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Development of historic events determined partition of Lithuania: in 1919, Vilnius Region was occupied by Poland, Kaunas became the capital of Lithuania and the major cultural centre, whereas Vilnius served just as a provincial part of Poland. The aforesaid historic events, geopolitical situation and other reasons show a tendency to assume that Modernism in Vilnius is of low value, even some professionals ignore it and assign to the heritage of a foreign country. A lack of attention makes a direct and negative influence on the heritage of Modernism in Lithuania. Modernism in Kaunas chose the way of national and exclusive character, whereas interwar architecture in Vilnius and expression thereof were influenced by creative groups such as 'Blok' and 'Praesens' that published thematic, manifesto magazines in Poland and coexisted under the abovementioned publications. The leaders of the groups were active participants in the activity of the CIAM (International Congresses of Modern Architecture), and Szymon Syrkus is one of the founders of this organisation and also the leader of 'Praesens' Group. In Vilnius, buildings representing Modernism architecture of the interwar period are not numerous, however, they feature high quality, demonstrate close relations with the ideas spread all over Europe of that time and display exceptional focus on finish; you are also welcome to assess perhaps the only fully completed project of Urban Modernism in Lithuania (quarter of terraced residential houses in Kosciuškos, Olandų, M. Dobužinskio streets, architect F. Wojciehowski).

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Having invited to carry out research in scale 1:1 of the Soviet and interwar architecture heritage of Vilnius and Kaunas organised by seven different routes and topics in 2010-2011, this year the Architecture [Excursion] Fund offers new directions of architectural tours visiting the most significant architecture objects representing the Soviet era and interwar period and located in eight cities and towns of Lithuania. The cycle of excursions "modernizmas.lt" presents eight public tours free of charge, the guides whereof, i.e. researchers of the Modernism heritage, historians and architects, will introduce to the distinctions of the architecture heritage of the 20th century.

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RECOMMENDED TO READ:

VILNIUS 1900 - 2005. A Guide to it's Modern Architecture.



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01 STEPHEN BATHORY UNIVERSITY HALL OF RESIDENCE
(TODAY A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING)

Tauro St 5
I. Heilmanowa, F. Wojciechowskis 1939



02 ANNA HANSENOWA AND STANISŁAW BAGIŃSKI'S APARTMENT BUILDING

Paměnkalnio St. 32
J. Borowskis, I. Smorgonskis 1937 – 38



03 ANTON KIAKSZT'S VILLA
(TODAY THE ANTANAS VENCLOVA MEMORIAL ROOM AND THE VILNIUS CENTRE FOR ETHNIC CULTURE)

Paměnkalnio St 34
J. Borowskis, I. Smorgonskis 1937 – 1938



04 PAWNSHOP

A. Smetonos St 5



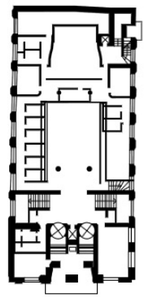
05 CREDIT SOCIETY
(TODAY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPERVISION OF CREDIT INSTITUTIONS OF THE BANK OF LITHUANIA)

Jogailos St 14
M. Cholemas 1931



06 POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK
(TODAY SEB BANK)

Gedimino Ave 12
J. Žórawskis, Z. Pugetas, J. Borowskis 1936 – 37





07 POLISH LAND BANK

Gedimino Ave 14
S. Gałęzowskis, J. Pańkowskis, J. Borowskis 1936 – 38



08 PUBLIC INSURANCE AGENCY
(TODAY AN OFFICE BUILDING)

Gedimino Ave 27
S. Murczyńskis, J. Sołtanas, A. Forkiewiczius 1937 – 38



09 APARTMENT BUILDING

A. Jakšto St 2
S. Murczyńskis (?), J. Sołtanas (?) apie 1938



10 THE M. DEUL COMPANY APARTMENT BUILDING

A. Jakšto St 14
M. Cholemas 1940



11 TRADE AND MANUFACTURING HOUSE
(TODAY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT)

Gedimino Ave 36
Z. Tarasinas, S. Siestrzencewiczius 1931 – 32



12 DAVID STRUGACZ'S APARTMENT BUILDING

Tauro St. 10
M. Cholemas 1936–38



13 OFFICE BUILDING
(TODAY A RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING)

Kauno St 13
M. Pierzchalskis, W. Strzemińskis 1938 – 39



14 ANTAKALNIS TERRACED HOUSES

T. Kosciuškos, Olandų, M. Dobužinskio St
F. Wojciechowskis (?) apie 1930



15 MIDDLE SCHOOL
(TODAY LIEPKALNIS MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Liepkalnio St 18
R. Guttas 1938 – 39

