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Jurgita Staniškytė is the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of Vytautas Magnus University, Professor of the Department of Theatre Studies. She studied Art History and Criticism and Theatre studies at Vytautas Magnus University and Northwestern University (USA). In 2002 she was awarded the title of PhD of Humanities. In 2015, she was awarded the title of professor of education. In 2003-2015, she held the position of Head of the Department of Theatre Studies at the Faculty of Arts of VMU, and in 2006-2015 she was the Chairman of the Council of the Faculty of Arts. Jurgita Staniškytė was the Secretary of the VMU Senate, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Studies from 2011 to 2015, and a member of the Committee on Humanities and Social Sciences of the Lithuanian Science Council from 2013 to 2018.

Currently (since 2016) she is Board member of Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) partnership, member of Steering Committee The Joint Programming Initiative on Cultural Heritage and Global Change (since 2014), member of Committee of CHANSE, Collaboration of Humanities and Social Sciences in Europe (since 2022). In 2018 she was elected as a Head of Council of „Kaunas – European Capital of Culture 2022“, in 2022 – as a member of European Cultural Parliament.

Professor is an active participant in national and international scientific activities, a leader and participant in various scientific and artistic projects, and a member of international scientific and artistic associations. She has held fellowships at Northwestern, Illinois, Columbia, Yale and London Metropolitan Universities. In 2001-2002 she was a Fulbright Scholar in the USA. Jurgita Staniškytė gives lectures, participates in doctoral defence boards, and serves on committees for international scientific events at universities in Europe and the USA, as part of exchange and other agreements. Jurgita Staniškytė has published monographs, dozens of articles in Lithuanian and international scientific and cultural journals, is a member of editorial boards of periodical scientific and artistic journals, and is the author of theatre reviews, art and cultural commentaries.

Jurgita Staniškytė is also an expert of various scientific, study and professional organisations, including the Expert Group of the National Programme of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania for Professional Performing Arts Activities, the International Evaluation Committee of the COST Programme, the Commission for the Evaluation of the Doctoral Degrees of the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture (since 2017), and an expert of the Lithuanian Council for Culture, the National Science Centre of Poland, the Centre For Quality Assessment in Higher Education, and the Lithuanian Council of Science.