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# National and International Attempt of Rescue World War II Jewish Refugees in Lithuania (1939–1941): Efforts by Lithuania, Poland, Japan, America, and Others



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# PROGRAMME

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## 10.00-10.15 Welcome and Introduction

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Rector of Vilnius University **Prof. Rimvydas Petrauskas**  
His Excellency Ambassador of Japan in Lithuania  
**Tetsu Ozaki**  
Viceminister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of  
Lithuania **Egidijus Meilūnas**

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## Reports

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### 10.15-10.40 Dr. Simonas Strelcovas

An opportunity for refugees as an opportunity for  
Lithuania. Long-term benefits / Vilnius University,  
Lithuania

### 10.40-11.05 Prof. Chiharu Inaba

Refugees rescued from Lithuania 1940-41 by Sugihara  
and the US Jewish Funds / Meijo University, Japan

### 11.05-11.30 Prof. Rotem Kowner

The life-saving visa issuance in 1940 Kaunas: Can we  
form a single narrative? / University of Haifa, Israel

### 11.30-11.45 Coffee

### 11.45-12.10 Dr. Martyna Rusiniak-Karwat

Forgers of Sugihara's visas / Institute of Political  
Studies Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

### 12.10-12.35 Dr. Olga Barbasiewicz

Polish diplomatic help for the refugees in Shanghai /  
Jagiellonian University, Poland

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### 12.35-13.00 Dr. Akvilė Naudžiūnienė

Representation of Chiune Sugihara on educational  
platforms and in public spaces in Lithuania since  
1990: Ideas and misconceptions / Vilnius University,  
Lithuania

### 13.00-14.30 Lunch

### 14.30-14.55 MA. Toshiaki Akahane

The Japanese perception of Sugihara in recent years /  
Chuo University, Japan

### 14.55-15.20 Rabbi Aaron Kotler

The Roman Catholic Priest, the Japanese Ambassador,  
and the Jewish girls, new tales of unrecognized  
heroism in World War Two Lithuania / President  
Emeritus of Beth Medrash Govoha (Lakewood  
Yeshiva), USA

### 15.20-15.45 Dr. Linas Venclauskas

The Dutch connection. The Jews rescued from  
Lithuania / Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

### 15.45-16.00 Coffee

### 16.00-17.00 Discussion

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Conference moderator **Dr. Loreta Skurvydaitė**

Discussion moderator **Dr. Simonas Strelcovas**