

The BUP Weekly

News and updates from the Programme



Dear BUP colleagues,

This week we are co-hosting the winter school 'Science by the Coast', together with our colleagues at the University of Gdansk. The students are currently busy collecting data, consulting experts, studying key indicators, and learning to draw conclusions to better understand coastal development in the Baltic Sea. More information about the event will be shared in an upcoming event report.

If we look ahead, there are new calls and events on the horizon. Read more in today's newsletter and by staying tuned to our upcoming mailings.

This is the final call for students who want to [apply to attend the BUP Master Thesis Training 2026](#). The deadline is **8 February**, 23:59 (CET). The event is an opportunity for students to gain additional supervision from an expert, expand their presentation and research skills as well as develop connections with students from all around the Baltic Sea Region. The MTT will take place on **14-17 April** in Uppsala. All information about the event is available on the [BUP website](#).

Next week, we are hosting the first BUP celebratory webinar, 'Education for Sustainability in Times of Polycrisis'. It will be held on **12 February** at 14-15 CET. The webinar will explore the evolution of ESD and its current state, together with insights and perspectives from the participants. [Register to attend the webinar](#).

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With best regards,
The Baltic University Programme's Coordinating
Secretariat

News from the BUP secretariats

The BUP shares a call for registrations to the

BUP Teachers' Day 2026

This event is open to all teachers in higher education at BUP participating universities. The title this year is 'How to Deal with Eco-emotions - An Interactive Lecture for University Teachers'.

The BUP Teachers' Day is a possibility to network, gain new knowledge and inspiration, and share experiences and best practices with colleagues around the Baltic Sea Region. The event organiser is The Baltic University Programme's Associate Secretariat at Åbo Akademi University, Finland.

The event will be led by Minerva Peijari, Social psychologist specialised in environmental issues at Tunne ry - Känslärf and Erika Silventoinen, Educational Developer at the Archipelago Sea Area Biosphere Reserve. The Teachers' Day will take place on **23 March** at 13-15.30 CET.

Description of the event:

Do you or your students have emotions about climate change, environmental issues or the future? How do you deal with them? Welcome to this interactive lecture, where you will learn more about how to address, express and handle eco-emotions. We will give you tools to engage with emotions and build active hope - for yourself, your students and your community.

[Register to take part in the event.](#)



BUP research news

'Sustainability Factors Shaping Port Security: A Case Study of Baltic Ports'

This chapter has been written by Jaroslav Dvorak and Valentina Burksiene from Klaipeda University. They have examined how and to what extent sustainability provisions influence port security in the Baltic states. Research on these small-economy ports is limited, yet their dynamic development provides valuable ground for further

analysis. Findings show that stricter sustainability requirements increase security needs. More sustainable port use enhances economic, social and environmental security. Developing sustainability knowledge and cooperating with higher education institutions is essential.

The second image depicts a ship in the Port of Klaipėda, taken by Jaroslav Dvorak.

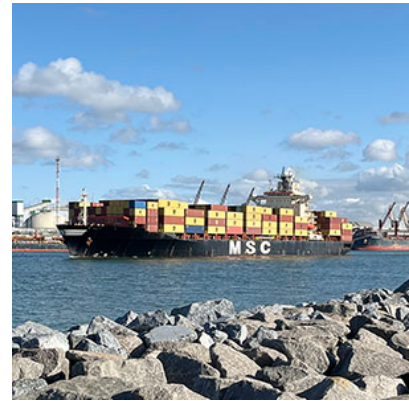
Keywords: Baltic ports, Port security, Sustainability, Maritime security, Small economies, Environmental and economic security

The full paper can be accessed here:

https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-59903-3_6

In light of her passing, we would like to take a moment to remember Valentina and honour her contributions. Her work and dedication will remain a part of our shared academic community.

Do you want to get featured on the BUP research news? Read more about it and [submit your research via the BUP website](#).



News from participating universities

Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies shares a call for abstract submissions to

FOODBALT 2026 'Resilient Food Systems: From Primary Production to Consumption'

This conference will focus on the trends and innovations in food science and technology, valorisation of co-products, non-traditional ingredients, and food waste, economical and agricultural aspects in sustainable food chain, consumer's preferences and food choices, and challenges in nutrition science. The event will take place in Jelgava, Latvia, on **14-15 May 2026**. The target groups are researchers, master's and PhD students in food science.

Topics at the event:

- Trends and Innovations in Food Science and Technology
- Valorisation of Co-products, Non-traditional Ingredients, and Food Waste
- Consumer's Preferences and Food Choices
- Challenges in Nutrition Science
- Economical and agricultural aspects in sustainable food chain
- Other Topics of Food Science and Technology



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The deadline for abstract submissions is **16 February 2026**.

Read more about the event and submit an abstract via the [FOODBALT conference webpage](#).

Jagiellonian University shares a call for contributions to the

Conference 'Degrowth: bridging green and just in Central and Eastern Europe'

Many social movements, trade unions, community initiatives and researchers are asking a shared question: how can we ensure good life for all within planetary boundaries? Degrowth offers a framework to imagine a green and just transition that prioritises well-being, care and fairness over endless economic growth, rejecting the need for “sacrifices”.

This conference aims to bring together usually separate academic and social communities; get to know each other, talk, learn from each other and work together to develop responses to pressing problems. The event takes place on **16-19 June 2026** in Krakow, Poland.

The conference organisers welcome a variety of contributions in the following main thematic areas:

- Degrowth in Central and Eastern Europe
- Practices and Experiments Beyond Growth
- Political Economy, Policy, and Systemic Change
- Global Justice, Inequality, and Geopolitics
- Politics, Activism, and Social Movements
- Knowledge, Education, and Transformative Worldviews

The deadline for submission of contributions is **28 February 2026**.

Read more about the event and ways to contribute via the [Degrowth conference webpage](#).

Kaunas University of Technology shares a call for registrations to the

Global Faculty Week

This event aims to enhance the international and intercultural dimensions of curricula, foster the idea of internationalisation at home, and strengthen and expand international cooperation. The Global Faculty Week will take place on **4-8**



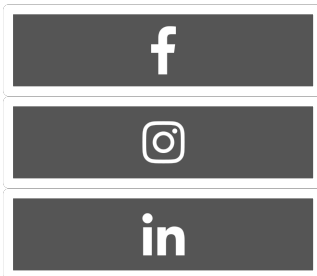
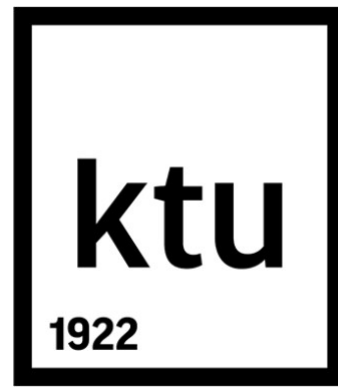
**bridging green
& just in CEE**

May 2026 at Kaunas University of Technology (KTU).

Colleagues from all fields – engineering, technology, natural and social sciences, and the humanities – are welcome to share their expertise with KTU students and to explore new pathways for academic cooperation. Each visiting lecturer will be paired with a KTU course leader to create a meaningful and well-matched teaching experience. To make the event accessible to an international network of colleagues, it will take place in a hybrid format.

The application deadline is **1 April 2026**.

Read more about the event via the [Kaunas University of Technology's website](#).



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