

PhD School (2026) Programme

MAY 12, Tuesday			
9:30–10:00	Welcoming Coffee and Registration		<i>Location: Central Building S1, Room 602 (6th floor), Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
10:00–10.15	Opening Ceremony	Welcome Speech and Presentation of Faculty of Business Management by Prof. Dr. Vida Davidavičienė, Dean of the Faculty of Business Management	<i>Location: Central Building S1, Room 602 (6th floor), Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
10:15–11.00	Icebreaker	Moderator Edita Leonavičienė	<i>Location: Central Building S1, Room 602 (6th floor), Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
11:00–13:00	Participant Presentations	<p>We kindly ask you to present yourself, your university and country (and/or city) in accordance with the guidelines provided below. Make sure you fit in 5 minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare a brief and engaging self-introduction. Highlight your name, role, and a unique aspect of your background or interests that you'd like to share with your international colleagues. Feel free to add a touch of humour or a fun fact to make it memorable. - Mention some unique and entertaining facts about the university and faculty (or department) or share a quick story or event that reflects the spirit and culture of the institution. - Present your City and Country as Character. Adopt a persona that embodies the spirit of your city and country. Share entertaining story or stereotypes about the people and culture, while also highlighting the harmonious blend of international cultures in your community. What is the most interesting fact about Your country and/or city? 	<i>Location: Central Building S1, Room 602 (6th floor), Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
13.15-14.00	Lunch		<i>Location to be confirmed</i>
14:00–15.30	Workshop 1: Developing and Maintaining Resilience in Professional and Personal Contexts	<p>Lecturer: Michael C. Bauer, Ph.D. researcher at Saarland University, Resilience Trainer, Business Coach and Manager with 15 years of industry leadership experience.</p> <p>In a world constantly disturbed by uncertainty and shocks, resilience has become one of the most vital skills for individuals and organizations alike. This interactive seminar explores how resilience can be built and sustained in professional and personal contexts.</p> <p>Drawing inspiration from real world examples and the challenges of Industry 5.0, participants will learn how to adapt to disruptions, manage stress, and maintain performance in the face of crises. The seminar highlights the key factors of</p>	<i>Location: Central Building S1, Room 602 (6th floor), Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>

		resilient employees: from positive relationships and adaptive coping strategies to flexibility, optimism, and continuous learning.	
15:30–18:00	Free time		
18:00–20:00	Cultural experience	Experience Vilnius's cultural heritage. Delight your taste buds with local delicacies, fostering easy communication and camaraderie among participants.	<i>Location to be confirmed</i>
MAY 13, Wednesday			
10:00-12:00	Excursion in Money Museum of Lietuvos bankas	Accompanying person: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Olga Lingaitienė. The Museum started its activity 16 years ago, and at the end of 2010, it opened its door on the corner of Gediminas avenue and Totorių street. Here, in five halls located on two floors, visitors can become acquainted with the history of world currencies and banking, the currency of Lithuania, the development of banking in our country from the establishment of the first credit unions to the present day. Expositions abound in interactive educational tools, thematic films, and games.	Totorių g. 2/8, Vilnius
13:00–14:00	Lunch		<i>Location to be confirmed</i>
14:00–15:00	Workshop 2: Human-Centered Project Writing with LLMs: From Idea to Fundable Plan	Lecture: dr. Valentas Gružas. This hands-on workshop shows how to co-create scientific projects with an LLM, focusing on idea development, solution visualization, R&D work-package planning, risk management, and novelty argumentation aligned with the <i>Frascati Manual</i> . We'll cover competition analysis and pricing development, while distilling key principles I use in practice: tool selection, prompt design patterns, and reproducible workflows. I'll demonstrate my human-in-the-loop "dialogue engineering" approach—prioritizing critical thinking and traceability over blind automation—and preview a user-friendly software layer built for guided conversations rather than one-click generation. We'll finish with a concrete case study, walking end-to-end from initial concept to a reviewer-ready project outline.	<i>Location: Central Building S1, Room 602 (6th floor), Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
15:00-16:00	Coffee and Certificate Awarding		<i>Location: Central Building S1, Room 602 (6th floor), Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
MAY 14, Thursday. 16th International Scientific Conference "Business and Management 2026" Global Shift and the Future of Competitiveness			
9:45–10:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee		<i>Location: Central Building, 2nd floor, Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
10:30–12:00	Panel Discussion		<i>Location: Central Building, 1st floor, Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
12:00–13:00	Lunch		<i>Location: Central Building, 2nd floor, Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>

13:00–16:30	Presentations in Sessions		<i>Location: S3 Building, 6th and 7th floors, Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
19:00	Gala Dinner	Welcoming the guests attending the conference "Business and Management" and the International Staff Week 2026. We suggest choosing cocktail attire.	<i>Location to be confirmed</i>
MAY 15, Friday			
10:00–13:30	Welcome Coffee		<i>Location: Central Building, 1st floor, Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
10:30–12:00	Presentations	Presentations of Ongoing Research Projects & Network Session	<i>Location: Central Building, 1st floor, Sauletekio ave. 11, Vilnius</i>
14:00–16:00	Vilnius City Tour		<i>Meeting point to be confirmed</i>