

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

(with reservations for minor changes)

14th Conference of Baltic Studies in Europe (CBSE)

Uppsala, Sweden

1–4 September 2021

Badhuset, Gamla torget 6, 6th floor

Wednesday, 1 Sept.	Panel No.	Slot A	Slot B	Slot C	Slot D
10am	<i>Registration desk opens</i>				
10:45am	<i>Welcome and Practical Information</i>				
11am – 12:45pm	1	HIS1A ‘Kaleidoscopic Nationalism: Questions of Fascism and Far Right Entryism’ Oppermann Kott (Fascism & Entryism)	LANG1B ‘New Approaches to the Study of Lithuanian’ Judžentytė-Šinkūnienė Bukelskyte-Cepele (Language 1 – Literature)	POL1C ‘Voting, Civic Participation, and Political Discourse in the Baltics’ Dāvidsone Bucholtz Kontrimas (Civic Participation)	MIG1D ‘The Latvian Diaspora Law and Diaspora Experiences’ Straumanis Simons Birka (Latvian Diaspora)
<i>Lunch</i>					
2pm – 3:45pm	2	HIS2A ‘Memories and Experiences of the Soviet Occupation’ Neimane Švec Una (Soviet Occupation 1 – Memories & Experiences)	LANG2B ‘Bilingual and Multilingual Approaches to Baltic Languages’ Branets Bissinger (Language 2 – Bilingual)	POL2C ‘Crisis Management: Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic’ Duvold Didzis Kļaviņš/Birka Nesterova (Pandemic Politics)	
4:15pm – 6pm	3	HIS3A ‘The Evolution of Identities and Conceptions of the Baltic States’ Gibson Baxenfield (Identities & Unions)	LANG3B ‘Technology and Digitalization in Baltic Studies’ Kasperuniene Talivec/Vaik (Virtual Media & Digitalization)	SOC3C ‘Institutional Alignment, Transportation, and Entrepreneurship in the Baltic States’ Musiał Gilbert Līvina (Economics 1 – Institutions)	POL3D ‘Dilemmas and Deterrence in Baltic Foreign Policy and Security’ Rasnacis Rostoks (Security 1 – Foreign Policy)

Thursday, 2 Sept.	Panel No.	Slot A	Slot B	Slot C	Slot D
9am – 10:45am	4	HIS4A ‘Exploration and Travel in Baltic Maritime History’ Gornischeff Saar (Maritime)	LANG4B ‘Transnational Music Across the Baltics’ MacLaughlin Garbes Stanevičiūtė Kudiņš (Music)	X	SOC4D ‘Economic Trends in the Baltic States’ Körnert/Junghanns Grube (Economics 2 – Banking)
11:15am – 1pm	5	HIS5A ‘Political and Economic Relations between the Baltics and Scandinavia’ Heikkilä Karnups Hackmann (Nordic Relations)	LANG5B ‘Translation and Poetry in the 20 th Century’ Steinbergs Reklaityte Veisbergs (Poetry & Translation)	MIG5C ‘Belonging and Identity: The Experiences of Lithuanian Emigrants’ Balandis Sruoginis Genys (Diaspora 1 – Migration)	POL5D Roundtable: ‘The Journey to NATO: Exploring the Role of Civil Society of the Baltic Diaspora in the U.S. and Baltic Governments’ Altau Kasekamp (Security 2 – NATO)
<i>Lunch</i>					
2pm – 3:45pm	6	HIS6A ‘Between Centre and Periphery in Soviet Latvia: Political and Health Perspectives’ Loader Hearne (Centre–Periphery)	LANG6B ‘Riga on its Way to Respublica Literaria in Early Modernity’ Lāms Kaspars Kļaviņš Laizāns Skvireckis (Translation)	SUS6C ‘Cultural Heritage and Development in the Baltic Context’ Kiimann Urbinati (Urban Planning/Heritage)	MIG6D ‘Returning “home” in the globalised world: Challenges and opportunities of return migration from a comparative perspective’ Čiubrinskas Gečienė-Janulione Hornstein-Tomić (Return Migration)
6:30pm	<i>Keynote address (Brusewitz Room)</i>				

Friday, 3 Sept.	Panel No.	Slot A	Slot B	Slot C	Slot D
9am – 10:45am	7	HIS7A ‘The First World War in the Baltic States: Wartime Experiences and their Aftermath’ Esse Kuldkepp Balkelis (WWI)	LANG7B ‘Resistance and Reflection in Soviet era Latvian Literature’ Oga Burima Ostups (Soviet Era Literature)	POL7C Roundtable: ‘The Baltic and Nordic response to the 2020 Crisis in Belarus – Lessons Learned and Future Opportunities’ Djatkoviča Dubinka-Hushcha Rudnik Musiał (Belarus)	X
11:15am – 1pm	8	HIS8A ‘U.S. Recognition, Relations, and Foreign Policy with the Baltic States, 1917–1923’ Selga Szlaužys (U.S. Relations)	LANG8B ‘Trust, Surveillance and Conspiracy Theories in Society and the Media’ Bolin/ Figueiras Grišinas Dimants (Conspiracy Theories & Media)	MIG8C ‘Orthodox Christian and Catholic Identities in Lithuania and Abroad’ Keslyte-Alliks Frėjutė-Rakauskienė Marcinkevicius (Identity & Religion)	POL8D ‘Parliamentary Politics in the Baltic States and the EU’ Auers Rakutiene Dean (Politics/Parliaments)
<i>Lunch</i>					
2pm – 3:45pm	9	HIS9A ‘Between the Nazis and the Soviets: Memory, Propaganda, and Sovietization in the Baltic States in the 1940s and early 1950s’ Nurmis Merritt	X	POL9C ‘Issues in Baltic Security’ Bussmann Kasekamp Ainso (Security 3 – Defence Policy)	SOC9D ‘A Question of Law: Women and Minorities, Historical and Contemporary Cases’ Sagatiene Aava (Law)

		Loader (History – 1940s)			
4:15pm – 6pm	10	HIS10A ‘The Baltic in the Early Modern Period’ Hodil Šedvydis/ Sirutavičius/ Bucevičiūtė (Early Modern Period)	LANG10B ‘Methodology, Meaning, and Visitors in Baltic Literature’ Kurpniece Merilai (Literature)	X	SOC10D ‘Activism, Sexuality, and Violence in Baltic Research’ Eglāja-Kristšone Kareniauskaite Taavetti (Gender 1 – Activism & Sexuality)
8pm	<i>Conference Dinner (Norrlands Nation)</i>				

Saturday 4 Sept.	Panel No.	History Slot A	Language, Culture, Media Slot B	Mixed: Politics, Migration, Sustainability, Society Slot C	Mixed: Politics, Migration, Sustainability, Society Slot D
9am – 10:45am	11	HIS11A 'Interwar Diplomatic Relations' Miloiu Napolitano (Interwar Diplomacy)	X	MIG11C 'Kin States, Broadcasting, and Russian Speakers in the Baltic States' Jõesaar Sedlenieks (Russian Speakers)	X
11:15am – 1pm	12	HIS12A 'Occupation, Repression and Exile in Baltic History' Savonaikaite Bennich-Björkman (Soviet Occupation 2 – Resistance)	X	SOC12C 'Gender and Women Across Baltic Research' Kārkla Ločmele (Gender 3)	MIG12D 'Narratives of Belonging: "Nativism" in Lithuania and Russians in Latvia' Vyšniauskas Rönngren (Strategic Narratives)

PANELS BY STREAM:

HISTORY (HIS)

HIS1A (Fascism & Entryism)

Panel title: 'Kaleidoscopic Nationalism: Fascism and Far Right Entryism'

Panel/Slot: 1A

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 11am – 12:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Harry Merritt

- Paula Oppermann (University of Glasgow), 'Same Difference? Reconsidering Authoritarian and Fascist Elements in Kārlis Ulmanis' and Gustavs Celmiņš' Ideology'
- Matthew Kott (Uppsala University), 'Gaming the System: Far Right Entryism in Post-Soviet Latvian Politics'

HIS2A (Soviet Occupation 1 – Memories & Experiences)

Panel title: 'Memories of the Soviet Occupation'

Panel/Slot: 2A

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 2pm – 3:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Li Bennich-Björkman

- Lelde Neimane (University of Latvia), 'Memories of the Soviet Deportations on 14th June 1941 in the Collection of the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia' (Project No. lzp-2019/1-0278)
- Luboš Švec (Charles University), 'Reflections on the Prague Spring and the Soviet Occupation in Latvian Society'
- Airi Uuna (Tallinn University), 'Eesti Reklamfilm – The Rise and Fall of the Soviet TV Advertising Agency'

HIS3A (Identities & Unions)

Panel title: 'The Evolution of Identities, Language, and Conceptions in the Baltic States'

Panel/Slot: 3A

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 4:15pm – 6pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Siobhán Hearne

- Catherine Gibson (University of Tartu), 'Zooming in and out on religion, language, and nationality: Census-taking and questions of scale in the Baltic provinces'
- James Baxenfield (Tallinn University), 'From *Respublika* to *Aistija*: The Perennial Idea of a Union Between Latvia and Lithuania'
- Peteris Vanags (Stockholm University), 'Dynamics of the language situation in Latvia in the second half of the 19th century'

HIS4A (Maritime History)

Panel title: 'Exploration and Travel in Baltic Maritime History'

Panel/Slot: 4A

Date: Thursday, 2 September

Time: 9am – 10:45am

Room: TBA

Chair: Hele Kiimann

- Feliks Gornischeff (Estonian Maritime Museum), 'Adam Johann von Krusenstern's legacy in the exploration of the northern polar regions'
- Teele Saar (University of Tartu), 'Voyage to Modernity - Steamboat Passengers and their destinations in Baltic Provinces'

HIS5A (Nordic Relations)

Panel title: 'Political and Economic Relations between the Baltics and Scandinavia'

Panel/Slot: 5A

Date: Thursday, 2 September

Time: 11:15am – 1pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Anu-Mai Köll

- Pauli Heikkilä (University of Latvia), 'Socialist bond in exile – international relations in the Estonian journal "Side" 1955–1992'
- Viesturs Pauls Karnups (University of Latvia), 'Latvian-Swedish Economic Relations 1918–1940'
- Joerg Hackmann (University of Szczecin), 'History as Political Resource or Dead End? Cultural Construction, Spatial Imagination, and Political Notions in Nordic and Baltic Region Building'

HIS6A (Centre–Periphery)

Panel title: 'Between Centre and Periphery in Soviet Latvia: Social, Political and Health Perspectives'

Panel/Slot: 6A

Date: Thursday, 2 September

Time: 2pm – 3:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: TBA

- Siobhán Hearne (Durham University), 'For the Health of the Republic: Responding to the Sexual Health Crisis in the Latvian SSR during the Brezhnev Era'
- Michael Loader (University of Glasgow), 'Taming the Waters: Environmental Activism and Resistance over Soviet Latvia's 1958 Pļaviņas Hydroelectric Dam Project'

HIS7A (WWI)

'The First World War in the Baltic States: Wartime Experiences and their Aftermath'

Panel/Slot: 7A

Date: Friday, 3 September

Time: 9am – 10:45am

Room: TBA

Chair: TBA

- Liisi Esse (Stanford University), ‘In spite of everything, life is still beautiful!’ War and postwar experiences in Estonia through the example of Oskar Nõmmela’s life story (1893–1969)’
- Mart Kuldkepp (University College London), ‘Estonian Prisoners of War in Germany, 1914–1918’
- Tomas Balkelis (Lithuanian Institute of History), ‘The Crisis of the German Military Regime: Famine and Epidemics in Vilnius, 1916–1917’

HIS8A (U.S. Relations)

Panel title: ‘U.S. Recognition, Relations, and Foreign Policy with the Baltic States, 1917–1923’

Panel/Slot: 8A

Date: Friday, 3 September

Time: 11:15am – 1pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Joerg Hackmann

- Piotr Szlaużys (University of Białystok), ‘The Unofficial Contacts of the Emissaries of the Lithuanian Cause with the Wilson Administration from 1918–1921)’
- Marika Selga (University of Latvia), ‘United States foreign policy towards the Baltic States and Russia through the prism of Mr. F.W.B. Coleman’s diary (1919–1923)’

HIS9A (History – 1940s)

Panel title: ‘Between the Nazis and the Soviets: Memory, Propaganda, and Sovietization in the Baltic States in the 1940s and early 1950s’

Panel/Slot: 9A

Date: Friday, 3 September

Time: 2pm – 3:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Vida Savoniakaite

- Kristo Nurmis (Stanford University), ‘Bringing Up the Nation: Political Education and Propaganda in Soviet and German Occupied Baltic States, 1940–1953’
- Harry Merritt (Amherst College), ‘Calling Things by Their True Names: Sarcasm, Cynicism, and Reflections on the Past in the Memoirs of Latvian Legionnaires’
- Michael Loader (University of Glasgow), ‘Stalin’s Governor-general in Latvia: The Latburo and Sovietisation, 1944–1947’

HIS10A (Early Modern Period)

Panel title: ‘The Baltic in the Early Modern Period’

Panel/Slot: 10A

Date: Friday, 3 September

Time: 4:15pm – 6pm

Room: TBA

Chair: TBA

- Earl Hodil (Northern Arizona University), ‘Ivangorod under Boris Godunov: Early Modern Russia’s Entrepot on the Baltic’
- Laima Bucevičiūtė, Marius Sirutavičius and Laurynas Šedvydis (Vytautas Magnus University), ‘The fiscal capacity of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania during the Livonian war (1558–1582) in a comparative perspective’

HIS11A (Interwar Diplomacy)

Panel title: 'Interwar Diplomatic Relations'
Panel/Slot: 11A
Date: Saturday, 4 September
Time: 9am – 10:45am
Room: TBA
Chair: TBA

- Silviu Miloiu (Valahia University of Targoviste/The Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies), 'The Romanian recognition of Baltic states in the aftermath of World War I'
- Rosario Napolitano (University of Latvia/Riga Stradiņš University), 'Fascist cultural diplomacy in Estonia, from de jure recognition until the Molotov–Ribbentrop Pact (1921–1939)'

HIS12A (Soviet Occupation 2 – Repression)

Panel title: 'Occupation, Repression and Exile in Baltic History'
Panel/Slot: 12A
Date: Saturday, 4 September
Time: 11:15am – 1pm
Room: TBA
Chair: Luboš Švec

- Vida Savoniakaite (Lithuanian Institute of History), 'Exile: New Notions of Identity in the Gulag and Beyond'
- Li Bennich-Björkman (Uppsala University), 'Our Reality and Theirs: Existential Resistance, Opposition and the Local Party-States in the Soviet West'

LANGUAGE, CULTURE, MEDIA & LITERATURE (LANG)

LANG1B (Language 1 – Literature)

Panel title: 'New Approaches to the Study of Lithuanian'
Panel/Slot: 1B
Date: Wednesday, 1 September
Time: 11am – 12:45pm
Room: TBA
Chair: TBA

- Gintarė Judžentytė-Šinkūnienė (Vilnius University), 'Comprehension of Lithuanian Demonstratives: Beyond Egocentrism and Distance'
- Kristina Bukelskyte-Cepele (Stockholm University), 'Linking elements in compounds in the Lithuanian dialects'

LANG2B (Language 2 – Bilingual)

Panel title: 'Bilingual and Multilingual Approaches to Baltic Languages'
Panel/Slot: 2B
Date: Wednesday, 1 September
Time: 2pm – 3:45pm
Room: TBA
Chair: Gintarė Judžentytė-Šinkūnienė

- Anna Branets (University of Tartu), ‘The Effect of Mediated Receptive Multilingualism in Facilitation of Language Learning’
- Frederik Bissinger (Stockholm University), ‘Harmonious Bilingual Development of Lithuanian Families in Sweden’

LANG3B (Virtual Media & Digitalization)

Panel title: ‘Technology and Digitalization in Baltic Studies’

Panel/Slot: 3B

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 4:15pm – 6pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Ainars Dimants

- Judita Kasperuniene (Vytautas Magnus University), ‘Creating a Façade of Virtual Identity: Strategies and Challenges for Role Makers’
- Elle-Mari Talivee and Kri Marie Vaik (Under and Tuglas Literature Centre of the Estonian Academy of Sciences), ‘Karl Ast Rumor and the Digitized Collections of Friedebert Tuglas’

LANG4B (Music)

Panel title: ‘Transnational Music Across the Baltics’

Panel/Slot: 4B

Date: Thursday, 2 September

Time: 9am – 10:45am

Room: TBA

Chair: Ilze Šarkovska-Liepiņa

- Heather MacLaughlin Garbes (University of Washington), ‘A Fresh Latvian Voice: An Introduction to the Compositions and Arrangements of Latvian Composer Laura Jēkabsons’
- Rūta Stanevičiūtė (Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre), ‘The Cold War, Transnationalism, and Lithuanian–Polish Musical Networking’
- Jānis Kudiņš (Jazeps Vitols Latvian Academy of Music), ‘The Tango King of Riga Oscar Strok: Reception and Discursive uses of his Figure and Musical Legacy in Contemporary Latvian Culture’

LANG5B (Poetry & Translation)

Panel title: ‘Translation and Poetry in the 20th Century’

Panel/Slot: 5B

Date: Thursday, 2 September

Time: 11:15am – 1pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Heather Maclaughlin Garbes

- Ivars Steinbergs (University of Latvia), ‘New Perspectives in Conceptualizing Translated Poetry in Late Soviet Latvia: The Epic Work of Uldis Bērziņš’
- Akvile Reklaityte (Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore), ‘Poetics of Transition: Lithuanian Poetry in the late 1980s’
- Andrejs Veisbergs (University of Latvia), ‘Censorship in translation – The Latvian story’

LANG6B (Translation)

Panel title: ‘Riga on its Way to Respublica Literaria in Early Modernity’

Panel/Slot: 6B
Date: Thursday, 2 September
Time: 2pm – 3:45pm
Room: TBA
Chair: Ojārs Lāms

- Kaspars Kļaviņš (Riga Technical University), ‘Riga at the Crossroads of the European Intellectual Past on the Way from the Renaissance to Modern Humanism’
- Mārtiņš Laizāns (University of Latvia), ‘Translating Neo-Latin into Latvian – from margins to the marginal’
- Eduards Skvireckis (National Library of Latvia), ‘Three Speeches in Honor of the Reorganization of Riga Dome School’

LANG7B (Soviet Era Literature)

Panel title: ‘Resistance and Reflection in Soviet era Latvian Literature’
Panel/Slot: 7B
Date: Friday, 3 September
Time: 9am – 10:45am
Room: TBA
Chair: Arne Merilai

- Jānis Oga (University of Latvia), ‘Latvian Prose Writers under the Soviet Occupation: Collaboration and Non-Violent Resistance (1968–1991): The case of Ēvalds Vilks’
- Maija Burima (Daugavpils University), ‘The “Dictatorship of Splitting” in Soviet Military Towns: Karosta in Andra Manfelde’s *Officers’ Wives*’
- Artis Ostups (University of Tartu), ‘(Un)recognized Temporality: Trauma as Counternarrative in Nora Ikstena’s *Soviet Milk*’

LANG8B (Conspiracy Theories & Media)

Panel title: ‘Trust, Surveillance and Conspiracy Theories on Social Media’
Panel/Slot: 8B
Date: Friday, 3 September
Time: 11:15am – 1pm
Room: TBA
Chair: Andris Straumanis

- Göran Bolin (Södertörn University) and Rita Figueiras (Universidade Católica Portuguesa), ‘Social Media Surveillance and Experiences of Authoritarianism’
- Arvydas Grišinas (Kaunas University of Technology), ‘The Alchemy of Political Symbols: The Case of the Lithuanian Riots of 2021’
- Ainars Dimants (Riga Stradiņš University), ‘Transparency of Media Ownership and Editorial Autonomy as CSR in the Media Industry: The Case of Latvia’

LANG10B (Literature)

Panel title: ‘Methodology, Meaning, and Visitors in Baltic Literature’
Panel/Slot: 10B
Date: Friday, 3 September
Time: 4:15pm – 6pm
Room: TBA
Chair: Jānis Oga

- Ruta Kurpniece (University of Latvia), ‘The function of animal characters in Regīna Ezera’s fiction in the 1970s’

- Arne Merilai (University of Tartu), ‘The Unified Theoretical Field of Literary Studies’

MIGRATION, MINORITIES & IDENTITY (MIG)

MIG1D (Latvian Diaspora)

Panel title: ‘The Latvian Diaspora Law and Diaspora Experiences’

Panel/Slot: 1D

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 11am – 12:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: TBA

- Andris Straumanis (University of Wisconsin-River Falls), ‘Considering the ABZ’s (apkartraksti, biļeteni, and ziņotāji) of the Latvian Diaspora in North America, 1949–2019’
- Mara Simons (Latvian Academy of Culture), ‘Public and media debates on the Diaspora Law in Latvia’
- Ieva Birka (University of Latvia), ‘Diasporic Politics and Defining Diaspora: The Case of Latvia’

MIG5C (Lithuanian Diaspora)

Panel title: ‘Belonging and Identity: The Experiences of Lithuanian Emigrants’

Panel/Slot: 5C

Date: Thursday, 2 September

Time: 11:15am – 1pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Vytis Čiubrinskas

- Egidijus Balandis (Vytautas Magnus University), ‘The Social and Cultural Functions of Sports in the Community of Lithuanian DPs (1945–1951)’
- Laima Vince Sruoginis (Vilnius University/University of Southern Maine), ‘Writing by North American Writers of Lithuanian Descent as a Collective Body of Work’
- Dainius Genys (Vytautas Magnus University), ‘The emotional experiences of Lithuanian emigrants’

MIG6D (Return Migration)

Panel title: ‘Returning “home” in the globalised world: Challenges and opportunities of return migration from a comparative perspective’

Panel/Slot: 6D

Date: Thursday, 2 September

Time: 2pm – 3:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: TBA

- Vytis Čiubrinskas (Vytautas Magnus University), ‘Moral economy and transnational reciprocity: Social remittances in between moral imperative and merit. The case of Lithuanian return migration from the West’
- Ingrida Gečienė-Janulionė (Institute of Social Innovations), ‘Ways of researching the impact of social remittances on the welfare of the country of origin’

- Caroline Hornstein-Tomić (Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar), “‘The world I left was better than the world I returned to:’ chances and obstacles for remitting in transformation contexts’

MIG8C (Identity & Religion)

Panel title: ‘Orthodox Christian and Catholic Identities in Lithuania and Abroad’

Panel/Slot: 8C

Date: Friday, 3 September

Time: 11:15am – 1pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Laima Vince Sruoginis

- Egle Keslyte-Alliks (Vilnius University), ‘From Majority to Minority: Cultivation of Catholic and National Identities among Lithuanian Immigrants in Norway’
- Monika Frėjutė-Rakauskienė (Lithuanian Social Research Centre), ‘Construction of Ethno-Confessional Identity in the Contemporary Lithuanian Society: The Cases of Russian-Orthodox and Poles Catholics’
- Andrius Marcinkevicius (Lithuanian Social Research Centre), ‘How Identity of Ethno-Confessional Groups is Constructed in its Media: The Case of the Orthodox Christian Community in Lithuania’

MIG11C (Russian Speakers)

Panel title: ‘Kin States, Broadcasting, and Russian Speakers in the Baltic States’

Panel/Slot: 11C

Date: Saturday, 4 September

Time: 9am – 10:45am

Room: TBA

Chair: Emma Rönngren

- Andres Jõesaar (Tallinn University), ‘Estonian and Russian Speaking Audience Sections: Opinions on Media Credibility and on the Value of Public Service Broadcasting, 2010–2019’
- Klavs Sedlenieks (Riga Stradiņš University), ‘Kin Relations and Performing the State in Contemporary Latvia’

MIG12D (Strategic Narratives)

Panel title: ‘Narratives of Belonging: “Nativism” in Lithuania and Russians in Latvia’

Panel/Slot: 12D

Date: Saturday, 4 September

Time: 11:15am – 1pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Andres Jõesaar

- Vidmantas Vyšniauskas (Vytautas Magnus University), ‘Nativism: contested identities in Southeast Lithuania and the quest for recognition’
- Emma Rönngren (Uppsala University), ‘The reception of Russia’s strategic narratives among young Russian speakers in Latvia’

POLITICS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & SECURITY (POL)

POL1C (Civic Participation)

Panel title: 'Voting, Civic Participation, and Political Discourse in the Baltics'

Panel/Slot: 1C

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 11am – 12:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Kjetil Duvold

- Agnese Dāvidsone (Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences), 'DIY Politics: An Exploratory Study on Political Consumerism as an Emergent Form of Civic Participation in Latvia'
- Ianis Bucholtz (Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences), 'Obstacles to Civic Engagement on Social Media among Latvian Users'
- Linas Kontrimas (Vytautas Magnus University), 'Democracy in Action: How Public Relations Ruin/Strengthen the Political Process'

POL2C (Pandemic Politics)

Panel title: 'Crisis Management: Perspectives on the COVID-19 Pandemic'

Panel/Slot: 2C

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 2pm – 3:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: TBA

- Kjetil Duvold (Dalarna University), 'Trust, efficacy, and willingness to vaccinate: a presentation based on the Baltic Barometer 2021'
- Didzis Kļaviņš and Ieva Birka (University of Latvia), 'Diaspora Diplomacy and the Global Pandemic: Baltic and Nordic perspective'
- Irena Nesterova (University of Latvia), 'Safeguarding fundamental rights during the COVID-19 crisis: digital responses in the Baltics and beyond'

POL3D (Security 1 – Foreign Policy)

Panel title: 'Dilemmas and Deterrence in Baltic Foreign Policy and Security'

Panel/Slot: 3D

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 4:15pm – 6pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Karl Altau

- Viesturs Rasnācis (Latvian War Museum), 'The Formation and Development of the Armed Forces of the Baltic States after Regaining Independence: A Case Study of the Border Guard Forces of the Republic of Latvia (1991–1997)'
- Toms Rostoks (National Defence Academy of Latvia), 'Creating an Effective Deterrent and Rethinking Deterrence in the Baltic Region post-2014'

POL5D (Security 2 – NATO)

Roundtable: 'The Journey to NATO: Exploring the Role of Civil Society of the Baltic Diaspora in the U.S. and Baltic Governments'

Panel/Slot: 5D

Date: Thursday, 2 September

Time: 11:15am – 1pm

Room: TBA

Chair: TBA

- Karl Altau (Joint Baltic American National Committee)
- Andres Kasekamp (University of Toronto)

POL7C (Belarus)

Roundtable: 'The Baltic and Nordic response to the 2020 Crisis in Belarus – Lessons Learned and Future Opportunities'

Panel/Slot: 11D

Date: Friday, 3 September

Time: 9am – 10:45am

Room: TBA

Chair: Matthew Kott

- Evija Djatkoviča (Latvian institute of International Affairs/Rīga Starpniecība University)
- Lizaveta Dubinka-Hushcha (Copenhagen Business School)
- Alesia Rudnik (Karlstad University)
- Kazimierz Musiał (University of Gdansk)

POL8D (Politics/Parliaments)

Panel title: 'Parliamentary Politics in the Baltic States and the EU'

Panel/Slot: 8D

Date: Friday, 3 September

Time: 11:15am – 1pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Linas Kontrimas

- Daunis Auers (University of Latvia), '15 years of Europeanizing Latvia's political system'
- Sima Rakutiene (Vytautas Magnus University), 'The European Parliament as International Agent: Bargaining for European, National, or Party Interests? The View from the Baltic Europarliamentarians (MEPs)'
- Laura Dean (Millikin University), 'Women Interrupted: Episodic Interjections in the Latvian Saeima'

POL9C (Security 3 – Defence Policy)

Panel title: 'Issues in Baltic Security'

Panel/Slot: 9C

Date: Friday, 3 September

Time: 2pm – 3:45pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Toms Rostoks

- Margit Bussmann (University of Greifswald), 'Military Maneuvers and Geopolitical Signaling in the Baltic Sea Region'
- Andres Kasekamp (University of Toronto), 'Competition and Cooperation among the Baltic States during the NATO Accession Process'
- Heino Ainso (Ainso and Associates, Inc.), 'Resurgent Russian-German Cooperation'

SOCIETY (SOCIOLOGY, ECONOMICS, LAW & GENDER STUDIES (SOC))

SOC3C (Economics 1 – Institutions)

Panel title: 'Institutional Alignment, Transportation, and Entrepreneurship in the Baltic States'

Panel/Slot: 3C

Date: Wednesday, 1 September

Time: 4:15pm – 6pm

Room: TBA

Chair: Anders Paalzow

- Kazimierz Musiał (University of Gdansk), 'Copying, alignment, or convergence – institutional adjustment of the Baltic states to the Nordic model of regional cooperation since the Cold War'
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Date: Saturday, 4 September

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