

VILIJA ALEKNAITĖ-ABRAMIKIENĖ*Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania*

Date of birth	4 May 1957
Place of birth	Tauragė
Education	Postgraduate studies of law and management, Mykolas Romeris University
1980	Diploma with honours, Lithuanian State Conservatoire (currently Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre)
1975	Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis Secondary School of Arts (currently National Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis School of Arts)
Work experience	
1990–1992	Journalist for the weekly <i>Šiaurės Atėnai</i> Political correspondent, radio station <i>Laisvoji Europa</i>
Political career	
Since 2008	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Member, Committee on European Affairs Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs Head, Seimas Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
2004–2008 and 1992–2000	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
1991 January	Co-founder of the Civil Charter, Member of the Council and Committee of the Civil Charter
	Active member of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i> * since its establishment
Miscellaneous	Actively seeking for equal justice in the European Union when evaluating the crimes against humanity committed by Communist and Nazi totalitarian regimes in accordance with the criteria defined during the Nuremberg process. Initiated two resolutions - on Energy Security and on Divided Europe Reunited that were adopted at the Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE in Vilnius in 2009. The latter resolution condemns the crimes of Nazi and Stalinist totalitarian regimes and commemorates the 70 th anniversary of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact.

Dr. VLADIMIRAS JARMOLENKO

Date of Birth	1948
Place of Birth	Astrakhan, Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic
Education	
1972	Diploma of a Biophysicist, Doctor of Natural Sciences, Kaunas Medical Institute
Political career	
1994–1999	Representative, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance under the Council of Europe (Strasbourg)
1996–1999 and 1992–1996	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs Member, Committee on European Affairs
1990–1992	Member of the Supreme Council – Reconstituent Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Signatory to the 11 March Act of Independence*** Member, delegation for negotiations with Russia on withdrawal of the soviet army from Lithuania
Diplomatic career	
Since 2008	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Romania
2006–2008	Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania to Romania
2002–2005	Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania to the Hellenic Republic
2001–2002	Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania to the Kingdom of Belgium and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
1999–2001	Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania to the Kingdom of Belgium, Kingdom of the Netherlands and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Miscellaneous	Active member of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i> * since its establishment

ČESLOVAS VYTAUTAS STANKEVIČIUS*Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania*

Date of birth	27 February 1937
Place of birth	Šeštinės Village, Vilkaviškis County, Lithuania
Education	Graduation from Kaunas Polytechnic Institute, Faculty of Construction, qualified as industrial and civil engineer
Political and diplomatic career	
Since 2008	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Chairman, Committee on European Affairs Member, Committee on Legal Affairs
2005–2008	Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
2001–2005	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lithuania to the Kingdom of Norway
1996–2000	Member of the Seimas, Minister of National Defence
1992	Conferred the diplomatic rank of an Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
29 July 1991	Member, official delegation for signing the Treaty on the Foundations of Interstate Relations between the Republic of Lithuania and Russian Federation
1991–1993	Head, Lithuanian State Delegation for Negotiations with the Russian Federation Headed negotiations on the Treaty on the Foundations of Interstate Relations between the Republic of Lithuania and Russian Federation (signed on 29 July 1991) and negotiations on withdrawal of the occupant army of the USSR (agreements signed on 8 September 1992)
1990–1991	Member, National Delegation of the Republic of Lithuania for Negotiations with the Soviet Union
1990–1992	Deputy Chairman, Supreme Council-Reconstituent Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
1988–1990	Member, initiative group of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i> , Chairman, Kaunas Council of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i> Signatory to the 11 March Act of Independence*

AUDRONIUS AŽUBALIS

Date of birth	17 January 1958
Place of birth	Vilnius, Lithuania
Education	Completed extramural studies of journalism at Vilnius University Journalism, Faculty of History, Vilnius State University (currently Vilnius University); expelled for relations with the Lithuanian Helsinki Group
Work experience	
1993–1996	Founder and Head of the first PR Consultative Centre in Lithuania
1991–1993	Head, Information and Analysis Centre of the Office of the Supreme Council – Reconstituent Seimas
29 July 1991	Member, Official delegation for signing the Treaty on the Foundations of Interstate Relations between the Republic of Lithuania and Russian Federation
1990–1992	Spokesman for the Chairman of the Supreme Council – Reconstituent Seimas
1989–1990	Correspondent, <i>Atgimimas</i> , weekly of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i>
Political career	
Since 11 February 2010	Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
2008–2010	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs
2004–2008	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Deputy Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs
1996–2000	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs
1999–2000	Deputy Chairman, Committee on European Affairs

MiscellaneousActive member of the Lithuanian Reform Movement *Sąjūdis** since its establishment

EMANUELIS ZINGERIS*Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania*

Date of birth	16 July 1957
Place of birth	Kaunas, Lithuania
Education	
1981	Graduation from, Vilnius State University (currently Vilnius University), qualified as philologist
Political career	
Since 2010	Deputy Head, Seimas Delegation to the Assembly of Members of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, the Sejm and Senate of the Republic of Poland, and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
Since 11 February 2010	Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs
2008–2010	Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs
Since 2008	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
	Member, Committee on European Affairs
Since 1998	Head, Seimas Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
	Chairman, International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupational Regimes in Lithuania
2004–2008 and 1992–2000	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
29 July 1991	Member, Official delegation for signing the Treaty on the Foundations of Interstate Relations between the Republic of Lithuania and Russian Federation
1990–1992	Member of the Supreme Council - Reconstituent Seimas
	Member, Foreign Affairs Commission
1990–1991	Chairman, Foreign Affairs Commission
	Member, National Delegation for Negotiations with the USSR
1988–1990	Member, Seimas of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sjūdis</i> *, <i>Sjūdis</i> Council
Miscellaneous	
	Signatory to the 11 March Act of Independence***

Prof. FEDOR V. SHELOV-KOVEDYAEV

Date of Birth	1956
Place of Birth	Moscow, Russia
Education	
1983	Thesis Establishment of the State of Bosphorus
1978	Diploma of Classical Philology (ancient Greek and Latin), Faculty of Philology, Moscow State University
Work experience	
Currently	Director, Russian Public Policy Centre
	Professor, Faculty of Politics, Higher School of Economics
Political career	
1990–1993	Member of the Supreme Council of the Russian Federation
1990–1991 and 1993	Chairman, Subcommittee of the Committee on Interregional Relations, Regional Policy and Cooperation
	Member, Constitution Commission
1991–1992	First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, responsible for relations with CIS states, Special Representative of Boris Yeltsin, President of the Russian Federation
	On 4 May 1992, he signed the Protocol on the exchange of ratification letters of the Treaty of 29 July 1991 at the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania

Prof. VYTAUTAS LANDSBERGIS

Date of Birth	1932
Place of Birth	Kaunas, Lithuania
Education	
1994	Doctor Habilitus
1969	Thesis <i>Creative Work of Composer Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis</i>
1955	Lithuanian Conservatoire, (Vilnius)
Professional career	
1978–1990	Professor, Lithuanian Academy of Music
Political career	
Since 2004	Member of the European Parliament Member, Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) Member of the Bureau Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs Member, Subcommittee on Security and Defence Substitute, Committee on Legal Affairs
1992–2004	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
1996–2000	Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
1990–1992	Chairman of the Supreme Council-Reconstituent Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania Member, Seimas Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Member, Seimas Delegation to the Baltic Assembly One of the leaders of the Council of the Baltic States Signatory to the Protocol of 4 May 1992 on the exchange of ratification letters of the Treaty of 29 July 1991
1992	Attended the signing of the Agreement with Russia on the withdrawal of the Russian army
1990–1991	Head, National Delegation for Negotiations with the USSR Signatory to the Treaty of 29 July 1991 on the Foundations of Inter-State Relations between the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic
1989–1990	People's Deputy of the USSR**
1988–1990	Member, <i>Sąjūdis</i> Seimas Chairman, <i>Sąjūdis</i> Seimas Council Head of State under the Provisional Constitution Signatory to the 11 March Act of Independence***
3 June 1988	Elected to the Initiative Group of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i> *
Miscellaneous	
1991	Awarded with the Norwegian People's Peace Prize On behalf of Lithuania, signed the Earth Charter

LAURYNAS KASČIŪNAS

Date of Birth	1982
Place of Birth	Vilnius
Education	
Since 2006	Doctoral studies in political science
2006	Institute of International Relations and Political Science
Work Experience	
Since 2009	Adviser to the Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
2008–2009	Director, Centre for Eastern Geopolitical Studies Head, Policy Analysis and Research Division, Eastern Europe Studies Centre
Since 2007	Lecturer, Institute of International Relations and Political Science
2007–2008	Editor, Foreign Policy Division, weekly <i>Veidas</i>

Prof. ZENONAS BUTKUS

Date of birth	1951
Place of birth	Skuodas District, Lithuania
Education	
Currently	Doctor of Humanities
1989	Candidate of Historical Sciences
1979	Faculty of History, Vilnius University
Professional career	
Since 2007	Head, Department of Modern History, Faculty of History, Vilnius University
Since 2002	Professor, Dean, Faculty of History, Vilnius University
1993-2002	Vice-Dean, Faculty of History, Vilnius University
Since 1979	Lecturer, Vilnius University
Miscellaneous	
Research interests	International status and foreign policy of the Baltic States in the 20th century, history of diplomacy, historiography, diplomatic cooperation between the USSR and Germany

YURIY AFANASIEV

Date of birth	1934
Place of birth	Mina Village, Ulyanovsk Region, Russia
Education	
1981	Academy of Social Sciences, Doctor of Sciences (History)
1957	Graduation from History Department, Moscow University
Scientific activities	
2003–2006	President, Russian State University for the Humanities Member, Academic Council
1991–2003	Founder and Rector, Russian State University for the Humanities
Since 1986	Head, Moscow State History and Archives Institute
Since 1995	Acting Member, Academy for the Humanities (Russia)
Political career	
1991–1993	People's Deputy of the Russian Federation
1991–1992	Chairman of the <i>Democratic Russia</i> movement
1989–1992	People Deputy of the USSR Co-founder of the Interregional Group of Deputies (opposition) at the Congress of People's Deputies of the USSR
Miscellaneous	
Since 1999	Member, University for Peace (UN)
1998–2005	Member, International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupational Regimes in Lithuania
Since 1997	Member, Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO
1988	Member, Board of the Intelligentsia Club of the Social Organization <i>Moscow Tribune</i> , Chairman, All-Union Voluntary Historical and Educational Social Organization <i>Memorial</i>
	Initiator of destalinization of the soviet society and unbiased evaluation of the historical past
	Contributor to the establishment of Lithuania's independence on the international arena and defence of Lithuania's freedom

NIKOLAJ MEDVEDEV

Date of birth	1933
Place of birth	Kaunas, Lithuania
Education	
1956	Graduation from the naval school in Kaliningrad, qualified as navigator
Political Career	
1992–2004	Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

1990–1992	Deputy Chairman, Seimas Group for Interparliamentary Relations with the Russian Federation
29 July 1991	Member of the Supreme Council-Reconstituent Seimas
	Member, Official delegation for signing the Treaty on the Foundations of Interstate Relations between the Republic of Lithuania and Russian Federation
	Handed in the resolution of the Supreme Council of 19 August 1991 on the ratification of the Treaty to Boris Yeltsin, President of the Russian Federation, on 20 August 1991
1989–1990	People's Deputy of the USSR
	Member, Interregional Group of Deputies
	Liaison between democratic groups
1988–1990	Member, <i>Sąjūdis</i> * Seimas
	Member, Kaunas Council of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i>
Miscellaneous	
Since 2009	Member, Lithuanian Independence Act Signatories Club
1988–1990	Member, editorial staff of the <i>Sąjūdis</i> newspaper <i>Kauno aidas</i>

VALDEMARAS KATKUS

Date of birth	1958
Place of birth	Kaunas, Lithuania
Education	
1981	Kaunas University of Technology
Political career	
1990–1993	First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
1991–1992	Head, delegation for reclaiming Lithuania's gold reserves
1991	Head, Delegation to the Helsinki Summit
1990–1992	Member of the Supreme Council – Reconstituent Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
	Signatory to the 11 March Act of Independence***
1990–1991	Member, Seimas Foreign Affairs Commission
1990–1991	Member, Lithuanian Parliamentary and Governmental Commission for Consultations with the RSFSR
1991–1993	Member, National Delegation for Negotiations with the Russian Federation
	Head, National Delegation for Negotiations on the Borders with the Russian Federation
1988–1990	Member, Kaunas Initiative Group of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i> *
	Member, Kaunas Council of the Lithuanian Reform Movement <i>Sąjūdis</i>
	Member, <i>Sąjūdis</i> Seimas
	Member, editorial staff of the <i>Sąjūdis</i> newspaper <i>Kauno aidas</i>
Diplomatic Career	
Since 1992	Ambassador for special missions of the Republic of Lithuania
	Lithuanian delegation to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
Professional career	
Since 2005	Independent financial analyst and investor
1994–2011	Worked in banks, investment companies, and the Lithuanian news agency <i>ELTA</i>
Miscellaneous	
	Author of 6 scientific books

*The Lithuanian Reform Movement *Sąjūdis* was established on 3 June 1988. Its short name the *Sąjūdis* was also used from 1988 to 1990. The name was changed to the Lithuanian *Sąjūdis* at the Second *Sąjūdis* Congress held on 20 April 1990.

On 3 June 1988, the *Sąjūdis* Initiative Group of 35 persons was formed. Other initiative groups of the *Sąjūdis* were set up in different towns and districts of Lithuania during the period from June to October 1988 (the *Sąjūdis* Initiative Group in Kaunas was founded on 10 June 1988). On 22-23 October 1988, the Constituent Congress was held which elected the *Sąjūdis* Seimas (220 persons) and the *Sąjūdis* Seimas Council (35 persons), and on 24 November 1988, Vytautas Landsbergis was elected Chairman of the Council.

**The elections to the USSR Congress of People's Deputies of 26 March 1989 ended in a crushing victory of *Sąjūdis* candidates against the Communist Party (*Sąjūdis* representatives received 36 out of 42 mandates). On 24 December 1989, the Second Congress of the USSR People's Deputies declared the Molotov-Ribbentrop secret protocols null and void. This was achieved together with the USSR people's deputies supported by the Estonian and Latvian popular fronts, members of the Interregional Group and other deputies supporting democratic processes. The then supreme authority of the USSR recognised that the annexation of the Baltic States to the USSR and the resulting aftermath were illegal and unreasonable.

***At 10.44 p.m., 11 March 1990, the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, the majority of which consisted of the deputies supported by the *Sąjūdis*, restored Lithuania's Independence. The Act on the Re-establishment of an Independent State of Lithuania was adopted by 124 votes for and 6 abstentions.