaitė and J. Navickė. July 2-4, 2021, Lingnan University, Hong Kong.

5th International Conference on Public Policy. Presented paper: "Nowcasting Poverty and Inequality in the Context of Economic Growth and Covid-19 Pandemic in Lithuania" by V. Gabnytė, A. Čižauskaitė and J. Navickė. July 5-9, 2021, Barcelona, Spain.

17th Annual ESPAnet conference. "Social Citizenship, Migration and Conflict - Equality and Opportunity in European Welfare States". Presented paper: "Basic needs and absolute poverty in Lithuania: method and estimation" by J. Navickė, A. Čižauskaitė and U. Užgalė. September 5-7, Stockholm, Sweden, 2019.

Gender Studies and Research in 2019. Presented paper "The Role of Preschool Education Services on Parents Employment in Lithuania" by A. Čižauskaitė. November 22, Vilnius, Lithuania, 2019.

13th conference Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe, "Inequalities, Fairness and Solidarity Across Generations – Measurement and Analysis". Presented paper: "An Impact of Social Security Benefits on Income Inequality and Poverty over Life-Course in the Baltic States", by D. Skučienė, A. Čižauskaitė and R. Lazutka. October 15-17, 2018, Villa Vigoni, Loveno di Menaggio, Italy.

16th Annual ESPAnet conference "Transformation of European Welfare Systems: Challenges, Problems and Future Prospects". Presented papers: "Income Smoothing Over the Life Course in the Baltic Countries", by R. Lazutka and A. Čižauskaitė; "Combining Old and New Risks: the Role of Social Protection in the Baltic States", by D. Skučienė and A. Čižauskaitė. August 30th - September 1st, 2018, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Training

College of Social Sciences & Law Graduate and Postdoctoral Researchers Summer School, UCD, 18 - 19 May 2022.

Frankfurt Digital Summer School 2021. Participated in Frankfurt Digital Summer School and completed the course "Multilevel Analysis" (100 hours workload), August 2-13, 2021, online course.

EUROMOD training course -Training course at Essex University, March 29-31, 2017, Essex, United Kingdom.

International Youthpass Certificate for participation in the project "The Future Challenge: Be Social Entrepreneur". June 2016, Italy under the Erasmus + program.

Media4Change journalists' training on "Hate Speech by the Media: Legal, Ethical and Sociological Aspects", 2014, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Skills and Qualifications

Languages   English: C1 (IELTS score 7.5)
                                                            Lithuanian: Mother tongue

Digital Skills

                                                                              STATA
                                                                            Euromod
                                                                            IBM SPSS
                                                                           MC Office
                                                                          Brightspace

Organisational Skills   Excellent time management skills
                                                     Good project management skills
                                                                Attention to details
                                                                    Task prioritisation

Interpersonal Skills   Professionalism
                                                  Good spoken/written communication
                                                                              Empathy
                                                                 Constructive feedback
                                                                        Collaboration
                                                                     Cultural sensitivity

Public Talks

Lithuanian Professionals Network Ireland (LPNI)

Participated in an online expert discussion for LPNI members on gender inequality in the labour market with Dr Ieva Zumnbyte, 26 February 2025.