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## REGULATIONS OF THE EMMANUEL LEVINAS CENTRE AT THE LITHUANIAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

### CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Regulations of the Emmanuel Levinas Centre (hereinafter referred to as the Centre) at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the University) (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) set the aim, tasks, functions, rights and obligations, subordination and organization of activities of the Centre. The Centre is a structural department of the University that reports directly to the Chancellor of the Medical Academy (MA).
2. The Centre organizes and carries out open social, cultural and other various activities that contribute to the progress of the University, the society, the region and the state, cooperates with ambassadors and honorary consuls of the French Republic.
3. In order to perpetuate the historical memory and preserve the heritage, the Centre was given the name of Emmanuel Levinas, a prominent philosopher of Jewish descent born in Kaunas, who later emigrated to France. The Centre is located at V. Putvinskio St. 14, Kaunas. The building was designed in 1926 by the patriarch of architecture Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis, and in 1926–1932, it housed the French Embassy. Due to the new modernist architecture, Kaunas would often be referred to, inter alia, as “Little Paris”.
4. The official name of the Centre in Lithuanian is *Lietuvos sveikatos mokslų universiteto Emanuelio Levino centras*, abbreviated name in Lithuanian *Emanuelio Levino centras*, name in English – Emmanuel Levinas Centre at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, abbreviated name in English – *Emmanuel Levinas Center*, name in French – *Le Centre LSMU Emmanuel Lévinas*.

### CHAPTER II AIMS, TASKS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRE

5. The **aim** of the Centre is to develop openness of the University, a united, creative and innovative community of the University, to research and disseminate the philosophical legacy of existentialism and ethics of Emmanuel Levinas.
6. **Tasks** of the Centre:
  - 6.1. to present, systematize and disseminate to the University community and the entire society the activities and philosophical legacy of Emanuel Levinas;
  - 6.2. to collect a specialized and publicly accessible library and archive of Emmanuel Levinas;

- 6.3. to create conditions for the University community and Lithuanian and international researchers to participate in the activities of the Centre related to the philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas and other philosophers of Lithuanian heritage or related to Lithuania:
  - 6.3.1. to cooperate with Lithuanian and foreign research and study institutions, national, foreign and international organizations to the extent relating to the aim of the Centre, to prepare joint projects and programmes;
  - 6.3.2. to participate in national and international programmes and projects;
- 6.4. if possible, to participate or create conditions for organizing other activities in developing an open, united, creative and innovative University community.
7. In carrying out the tasks assigned to it, the Centre shall perform the following **functions**:
  - 7.1. collect and maintain a library and audio-visual archive dedicated to the philosophical legacy of Emmanuel Levinas;
  - 7.2. ensure the accounting and protection of the collected values;
  - 7.3. organize and carry out open, diverse scientific, innovation and cultural education activities;
  - 7.4. organize permanent, temporary and virtual expositions, organize scientific, innovation and cultural events;
  - 7.5. organize and implement University, Lithuanian and international projects related to the activities of the Centre;
  - 7.6. organize professional development of the employees participating in the activities of the Centre;
  - 7.7. ensure openness of the Centre in various forms, cooperation in the fields of studies, science and innovation;
  - 7.8. prepare, publish and distribute publications or electronic media related to the activities of the Centre;
  - 7.9. prepare documents regulating the activities of the Centre;
  - 7.10. pay special attention to active cooperation with the French Republic and its Embassy to the Republic of Lithuania, Kaunas and the city municipality, promoting the francophone interest of the academic community and the public, assisting in events related to the activity;
  - 7.11. carry out the search for sponsors for implementation of programmes or activities at the Centre;
  - 7.12. perform other functions as necessary to achieve the aims and perform the tasks of the Centre in accordance with its competence.

### **CHAPTER III RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CENTRE**

8. The Centre shall have the following rights:
  - 8.1. to participate in events and projects dedicated to the research and preservation of the philosophical legacy of Emmanuel Levinas, other philosophers of the Lithuanian heritage or related to Lithuania;
  - 8.2. to organize and carry out activities in such a way as to achieve the aims and to perform the tasks provided for in the Regulations;

- 8.3. to use the intellectual property belonging to the University for the needs of the Centre;
- 8.4. to publicly distribute works of authorship, not exceeding the scope of author's rights belonging to the University;
- 8.5. to perform expertise of research projects, to provide scientific and practical consultations, to apply research results in accordance with the procedure established by legal acts;
- 8.6. to use the material resources of the University to perform the functions of the Centre.
9. The Centre shall have the following obligations:
  - 9.1. to perform the set functions of the Centre;
  - 9.2. to ensure the accounting of collected values and other tangible and intangible assets, appropriate storage conditions and protection;
  - 9.3. to use the funds received only for the purposes provided for in the Regulations of the Centre.

#### **CHAPTER IV ORGANIZATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE**

10. The Centre is headed and represented by the Head of the Centre, who is subordinate and reports directly to the Chancellor of the University MA.
11. The Head of the Centre is responsible for:
  - 11.1. the organization of the Centre activities;
  - 11.2. the execution and control of the tasks and functions assigned to the Centre;
  - 11.3. the quality of the Centre activities;
  - 11.4. the compliance and observance of the requirements of safety and health, fire safety, environmental protection, civil safety, sanitary and hygiene acts, rules of procedure of the employees working at the Centre;
  - 11.5. the organization of the storage and control of the use of the tangible property entrusted to him/her;
  - 11.6. the management of the assets entrusted to him/her and their economical, efficient and rational use.
12. The Head of the Centre has the right:
  - 12.1. to represent the University in matters assigned to the competence of the Centre;
  - 12.2. to initiate the hiring and dismissal of the Centre staff;
  - 12.3. in coordination with the MA Chancellor, to submit proposals to the Rector of the University regarding the improvement of the work of the Centre and increasing the efficiency of its activities;
  - 12.4. in coordination with the MA Chancellor, to propose to the Rector of the University to encourage the employees of the Centre to perform their duties in a better way;
  - 12.5. in coordination with the MA Chancellor, to submit proposals or requests to the Rector of the University regarding changes in the staff structure of the Centre, determination of staff salary coefficients and bonuses;

- 12.6. in coordination with the MA Chancellor, to submit requests to the Rector of the University to impose penalties on the employees of the Centre for improper performance of duties or violation of the Rules of Procedure.
13. In his/her absence, the Head of the Centre shall be substituted by another employee authorized by Rector's order following the recommendation of the MA Chancellor.

**CHAPTER V**  
**FINAL PROVISIONS**

14. A decision on the reorganization or liquidation of the Centre shall be adopted by the University Council.
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