

2024 Doctoral thesis supervisors and PhD supervisors for political science PhD theses

Eil No.	Research area	Topics	Possible supervisors
1.	Political theory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Philosophy and Theory (Critical Theory and Politics; Political Theology; Analysis of Propaganda and Persuasion; Social Critique of Politics; Aesthetic Critique of Politics; Politics and the Moral Imagination) • Justice and democracy in the age of digital capitalism 	<p>VDU: Prof. habil. dr. Gintautas Mažeikis</p> <p>KTU: Prof. dr. Andrius Bielskis</p>
2.	Political communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic communication and the fight against disinformation • Political expression in the digitalised information ecosystem and the impact on democracy • Transforming public space, ethical challenges and artificial intelligence 	<p>VDU: Prof. dr. Auksė Balčytienė Associate Professor Dr Ignas Kalpokas</p> <p>LKA: Associate Professor Dr. Viktoras Denisenko</p>
3.	Comparative policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change governance • Parliamentarism and parliamentary behaviour studies • European Studies, Europeanisation, EU integration, Euroscepticism • Political, social and economic transformation processes in the regions • Dynamics of political parties and party systems: new parties, populism • Northern Europe, the Baltic Sea and Central Europe regions and their interactions • Socio-political processes in the Middle East after the Arab Spring 	<p>VDU: Prof. Dr. Egdūnas Račius Prof. dr. Mindaugas Jurkynas</p> <p>KTU: Dr Florian Rabitz Prof. dr. Aistė Balžekienė Prof. dr. Audronė Telešienė Prof. dr. Vaidas Morkevičius</p>

4.	International relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU security and defence policy, defence industry and strategic autonomy • Security and defence cooperation between large and small countries • EU foreign policy and regional cooperation • Lithuanian interests and lobbying in the EU institutions • Adapting Euro-Atlantic security and defence • The evolution and dynamics of relations between Europe and the Middle East in the context of the Middle East conflict 	<p>VDU: Assoc. dr. Sima Rakutienė Assoc. dr. Ieva Karpavičiūtė Prof. Dr. Egdūnas Račius Prof. dr. Mindaugas Jurkynas</p> <p>LKA: Dr Ringailė Kuokštytė Dr Gerda Jakštaitė-Confortola Dr Justinas Juozaitis</p>
5.	Public policy and administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring gender equality in Lithuanian public administration • Sustainable city policy • Public policy implementation, public management and public service delivery • Implementing EU climate change policy in Lithuania 	<p>VDU: Associate Professor Remigijus Civinskas Assoc. dr. Sima Rakutienė Prof. Saulius Pivoras</p> <p>KU: Prof. Dr. Jaroslav Dvorak Assoc. dr. Valentina Burkšienė</p>