



THE OMBUDSMAN FOR ACADEMIC ETHICS AND PROCEDURES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

DECISION REGARDING R. M. COMPLAINT OF 04 DECEMBER 2014

03 March 2015 No. SP-4
Vilnius

The **Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania** (hereinafter – Ombudsman), <...> examined the complaint of R. M. (we have impersonalized the data) (hereinafter – applicant) received in the Office of Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – Office of Ombudsman) on 04 December 2014 and material submitted by the Lithuanian Institute of History, applicant and the embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in the Republic of Poland, and **determined that:**

The applicant asks to determine whether the Lithuanian Institute of History (hereinafter – Institute) is responsible for the content and veracity of the information provided in the bilingual publication “Sąjūdis – Solidarność: strateginės partnerystės pradžia/ Solidarność – Sąjūdis: początek strategicznego partnerstwa” (Sąjūdis – Solidarność: beginning of the strategic partnership), DiG Warszawa 2010 (hereinafter – Publication).

The applicant appeals that “when the dispute arose regarding untrue information provided in the book and when the Lithuanian Institute of History was asked to disprove such information, the Institute stated that it was not the publisher of the aforementioned book. According to the Institute, “the title with the Institute’s name on the title page of that book indicates that the Lithuanian Institute of History was the organizer of the public/political event “Conference – Round Table in Warsaw’s Royal Castle on 05 September 2008” together with the Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The function of the representatives of both institutions was to moderate the discussion of the politicians, who took part in the event” <...> However the Institute is not associated with the book’s publishing.”

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Upon having analyzed the complaint’s material, information and documents provided by the Institute, Česlav Okinčic, and the embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in the Republic of Poland, as well as the text of the Publication, it should be noted that no violations of the academic ethics and/or procedures committed by the Institute were detected.

The Ombudsman decided:

1. To recognize the applicant’s complaint as unjustified.
 2. To inform the Lithuanian Institute of History about the Ombudsman’s decision.
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