

Stream I: The Baltic Region in 1918-1921: Aftermath of World War I

BR 1: US Policy, Immigrant Diplomacy and the Baltic States, 1918-1919

Chair: Bradley Woodworth

Charles Perrin: The Activities of Jonas Šliūpas at the Dawn of Lithuania's Independence

Olavi Arens: The Bizarre Council of Foreign Minister Meeting of 9 May 1919

Eriks Jekabsons: The Mission of Warwick Greene in Baltic States in 1919: the Problems and Consequences

Discussant: Bradley Woodworth

BR 2: Violence and State-Building

Chair: Mart Kuldkepp

Tomas Balkelis: The Logic of Violence in the Polish-Lithuanian Conflict, 1919-1923

Tim Buchen: Turning Soldiers into Farmers. Settler projects and military imaginations of agriculture in North-Eastern Europe 1917-1920'

Thomas Rettig: Governing Warlordism. Bermond-Avalov's Central Council for West Russia in Courland 1919

Klaus Richter: Violence, Territorial Uncertainty and the Erosion of Norms of Property Ownership in Poland and the Baltics, 1915-1923

BR 3: International and Internal Politics

Chair: Tomas Balkelis

Mart Kuldkepp: The Infiltration of American Estonian Communists back into Estonia in 1918-1923

Piotr Szlauzys: The Independence of Lithuania in Woodrow Wilson's Policy

Vasilijus Safronovas: Representation of the "National Experience" of the First World War in Interwar Lithuania

Luboš Švec: Recognition with Hesitation: Czechoslovak Foreign Policy 1920-1921. Between Russian Visions and Baltic Reality

Stream 2: Baltic National Song and Dance Traditions 150

BS 1: Informal Singing and Song Traditions

Chair: Rūta Muktupāvela

Amal Pushkaran:

Non-violent Political Movement and National Liberation: The Role of Gandhism in the Sąjūdis-Movement in Lithuania

Austė Nakienė:

Partisan Songs and Historical Narrative of Independent Lithuania

Valdis Muktupāvels:

The Changing Role of Sadziedāšanās: From Spontaneous Social Singing to Formalized "Afterparty" in the Framework of Latvian Song and Dance Celebration

Discussant: Heather MacLaughlin Garbes

BS 2: Rethinking Song Celebration Heritage

Chair: Valdis Muktupāvels

Ilze Šarkovska-Liepiņa:

The Latvian Song Festival Tradition and Modernity: Is There a Contradiction?

Rimantas Astrauskas:

Re-thinking tradition in postmodern Lithuania

Guntis Šmidchens:

Disunity in Unity: Contested Traditions in Baltic Song Celebrations, 2013-2019

Rūta Muktupāvela:

Tradition of the Baltic Song and Dance Celebration: Some Aspects of Sustainability

BS 3: Song Celebrations, Baltic and Global

Chair: Bradley Woodworth

Heather MacLaughlin Garbes:

On the Outside Looking In: How National Song Festivals in the Baltic States Help Promote Culture and Tradition to Non-Baltic People

Ramunė K. Kubilius:

The Rich Heritage of Music and Dance in the Diaspora: Spotlighting a Lithuanian Music and a Folk Dance Ensemble in Chicago

Danutė Petrauskaitė:

Juozas Žilevičius' Contribution to the Song Festival Organisation in Lithuania and the USA

Discussant: Guntis Šmidchens

BS 4: Baltic Song Celebrations History Revisited

Chair: Heather MacLaughlin Garbes

Bradley Woodworth:

Civic and Cross-National Influences in Estonia's Song Festivals

Marie-Alice L'Heureux:

Constructing Identity: Music, Art, and Architecture

Rasa Murauskaitė:

Lithuanian Song Festivals in the Interwar Period: Reflections In The Press

Katherine Pukinskis:

The Duality of Baltic Song Celebrations as Heritage: Making Sense of "Then" and "Now"

Stream 3: Baltic (Sea) Regional Security

S 1: Challenges to Baltic Security

Chair: Toms Rostoks

Olevs Nikers and Otto Tabuns:

Baltic Security Strategy Report 2019

Gerda Jakstaite:

US-Russian Interaction in the Baltic States: Challenges to Regional Security

Aleksandra Kuczyńska:

Security Perspective(s) in the Baltic States and Implication for Poland

Olevs Nikers:

Sub-regional Defence Synchronization – Theory Perspectives and Expectations for the Baltics

S 2: Baltic Security in Past and Present

Chair: Aleksandra Kuczyńska

Toms Rostoks:

National security and state-society relations in Latvia

Edgars Engīzers:

Threats to national security of Latvia through the prism of Latvian Political Police: 1938-1940

Dalia Bukelevičiūtė:

Ensuring security of top state officials and VIP guests after the re-establishment of the state of Lithuania in 1990–1995

Olevs Nikers and Otto Tabuns:

Baltic Interoperability Report 2019

S 3: Security and Foreign Politics

Chair: Olves Nikers

Ivo Juurvee:

Baltic States as Spy-Catching Champions of NATO and EU: What Can We Learn of Russian Espionage

Gerda Jakstaite:

Baltic States In Trump's Security Policy

Martin Hirss:

Tools of Russia's Influence in Latvia

Satya Prasad:

Foreign Policy Pursuit of Baltic States: Challenges and Opportunities

H - History and Memory

H 1: Political Participation at the Regional Level in the Baltic States since Early Modern Times

Chair: NN

Dennis Hormuth:

A Plebian Tribune? Georg Plönnies, Leaders of the Great Guild of Riga in the 17th Century

Ron Hellfritsch:

How to Stay in Power in Germany's "New Ostland"? The Courland Knighthood's Fight for Political Survival during WWI

Vera Volkmann:

Local Minority Participation: City Council Elections in Daugavpils in the Interwar Period

Irēna Saleniece:

"To Involve Young People in the Practical Construction of a New Society": The Teaching Profession in Soviet

H 2: Historiography, Collective Memory and Cultural Identity from the 14th – 17th Century in the Baltic

Chair: Ralph Tuchtenhagen

Ansgar Holtmann:

The Prussian Origin Myth as a Political Statement in 16th Century Gdansk. The Idea of Cultural Self-reliance

Paweł Migdalski:

How the Slavic Ancestors of the Pomeranians Became Germans. The Myth of Origin of the Inhabitants of West-Pomerania in the Late Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period

Adam Szweda:

Historiography in Late Medieval Prussia towards Poland and Poles

Grischa Vercamer:

Historians within the Teutonic Order in 14th Century Prussia with Regard to Poland as a Mirror of the 'Self'

H 3: Home as History: Space, Memory, and Solidarity in Latvia

Chair: Amanda Jeanne Swain

Mara Lazda:

Walls Do Talk: The Lives Lived by, and in, a Riga Apartment Building

Maruta Pranka:

Tracing Trauma, Resilience, and Solidarity in the Oral Histories of Apartment Building Inhabitants

Ginta Elksne:

The Lives of a Building: Ownership and (Re)privatization of Space

Discussant: Amanda Jeanne Swain

H 4: Shared and Contested Pasts in Action: Remembering and Representing Traumas of Deportations, Exile and Forced Repatriation from the Baltic States in 1940-50s

Chair: Olavi Arens

Dovilė Budrytė:

Analyzing the Narrative of a Partisan Messenger: Gender, Displacement, and the Anti-Soviet War of Resistance in Lithuania

Vytis Ciubrinskas:

Transnationalism and Memory across the Atlantic: Remembering and Representing Trauma of Exile through Social Remittances and 'Politics of Nostalgia'

Aija Sakova:

The Question of Agency and Trauma in Elin Toona's "Into Exile" and Christa Wolf's "Patterns of Childhood"

Vidmantas Vyšniauskas:

Narrating the 'Local' in Changing Narratives of the Challenging and Repressive Past

H 5: Multidirectional and Multigenerational Memory of Soviet Displacement in the Baltics

Chair: Bradley Woodworth

Dovilė Budrytė:

Deportation and Gulag as Gendered Processes: Revisiting Baltic Women's Memoirs and Testimonies

Violeta Davoliute:

Multidirectional Memory and the Deportation of Lithuanian Jews

Terje Anepaio and Ene Kõresaar:

Between Public Memory and Grassroots Solidarity: Estonian Organizations of Victims of Stalinist Repressions at the Crossroads

Leena Kurvet-Käosaar:

Shared Dimensions of Deportation Experience in Baltic Women's Life Stories

H 6: “Unreliable” Latvians at the Beginning of the Cold War

Chair: Mart Kuldkepp

Matthew Kott:

Baltfascister: Swedish Attitudes towards Latvian Refugees at the Dawn of the Cold War

Michael Loader:

Stalin’s Governors-general in the Baltic Republics: the Orgburos and Sovietisation, 1944–1947

Paula Oppermann:

Rebranding Fascists: Pērkonkrustsleaders in Exile Creating Their Image as Anti-communists

Rosario Napolitano:

The Sovietisation of Latvian Cinema during Stalin Era (1945-1953)

H 7: Pribaltika: Legacy and Memory

Chair: Daina Eglitis

Diana Bleiere:

The Central Committee of the Latvian Communist Party and Youth Culture (1968-1983)

Edward Cohn:

Did Profilaktika Work? Prophylactic Chats and the KGB’s Struggle with Dissent in the Baltic Republics

Eva-Clarita Pettai:

Opening of the ‘Cheka-bags’ – Post-transitional Justice Thirty Years after Re-independence in Latvia

H 8: Pre-modern Baltic History

Chair: Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg

Dmitriy Weber:

Family Solidarity in Livonia. The Case of the Teutonic Order.

Patrick Monson:

Impartial Empire? Local Law, Language, and the Politics of Legal Reform in Imperial Russia’s Baltic Provinces, 1860-1917

Anja Wilhelmi:

Solidarity in the Family and Family Politics: Examples of Baltic German Families in the 19th Century

Vidmantas Vyšniauskas:

Changing Narratives in the Changing World: the Case of Soleczniki

H 9: The Baltics in the Inter-war Period I

Chair: Klaus Richter

Sonoko Shima:

Beginning of Latvian Statehood: From the Diplomatic Activities of the First Foreign Minister Z. A. Meierovics Leonas Nekrašas:

Lithuanian–Latvian Local Border Traffic between the World Wars: Shifting Policy and its Effects

Krišs Kapenieks:

Memel Problem in 1920s-1930s — Between Latvian View to the Problem and Baltic Solidarity

H 10: Genocide and Resistance

Chair: Eva-Clarita Pettai

Kristo Nurmis: What the Germans Told. Fears of Ethnic Cleansing in the Baltic States after the Red Army Return, 1944

Janis Tomasevskis: Baltic National Partisans in the Summer of 1941: The Latvian Example

Maija Krumina: Material and Moral Values in the Latvian refugee narratives of World War Two

Dominik Wilczewski:

Conflicted Memories of Resistance and Genocide in Lithuania: the Adolfas Ramanauskas Case Study:

Analysis of Media Discourse

H 11: Reconstructing Lithuania and Latvia

Chair: Vasilijus Safronovas

Kristina Sliavaite:

Teaching About the Second World War at the Schools with Russian Language of Instruction in Lithuania: Challenges and Solutions

Rūta Eidukeviciene: The Reconstructions of the Past in the 21st century Lithuanian Family Novels

Rudolfs Bruzis: Ethnoarchaeology in Baltic States

H 12: The Baltics in the Inter-war Period II

Chair: Tim Buchen

Saulius Kaubrys: Anatomy of Ambitions: Lithuanian Poles in Parliamentary and Municipal Elections in 1918–1940

Ieva Griniūtė-Tumelienė: Towards a Better Future: Childhood, Otherhood and the Creation of Social Welfare System in the Interwar Lithuania

Ina Pukelytė: Migrating Histories: Russian and Jewish Actors in the Baltics during the Interwar Period

Viesturs Karnups: Latvian-Polish Economic Relations 1918-1940

H 13: Baltic Global History

Chair: Matthew Kott

Filip-Afloarei Daniel: Ceausescu and his Controversial Appeal in August 1989 Regarding the Rise of Solidarity in Poland

Pauli Heikkilä: Typical and Exceptional. Estonian Example within the Assembly of Captive European Nations

László Pálfi: Joe Slovo – Lithuanian Socialist Jew in South Africa

H 14: Nazi Rule in the Baltic Region

Chair: Diana Bleiere

Daina Eglitis: Silences of the Past: Women's Lives in Latvia's Nazi Ghettos

Ieva Garda-Rozenberga and Uldis Neiburgs: Extermination and Rescue of Latvian Roma during the Nazi Occupation: History and Memory

Alessandro Vitale: The Problem of Incomplete Cartographic Representation of the GULag. A Comparison between the Baltic Cartography and Other Maps of Deportations

H 15: Central-European-Baltic Contacts in History through the "Amber Way"

Chair: Karsten Brüggemann

Svetlana Marozava: King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania Stefan Batory (1576-1586) in Grodno: life, activity, mystery of death

Siarhey Marozau: The Last Sejm of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Historical Memory of Modern Belarusian society

Sándor Földvári: Red Wine for Liturgical Books: Book-Migration as a Special Case of the Trade Connections between GDL and Central Europe

Etelka Berzeviczy: Baron Marton Berzeviczy, the Diplomat of Prince Bathori in Livonia

M - Media, Language and Arts

M 1: Changing Role of Media in the Baltic Societies

Chair: Katarzyna Kamińska-Korolczuk

Anda Rožukalne:

Concentration and Structural Pluralism Trends in Media Environment of Latvia (2015-2018)

Ainars Dimants:

New Regulations for Latvian Public Service Media - One Step Forward and Two Steps Back?

Andres Jõesaar:

In Media we Trust. Or Do We. Estonian and Russian Speaking Audiences' Opinion on Media Credibility and on the Value of Public Service Broadcasting in 2010-2019

Andres Kõuts-Klemm:

Media System and Media Use in Estonia: Diverging Supply and Demand

M 2: Language Studies I

Chair: Pēteris Vanags

Ineta Dabašinskienė: Tensions between Language Policies and Practices: Case study of Visaginas (Lithuania)

Nicole Nau: Bringing Latgalian into School: Visions, Needs, and Obstacles

Katarzyna Szwed: The Impact of the Estonian Linguistic Policy on the State Formation and its Functioning

Eleonore Kruse: Assessing Migrant Language Maintenance: A Case Study on Latvian in Canada

M 3: Language Studies II

Chair: Nicole Nau

Claudio Barna:

The Lithuanian Particle "gi"

Linda Lauze:

The System of Latvian Address: Sociolinguistic Aspect

Pēteris Vanags:

Latvian sapulcējušamies – the Non-standard Form of Past Passive Participle – Its Origin and History

Dens Dimiņš, Dace Strelēvica-Ošiņa:

No Means Yes? Grammatical Polarity in Modern Latvian: Usage and Users' Attitudes

M 4: Disinformation and Media Bashing

Chair: Alexander Drost

Monika Hanley:

Combating Russian Disinformation in Baltic Social Media

Anastasija Tetarenko:

How to Discredit Media and Win the Elections: The Case of the Parliament Elections in Latvia (2018)

Raivis Vilūns:

Hard News and Tabloid Stories Side by Side in Leading Latvian News Media

Klīnta Ločmele:

Disinformation Types in Correlation with Society's Media Literacy in Latvia

M 5: Museum Studies

Chair: Jörg Hackmann

Līnara Dovydaitytė:

Narrating History of Labour and Industry in Post-Soviet Museums

Kirsti Jõesalu, Ene Kõresaar:

Collaboration and Adaption: Soviet Period at the Display of Museums of Occupations and Freedom, Vabamu

Aya Kimura:

Exploring an Introduction Process of Digitization at Museums- Case in Lithuania, LIMIS

M 6: Media and Memory

Chair: Ene Kõresaar

Liis Jõhvik:

Reel Life: Memory and Gender in Soviet Home Movies and Amateur films

Andrius Marcinkievičius:

How Historical Justice Discourse is Constructed by Contemporary Lithuanian Media: The Case of Green Bridge

Statues Removal in Vilnius

Lina Šumskaitė, Gražina Rapolienė:

The Changed Representation of Childlessness in Lithuanian Media

Zenta Liepa, Dite Liepa:

Representation of Lithuanian and Latvian Identity in Mass Media

M 7: Communication and Language

Chair: Katarzyna Szwed

Katarzyna Kamińska-Korolczuk:

Specifics of the Communication via Social Media in the Most Important Estonian Dailies. A Comparative Perspective

Anda Rožukalne:

Semi-free and Autonomous Journalists: Complex Strategies of Coping with Self-censorship in Latvia

Ginta Remeikis:

The Baltic Diaspora and its Relationship to Language

Gunta Ločmele, Helēna Gizeleza:

Usage and Significance of Stylistic and Lexical Resources in Advertising Texts

M 8: Theatre and Arts

Chair: Klinta Ločmele

Ruta Mazeikiene:

Adaptation of Popular Theatre Forms in Post-Soviet Lithuanian Theatre

Jurgita Staniškytė:

Power to the People? Community Building and Participation in Post-Soviet Lithuanian Theatre

Andrejs Veisbergs:

The Translation Scene in Latvia (Latvian SSR) during the Stalinist Years

Tomas Pabedinskas:

Personal Photo Diary as The Reactualization of Historical Past

M 9: Baltic Cultural Studies

Chair: Tomas Pabedinskas

Ieva Pigozne: New Discoveries on Chronological Development of Latvian Women's Clothing in Eastern Latvia in the 19th Century

Milda Richardson: Lithuanian Pilgrimage Repressed and Restored

Egor Shmonin: Late-Soviet Baltic Post-Poetic Documentaries: Mapping the Collapse, Reviving Spatial memory

Shankar Simant: Traversing the Relationship between India and Baltics

M 10: Kant Digital

Chair: NN

Cheryce von Xylander: Kant's Digital Metaphysics

Peter Weibel

Simon Schaffer

P - Politics and Society

P 1: Baltic Independence Struggle in an International Context

Chair: Andres Kasekamp

Una Bergmane: 'Have You not Noticed Our Absence?' The International Echos of the Baltic Way

Kaarel Piirimäe: 'Estonia Has No Time'. Existential Politics at the End of Empire

Pundziūte-Galois: The Diplomatic Strategy of Distrust: How the Baltic States "Lost" Yeltsin's Russia.

Kristine Bekere: Celebration of Independence Day in Exile: the National-political Aspect of a Tradition

Discussant: Ainius Lašas

P 2: Human Rights, Cyber-Space and the Rights of Vulnerable Groups – Views from Estonia and Poland

Chair: Kazimierz Musiał

Michał Balcerzak:

Hate Speech in Polish Public Debate – Challenges and Responses

Mart Susi:

Marginalization of Human Rights Core Principles in the Development of E-society

Mari-Ann Susi:

Developing Fundamental Rights of Vulnerable Groups on the Example of Protecting Animal Rights in Estonia

Shankar Mukesh:

Political Development and Democracy Building in Poland after the Solidarity Movement

P 3: Internal Politics in the Baltic States

Chair: Daunis Auers

Andres Kasekamp:

Comparing the Estonian Radical Right, Past and Present

Joseph Ellis:

Policy Innovation in the Baltic States: A Case Study of Estonian Elites

Monika Frėjūtė-Rakauskienė:

Polish and Russian Ethnic Minority NGO's: Aims and Role in Lithuanian Civil Society

Vaida Jankauskaitė, Ainius Lašas:

Sometimes You Win and Sometimes You Lose: the Dynamics of Informal Business- Political Party Relations in Lithuania

P 4: Comparative Political Studies

Chair: Kaarel Piirimäe

Didzis Klavins: Comparative Research on Foreign Ministries in the Baltic and Nordic Countries

Liucija Balciunaite: Explaining the Variation in the Success of the Semi-Presidential Systems of Lithuania and Ukraine

Klemens Grube: Bank Concentration and Competition in Small Countries- Are the Banking Markets in the Baltic States in Danger?

Arvydas Grišinas: Politics of Cynicism and the Epochal Shift

P 5: Baltic Networks

Chair: Mārtiņš Kaprāns

Silke Berndsen: Networks across Borders: the Interconnection of Baltic Émigré Engagement and Resistance in the Baltics

Aiste Zemaityte: The Phenomenon of Diasporas in the Field of International and Local Policy. The Case of Baltic States

Mārtiņš Pričins: When Europe Seems Closer: Strategic Political Communication of Latvian Political Parties in the European Parliament Elections 2019

Mykolė Lukošienė: Marking Territory in Transforming Neighborhood: Šančiai Parade "Chair" and the Hererotopia of the "Cabbage field"

P 6: Baltic Post-Perspectives

Chair: Una Bergmane

Epp Annus: Metonymic Processes of Nation-building: Vestigal Sovietness in the Context of Estonia's High-Tech Dreams

Anastasiya Astapova: Informal Language Clubs as a Grassroots Solution to Ethnic Segregation in Estonia

Kara Brown: Placing Readiness: How Estonian-Russian Dual Immersion Education has developed in the 21st century

Kristina Juraitė: Regenerating Cultural Identity and Rebranding of Post-Industrial City: The Case of Visaginas, Lithuania

P 7: Migrant Perspectives

Chair: Silke Berndsen

Mārtiņš Kaprāns: The Representation of Englishness among Latvian Labor Migrants in the UK

Ojārs Lāms: Contemporary Latvian Migrant Narratives: Paradigm of Gender and Generation

Ilona Strumickienė: Lithuanian Return Migration as a Form of Migrants' Solidarity with their Homeland

Dainius Genys: Through Love and Hate: Emotional Solidarity among Lithuanian Emigrés

P 8: Social and National Values and Identities

Chair: Didzis Klavins

Almane Pakrijauskaite: Alcohol Consumption: Socio-Environmental Context and Identity of Male Gender

Artūras Tereškinas, Ieva Dryžaitė: From Working- to Middle-class Children: Parenting Values and Class Dispositions in Lithuania

Diana Kalnina: Correlation of National Cultural Values Defined by G. Hofstede with the Activity of the Latvian Population in the Public Sphere

Lilīta Zalkalns: The Self-image of Latvia: the Construction of Latvianness in the Creation of a Nation

SE - Special Events

SE 1: Writing Baltic History - Roundtable

Participants:

Daunis Auers, Karsten Brüggemann, Jörg Hackmann, Andres Kasekamp, Anu Mai Kõll, Vasilijus Safronovas, Ralph Tuchtenhagen

SE 2: Book Panel: Michael North: History of the Baltic (Polish edition)

Participants:

Alexander Drost, Jörg Hackmann, Miloš Režník

SE 3: Book Panel: Polish Livonia

Participants:

Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg, Bogusław Dybaś

SE 4: Book Panel: New Directions in First World War Studies

Participants:

Tomas Balkelis, Klaus Richter, Vasilijus Safronovas

SE 5: Multi-perspective Baltic History - Online Materials

Participants:

Jörg Hackmann, Christian Pletzing, NN

SE 6: Publishing in Academic Journals: Tips for Success

Madeleine Markey, Routledge

SE 7: Early Career Researchers Writing Workshop

Organised by Madeleine Markey, Routledge, and Matthew Kott, editor of the Journal of Baltic Studies

By application only. See the announcement on the CBSE website

SE 8: What Could a Psychoanalytic Perspective Contribute to Baltic Studies?

Ginta V. Remeikis, Paul Gedo

SE 9: Film: Enlightening Latvia

Documentary Film, Imants Ziedonis Museum, Latvia, 81 min

SE 10: Film: Proudly Shy: Lithuania in Photography 1988-2018

Documentary Film, Mindaugas Kavaliauskas, Lithuania 2018, 90 min