

The Multifunctional Thematic Database *Lituanistika*

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Abstract. The paper presents *Lituanistika*, a multifunctional, multilingual, interdisciplinary (within the scope of social sciences and humanities) and international database in the area of Lithuanian studies. As Lithuanian studies involve scholarly works on the past and present of the Lithuanian state, society, culture, nation, and language, the builders aim at collecting, digitizing, evaluating, preserving, analyzing and disseminating (providing access, Open Access included) current and earlier research of various genres of the selected topic from all over the world. The paper describes the historical context and the reasons for its compilation, its gradual growth and improvement during three phases of its formation in 2006-2014, as well as its status quo and plans for its further development and application. It also deals with the issue of multifunctionality and tackles the question of compatibility of the various aims of the database.

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