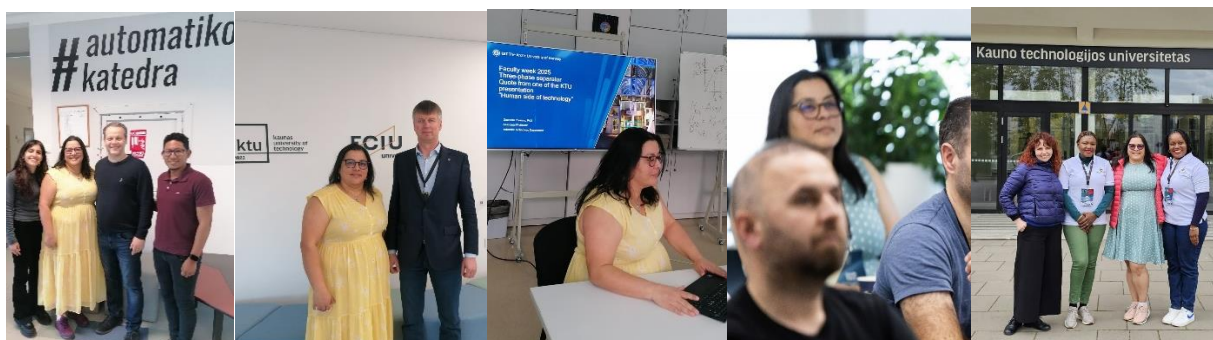


Visit to Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) for Global Faculty Week 2025

From May 5th to 9th, 2025, Geanette Polanco, Associate Professor, from the Industrial Technology Department at UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Campus Narvik, visited Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) to participate in the Global Faculty Week 2025. This visit was made possible through the invitation of **Dr. Virginijus Baranauskas**, Head of the Department of Automation, Electrical and Electronics Engineering Faculty at KTU. The event aimed to integrate international and intercultural dimensions into the curriculum, strengthen internationalisation efforts, and foster academic collaboration.

My participation in AI workshops provided a valuable platform for discussing how AI can be incorporated into teaching, research and daily activities. During my visit, I had the opportunity to meet the Director of the Science Department at KTU, **Dr. Leonas Balaševičius**, and other colleagues from the same department. I presented to a group of KTU students, sharing information about study opportunities at UiT and exchanging experiences with KTU's teaching staff.



The visit included a tour of KTU's facilities and laboratories, particularly within the Department of Automation, Electrical, and Electronics Engineering Faculty. I also had the opportunity to meet colleagues from different institutions and fields. These interactions further strengthened the academic ties between UiT and KTU. Our partnership in the field of mechanical engineering education is already ongoing, including discussions on teacher and student exchanges and the submission of joint grant applications.

During the visit, I also had the chance to experience the cultural side of Kaunas by visiting local museums, participating in a guided architectural tour of Kaunas city centre, attending a basketball game featuring the local team, BC Žalgiris, and sampling traditional Lithuanian food and beverages.

The visit was an enriching experience that facilitated both academic growth and the strengthening of international cooperation. I am deeply grateful to NORDTEK for providing this opportunity to connect with colleagues from KTU and various universities.

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