



The Global Baltics: The Next Twenty Years

***The 23rd biannual conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS)
University of Illinois at Chicago, 26-28 April, 2012.***

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(Unless otherwise noted, conference events will take place at the University of Illinois at Chicago in Student Center East, Level 3, 750 South Halsted Street, Chicago, IL. Please consult the conference notice board for program changes and other information.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012

8:00 – 11:30	AABS Board Meeting (<i>New and Old Boards</i>)	<i>Prairie Room</i>
10:00 – 17:00	Registration	<i>Student Center East Level 3, Lobby Area</i>
10:00 – 16:00	Refreshments	<i>Student Center East Level 3, Lobby Area</i>
12:00 – 17:00	Baltic Publications and Manuscripts Exhibit <i>From the collections of the Lithuanian Research and Studies Center, Chicago, IL</i>	<i>Cardinal Room Foyer</i>
12:00 – 12:50	Conference Opening & Opening Remarks	<i>UIC Forum, Level 2 (G,H,I) 725 East Roosevelt Road</i>

Welcome from **Giedrius Subačius** (2012 AABS Conference Chair), **Vėjas Liulevičius** (AABS President, 2010-2012); **Paula Allen-Meares** (Chancellor, UIC; her greetings will be read by William Walden, Special Assistant to the Provost for Diversity, UIC); **Astrida O. Tantillo** (Dean, Liberal Arts and Sciences, UIC); **Rosilie Hernández** (Director, School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics, UIC).

Letters of greeting from **Rahm I. Emanuel** (Mayor, City of Chicago) and **Pat Quinn** (Governor, Illinois).

Invitation to and short overview of the Baltic publications and manuscripts exhibit by **Robert A. Vitas** (*Chairman of the Board, Lithuanian Research and Studies Center, Chicago, IL*)

13:30-15:00

Plenary: Roundtable Panel
“The Baltic Countries in a Globalizing World:
The Next Twenty Years”
Moderator: **Bradley D. Woodworth** (*University of New Haven /
Yale University*) with panelists:

the Ambassadors to the United States-

Marina Kaljurand (*Estonia*)

Žygimantas Pavilionis (*Lithuania*)

Andrejs Pildegovičs (*Latvia*)

and

Benjamin Rhodes (*Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic
Communications and Speechwriting to the President of the USA*),
Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall (*Senior Director for European Affairs
National Security Council, The White House*).

(Sponsored by the Embassies of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and by AABS)

**UIC Forum, Level 2 (G,H I)
725 East Roosevelt Road**

15:30-17:00

Session I

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

1-1 HISTORY AND MEMORY I: History and Identity

Cardinal

Chair: **Thomas F. Broden** (*Purdue University*)

Discussant: **Andrejs Plakans** (*Iowa State University*)

Valter Lang (*University of Tartu*): Creating the Prehistoric and Historical Past and the
Formation of Modern Identity

Mara Lazda (*Bronx Community College of the City University of New York*): Memory of
the Latvian SS Voluntary Legion: The Personal, the Public, and the International

Vesa Vares (*University of Turku*): Controlling the Past through Cinema in the Baltic
Region

Linas Venclauskas (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Is Lithuanian Identity (Post)modern?

1-2 HISTORY AND MEMORY ROUNDTABLE: Why the Baltic States
in 1917-1921? : The Role of International Politics

Ft Dearborn

Chair: **Olavi Arens** (*Armstrong State University*), with panelists:

Karsten Brüggemann (*University of Tallinn*)

Louis Clerc (*University of Turku*)

Vējas Gabriel Liulevičius (*University of Tennessee*)

Eero Medijainen (*University of Tartu*)

1-3 LITERATURE I: Aspects of Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century
Baltic Literature

White Oak A

Chair: **Aija Poikāne-Daumke** (*University College of Economics and Culture, Riga*)

- Pauls Daija** (*University of Latvia*): The Popular Enlightenment in Motion: Or What It Meant to Write in Latvian in the 18th Century
- Žavinta Sidabraitė** (*Klaipėda University*): Kristijonas Donelaitis: In the Clutches of Stereotypes
- Māra Grudule** (*University of Latvia*): Light—Source, Meaning, Metaphor in Early Modern Poetry in Latvian
- Benedikts Kalnačs** (*University of Latvia*): Linking the Experiences: Aspects of Development of Latvian Literature in the 19th and the 21st centuries

1-4 LINGUISTICS I: Language History I

Chair: **Pēteris Vanags** (*University of Latvia / Stockholm University*)

White Oak B

- Aurelija Tamošiūnaitė** (*University of Illinois at Chicago*): Towards a New Approach of the History of Written Lithuanian.
- Pēteris Vanags** (*University of Latvia / Stockholm University*): The Moravian Church and the Dissemination of Written Latvian in 18th century Livonia.
- William Schmalstieg** (*Pennsylvania State University*): Some Comments on the Lithuanian *n* and *r* Stem Nouns.

1-5 POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LAW I:
Nationalism, Political Culture and International Development

Chair: **Daunis Auers** (*University of Latvia*)

Monarch

- Indra Ekmanis** (*University of Washington*): Reviving the Nation: Politics and Latvia's Nationalistic Youth
- Juris Rozenvalds** (*University of Latvia*): The Political Culture of Latvian Russian-Speakers in a Comparative Perspective
- Hilmar Hilmarsson** (*University of Akureyri, Iceland*): How can the Baltic States Increase the Impact of their International Development Cooperation?
- Daunis Auers** (*University of Latvia*): From Gripping to Governing: The Case of All for Latvia!

1-6 AESTHETICS, CREATIVITY, CULTURE I: Visual Art

Moderator: **Vilius Dundzila** (*Harry S Truman College, City Colleges of Chicago*)

Prairie

- Linara Dovydaitytė** (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Politicized, Neutral or Engaged? Approaches to Soviet Art in Lithuanian Art History
- Gundega Gailite** (*Latvian Academy of Arts*): Nationalism and Gender in Latvian Caricature (XIX c.-1940): A Case of 'Mother Latvia'
- Bart Pushaw** (*Indiana University*): Not For Every Dreamer: The Problems of Symbolist Art in Estonia and Latvia, 1890–1915

17:20-18:50

Session II

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2-1 ROUNDTABLE- Getting Published

Chair: **Terry D. Clark** (*Director of the Graduate, Program in*

Cardinal

*International Relations, Creighton University and Editor,
Journal of Baltic Studies*), with panelists-

Rasma Kārklīņa (*University of Latvia, and Professor Emerita, University of Illinois at Chicago*)
Žaneta Ozoliņa (*Professor of International Relations, University of Latvia*)
Stacey Davies (*Managing Editor, Routledge*)

2-2 HISTORY AND MEMORY II: Race, Ethnicity, and Minorities Issues
Chair: **Saulius Sužiedėlis** (*Millersville University*)
Discussant: **Andrejs Plakans** (*Iowa State University*)

Ft Dearborn

Björn Felder (*University of Göttingen*): “Who owns the soil should also sow”—Building the Racial State: Eugenics, Sterilization and Race in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania under Authoritarian Rule, 1934-1940

Anton Weiss-Wendt (*Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Religious Minorities, Oslo, Norway*): Ethnographic and Racial Studies in Nazi-Occupied Estonia

Jörg Hackmann (*University of Szczecin*): Werner Hasselblatt on Cultural Autonomy: A Forgotten Manuscript

2-3 LITERATURE II. Remembering the Past, Imagining the Future
Chair: **Daiva Markelis** (*Eastern Illinois University*)

White Oak A

Janis Chakars and **Katie Peel** (*Gwynedd-Mercy College*): War and Christmas: A Latvian Artifact and Children’s Literature

Ramunė K. Kubilius (*Northwestern University*): The Hundred Year Journey of the Journal *Ateitis* and the Road that Lies Ahead

Maire Jaanus (*Barnard College and Columbia Graduate School*): Memory and Catharsis in Ene Mihkelson, Sofi Oksanen, and W.G. Sebald

2-4 AESTHETICS, CREATIVITY, CULTURE II: Theatre and Cinema
Moderator: **Vilius Dundzila** (*Harry S Truman College, City Colleges of Chicago*)

White Oak B

Martynas Petrikas (*Vytautas Magnus University*): On the Politics of Memory: Remembering the Past in Contemporary Lithuanian Theatre

Jurgita Staniškytė (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Nothing Personal: Autobiographic Narratives and Fictional Memories in Post-Soviet Baltic Theatre

Renata Šukaitytė (*Lithuanian Culture Research Institute / Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theater*): Transcultural Strategies and Tendencies in Lithuanian Art Cinema

Edgaras Klivis (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Representations of the Soviet Regime in Contemporary Lithuanian Theatre: Towards Critical Memory

2-5 SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND DEMOGRAPHICS I: History, Modernity, and Collective Memory in the Baltic Countries
Chair/Discussant: **Mara Lazda** (*Bronx Community College, CUNY*)

Monarch

Li Bennich Bjorkman (*Uppsala University*): Estonian Communities in Canadian and Swedish Exile: The Formation of Collective Memories

Uku Lember (*Central European University*): Having a “Normal” Life in the ESSR:
Biographical Experiences of Inter-Ethnic Marriage Situations

Laura Ardava (*University of Latvia*): Commemoration of the *De Facto* Restoration of the
Independence of Latvia (1991–2011)

Daina S. Eglitis (*George Washington University*): Remembering and Forgetting in the
Latvian Post-Communist Historical Narrative: The Case of Latvian Women
Volunteers of the Red Army

19:00-21:00

Welcome Reception
Sponsored by the *Lituanus quarterly journal*

East Terrace

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Session III

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- 3-1 HISTORY AND MEMORY III: Security Issues and International Relations in the Interwar Period **Cardinal**
Chair: **Jörg Hackmann** (*University of Szczecin*):
Discussant: **Robert Smurr** (*Evergreen State College*)
- Fredrik Eriksson** (*Södertörn University, Sweden*): Security in the Baltic: Swedish Military Assessments of Finland, Estonia and Poland in the Interwar Period, 1920–1939
Piotr Wawrzeniuk (*Södertörn University, Sweden*): Friends in the North? Finnish and Estonian Defense Capability in the Reports of Polish Military Attachés in Helsinki and Tallinn/Riga 1919-1939
Jaak Valge (*Tallinn University*): Estonian “June Communists” and Western European Fellow Travelers
- 3-2 LITERATURE III: Latvian Literature **Ft. Dearborn**
Chair: **Māra Grudule** (*University of Latvia*)
- Viktorija Zelavska** (*University of Latvia*): Theatralization and Its Specific Manifestations in Latvian Modern Drama and Theater
Aija Poikāne-Daumke (*University College of Economics and Culture, Riga*): The Sense of Place in Latvian and American Latvian Literature
Ausma Cimdiņa (*University of Latvia*): Dissidence and Soviet Latvian Poetry: Continuity and Change
Zita Karkla (*University of Latvia*): Ilze Skipsnas’ Prose and Women’s Writing: Woman and Double Exile
- 3-3 ANTHROPOLOGY I: Identity Frontiers: Ethnicity, Alterity, and Selfhood **White Oak A**
Chair: **Jolanta Kuznecovienė** (*Vytautas Magnus University*)
Discussant: **Olavi Arens** (*Armstrong Atlantic State University*)

Rimantas Sliužinskas (*Klaipėda University*): The situation of the Polish Ethnic Minority in Contemporary Klaipėda: Problems of National Identity Preservation, Acculturation, and Assimilation

Ieva Kripienė (*Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas*): Mission of Lithuanian Transmigrants in New York: to Preserve or to Create Lithuanian Identity?

Loreta Martynėnaitė (*Lithuanian Institute of History*): The Floral Garden in the Contours of Woman's Self-Consciousness Expression

Jolanta Kuznecovienė (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Lithuanians outside Lithuania: practices and emotional resources of Lithuanian-ness

3-4 LINGUISTICS III: Language, Learning and Multilingualism I

Chair: **Ineta Dabašinskiėnė** (*Vytautas Magnus University*)

White Oak B

Victoria V. Kazakovskaya (*Russian Academy of Sciences*) and **Ingrida Balčiūnienė** (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Learning Language in a Context: Parental Contribution towards Early Language Acquisition

Birute Klaas-Lang (*University of Tartu*): Concerning the Vitality of Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian in Higher Education

Ineta Dabašinskiėnė (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Are there Perspectives for (Real) Multilingualism in Lithuania?

3-5 MUSICOLOGY I: Re-imagining Latvian and Estonian Musics

Chair: **Kevin C. Karnes** (*Emory University*)

Monarch

Ilze Šarkovska-Liepiņa (*University of Latvia, Institute of Literature, Folklore, and Art*): Some Recent Trends in Latvian Music: On the Boundaries between Paradigms

Triinu Ojamaa and **Julia Sulina** (*Estonian Literary Museum*): The Musical Event as a Potential Tool for Integration of Ethnic Groups in Estonia

Triin Vallaste (*Brown University*): "Good morning, my precious little Estonian on the other side of the speaker": Ethnolinguistic Nationalism and Estonian Hip-Hop

Nicholas Wallin (*Lake Forest University*): Estonians in St. Petersburg: Tobias, Kapp, Lemba, Elser

3-6 AESTHETICS, CREATIVITY, CULTURE III: Architecture and Culture

Moderator: **Vilius Dundzila** (*Harry S Truman College, City Colleges of Chicago*)

Prairie

Rita Peirumaa (*Estonian Academy of Arts*): Individual Houses by Standard Projects – Values from the Prospects of Cultural Heritage

Debra Raver (*Indiana University*): Lithuanian "Songweavers"

K. Paulius Zygas (*Arizona State University*): Architectural Reflections of Solomon's Temple and St. Peter's Basilica in St. Casimir's Royal Chapel in the Cathedral of Vilnius

Vilius Dundzila (*Harry S Truman College, City Colleges of Chicago*): Scouts and the Smetona Regime: National Ideologies and Cultural Symbolism

9:45-11:15

Session IV

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4-1 HISTORY AND MEMORY IV: Constructing the Specimen:
Learned Conceptions of Baltic “Peoples” in Long-Term Historical
Perspective

Chair: **Toivo Ü. Raun** (*Indiana University*)

Discussant: **Karsten Brüggemann** (*Tallinn University*)

Cardinal

Stefan Donecker (*University of Konstanz*): “A Wondrous Animal”:

Estonians and Latvians in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Scholarly Literature

Ralph Tuchtenhagen (*Humboldt University*): Baltic “Peoples” in European Enlightenment Thought

Mathias Niendorf (*Greifswald University, Germany*): Was there a “Lithuanian People” in
Early Modern Lithuania?

Konrad Maier (*Nordost-Institut, Lüneburg, Germany*): Intellectual Conceptions of Baltic
“Peoples” in Times of Cultural and National Awakening: The Case of Johann
Woldemar and Harry Janssen

4-2 ROUNDTABLE- Letters and Correspondences: Thresholds
of the Private and the Public

Chair: **Tiina Kirss** (*Tallinn University*) with participants:

Arvydas Pacevičius (*Vilnius University*)

Giedrius Subačius (*University of Illinois at Chicago*)

Aurelija Tamošiūnaitė (*University of Illinois at Chicago*)

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4-3 ANTHROPOLOGY II: Transparent Nations: Political and Economic
Cultures in the Global Baltics

Chair: **Agnese Cimdiņa** (*University of Latvia*)

Discussant: **Daina Eglītis** (*The George Washington University*)

White Oak A

Gediminas Lankauskas (*University of Regina, Canada*): On the “Survival Drama” at the
Bunker and Non-Nostalgic Memory of Socialism in Lithuania

Rima Praspaliauskienė (*University of California, Davis*): Transparency, Health Care and
the State in Contemporary Lithuania

Agnese Cimdiņa (*University of Latvia*): Development Strategies and Embeddedness of
Rural Life in Latvia.

4-4 POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LAW II:
The Political Economy of the Baltic States

Chair: **David Ost** (*Hobart and William Smith Colleges*)

White Oak B

Liutauras Gudžinskas (*Vilnius University*): Development of the Welfare State in the Baltic
Countries: Same Circumstances, Different Results

Nolwenn Léon (*University of Paris*): Geopolitics of Post-Soviet Transition: The Case of
the Retail Trade In Lithuania

Darius Furmonavičius (*Lithuanian Research Centre, Nottingham*): International
Dimension of the Restoration of the Right to Land in Lithuania

Andis Kudors (*Centre for East European Policy Studies, Latvia*): Latvia Between the Centers of
Gravitation of Soft Power – the USA and Russia

4-5 MUSICOLOGY II: Beyond "Baltic Music" **Monarch**
Chair: **Triinu Ojamaa** (*Estonian Literary Museum*)

Lisa Jakelski (*University of Rochester*): The Polish Connection: Lithuanian Music and the Warsaw Autumn Festival

Jeffers Engelhardt (*Amherst College*): Arvo Pärt in Digital Culture

Guntis Šmidchens (*University of Washington*): Was Singing Necessary?: A New Estonian National Epic

Kevin C. Karnes (*Emory University*): Latvian Music, Jewish Music

4-6 ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH **Prairie**
Chair / Discussant: **Robert Smurr** (*Evergreen State College*)

Marie-Alice L'Heureux (*University of Kansas*): Energy Consumption and the Built Environment: Estonia into the 2020s

Ivars Pavašars (*University of Latvia*): Environmentalism in Latvia: From Independence to Globalization

11:25-12:25 Conference Lunch and Address by AABS President (2012-2014) **Cardinal**
NOTE: The boxed lunch is included in the full conference registration fee.

Ain Haas (*Indiana University*): "Baltic Studies at the Crossroads"

12:25-12:55 Plenary Session **Cardinal**
Remarks on "The Unbreakable U.S.-Baltic Partnership"
Speaker: **Dick Durbin** (*U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois*)

13:00-14:00 Plenary Session- **Cardinal**
"Prelude to Baltic Linguistics: Baltic Languages and Nations in Renaissance Europe"
Speaker: **Pietro U. Dini** (*Università di Pisa*)

Moderator: **Giedrius Subačius** (*University of Illinois at Chicago*)

14:15-15:45

Session V

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

5-1 BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS ROUNDTABLE- **Cardinal**
Baltic Responses to the Financial Crisis: An Assessment of the Internal Devaluation Strategies of Estonia and Latvia
Chair: **Kenneth Smith** (*Millersville University*) with participants:

Raul Eamets (*Tartu University*)

Morten Hansen (*Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia*)

Alf Vanags (*Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies, Riga, Latvia*)

5-2 HISTORY AND MEMORY V: Baltic Émigrés and Politics
Chair/Discussant: **Andres Kasekamp** (*University of Tartu*)

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Glenn Kranking (*Gustavus Adolphus College*): Leaving the USSR: Ethnic Swedish Attempts at Legal Emigration from Soviet-Controlled Estonia, 1940-1941

Pauli Heikkilä (*University of Tartu*): Four Baltic Proposals for European Unification in World War II

Erik Reis Godliauskas Zen (*University of São Paulo*): Fighting Against Fascism: Lithuanian Organizations in the Americas and the Spanish Civil War

Lars Fredrik Stöcker (*European University Institute, Florence, Italy*): The Swedish Connection: Transnational Networks and Communication between the Democratic Opposition in Soviet Estonia and the Estonian Exile Community during the 1980s

5-3 LITERATURE IV: Contemporary Lithuanian Writing
Chair: **Daiva Markelis** (*Eastern Illinois University*)

White Oak A

Tiina Kattel (*University of Tartu*): Trends in the Lithuanian Contemporary Novel (1989-2010)

Violeta Kelertas (*University of Washington*): Ričardas Gavelis's Women

Daiva Litvinskaitė (*Institute of Lithuanian Language, Vilnius*): The Newest Literary Trends in Contemporary Lithuanian Women's Prose

5-4 ADVANCING BALTIC STUDIES: The Study and Teaching of Baltic Studies
Chair / Discussant: **Ain Haas** (*Indiana University, Indianapolis*)

White Oak B

Joseph Michael Ellis (*Wingate University*): How to You Teach American Undergraduates about Estonia?

Maira Bundza (*Western Michigan University*): Where Can One Study Baltic Communities in North America? The State of Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian Libraries, Archives, and Museums Today

Sonoko Shima (*Showa Women's University*): The State of Baltic Studies in Japan

5-5 MINORITIES AND ETHNICITY IN THE BALTICS I:
Polish Lithuania: Past, Present, and Future
Chair: **Laimonas Briedis** (*Vilnius University*)

Monarch

Mindaugas Sapoka (*University of Aberdeen*): The Negotiation on the 1717 "Silent" Diet's Constitutions (November 1716-January 1717): The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth between the Golden Freedom and the Ministerial Reform

Vida Savoniakaitė (*Lithuanian History Institute*): Ethnicity in the Global Baltics: Lithuanians on the Polish Border Regions

Giedrius Janauskas (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Past, Present and Future Perspectives: The Poles in Lithuania 1938 and 2011

Algimantas Gureckas (*Independent scholar, Germantown, Maryland, USA*): Integration

16:00-17:30

Session VI

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

- 6-1 HISTORY AND MEMORY VI: Identity and History in Lithuania: Searches, Assertions, Contestations **Cardinal**
Chair/Discussant: **Bradley D. Woodworth** (*University of New Haven / Yale University*)
Jolita Steponaitienė (*Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania / Vilnius University*): Manuscript Documents of the Late Nineteenth Century and Early Twentieth Century—Sources for Historical Research
Hisashi Shigematsu (*University of Tokyo*): Anti-Semitism in Lithuania in the Late 1930s: An Analysis of *Verslas*, a Weekly Newspaper of Lithuanian Merchants and Industrialists
Ina Navazelskis (*US Holocaust Memorial Museum*): The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Oral History Archives: Excerpts from Testimonies about the Holocaust in Lithuania
Thomas F. Broden (*Purdue University*): Greimas (1917-1992) as Schizophrenic: The Lithuanian Publications
- 6-2 ROUNDTABLE- Baltic Focused Graduate Research Opportunities and Challenges **Ft Dearborn**
Chair: **Amanda Swain** (*Doctoral candidate, University of Washington*) with participants:
Jordan Kuck (*Doctoral candidate, University of Tennessee, Knoxville*)
Delaney Michael Skerrett (*Doctoral candidate, University of Queensland / Lecturer, University of Tartu*).
- 6-3 POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LAW III:- **White Oak A**
International Politics of the Baltic Sea Region –
Chair: **Žaneta Ozoliņa** (*University of Latvia*)
Jan Nalaskowski (*Old Dominion University*) – Is the Baltic Sea Region the Achilles Heel of NATO?
Ginta T. Palubinskas (*George Mason University*) – Baltic Energy Security: Tapping into the Middle East and North Africa to Create a Strategic Balance between Domestic, Regional and International Energy Resources
Jaroslav Wisniewski (*Kings College London*) – The Geopolitics of Energy in the Baltic Sea
Kristina Baubinaite (*Mykolas Romeris University*) – The Preconditions of the Grand Strategy in Lithuania
- 6-4 SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND DEMOGRAPHICS II: **White Oak B**
Society, Economy, and Social Change in Post-Communism
Chair: **Bjorn Ingvoldstad** (*Bridgewater State University*)
Vaida Obelene (*Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Sweden*): Do their Communist

Lives Count? The Relevance of Communist Functionaries During and After Communism
Algė Šuliakaitė (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Lithuanians' Attitudes toward Internet Infidelity
Monika Gonser (*University of Osnabrück, Germany*): Enterprise Level Industrial
 Relations in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania: An Empirical Analysis
Gunta Darbiņa (*Rīga Stradiņš University*): A House in the Post-Socialist Suburb as
 Consumption of Status at Heterotopias

6-5 MINORITIES AND ETHNICITY IN THE BALTICS II: Categorization
 of Identity in the Baltics
Chair: Jörg Hackmann (*University of Szczecin*)

Monarch

Olga Cara (*University College, London*): Ethnic Categorization in Latvia
David J. Trimbach (*University of Kansas*): Scales of Estonian Citizenship: Implications for
 Russophone Political Incorporation
Martin Ehala (*University of Tartu*): Ethnic Identity Processes in the Baltic States

6-6 GENDER : Women`s Time, Women`s Place in Global Baltic Contexts
 Chair/Discussant: **Tiina Kirss** (*Tallinn University*)

Prairie

Laima Kreivytė (*Vilnius Academy of Arts / European Humanities University*):
 “Women`s Time in the Museum: Archives, Exhibition, Intervention. A
 Case Study of the First Feminist Exhibition on Sculpture and Film in Lithuania.”
Raili Marling. (*Tartu University*): „Masculinity in Estonian Public Discourse:
 Perpetual Crisis?”
Irēne Elsknis-Geisler (*Grand Valley State University*): Negotiating Nation, Locality, and
 Gender in Exile: Latvian Refugees and Deportees 1940-1953
Mirjam Hinrikus (*Under-Tuglas Centre for Literary Research, Tallinn, Estonia*): On the Masculinity
 Crisis in the Literary Works of A. H. Tammsaare: *The Master of Kõrboja* (1922)

17:40-18:50 AABS Membership Meeting
 Includes: **Student Awards Presentation**

Cardinal

18:50-19:30 Break (*on your own*)

19:30-21:00 Evening Program- Music Concert

East Terrace

- *American Latvian Men`s Choir* (**Mara Varpa**, Director)
- *“Dainava” Lithuanian Men`s Ensemble* (**Darius Polikaitis**, Director)

21:30- Graduate Students' Social and Networking Event
NOTE: Meet at La Taberna Tapas
 1301 S. Halsted Chicago, IL 60607, tel (312) 243-9980.

see note

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Session VI

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- 7-1 LITERATURE V: Memory, Identity, Imagination **Cardinal**
Chair: **Daiva Markelis** (*Eastern Illinois University*)
- Karl Jirgens** (*University of Windsor*): Excluded Histories; Why the Gulag Will Not Die
Laimonas Briedis (*Vilnius University*): Maps of Imagination: the Poetic Reality of
Vilnius
Marin Laak (*Estonian Literary Museum*): The Two Bodies of Kalevipoeg: The National
Epic as the Core Text of National Identity
Gint Aras (*Morton College*): Writing the Moon in Sugar
- 7-2 HISTORY AND MEMORY VII: Nationalization of Space and Society **Ft Dearborn**
Chair / Discussant: **Peter Haslinger** (*Herder Institute, Germany*)
- Tomaš Nenartovič** (*Herder Institute, Germany*): Territorial Concepts and Geopolitics in
Northeastern Europe 1890-1939
Per Bolin (*Södertörn University, Sweden*): Creating National Universities in Latvia and
Lithuania, 1919-1925
Vytautas Petronis (*Herder Institute, Germany*): Aspects of the Emergence and
Transformation of the Early Lithuanian Far Right Movement (1922-1927)
Jordan T. Kuck (*University of Tennessee*): The Five Year Achievement Exhibitions of
“Renewed” Latvia: Mazpulki Members’ Responses to the Ideology of the Kārlis Ulmanis Regime
- 7-3 LINGUISTICS IV: Language, Learning and Multilingualism II **White Oak A**
Chair: **Delaney Michael Skerrett** (*University of Queensland*)
- Regina Kvašytė** (*Šiauliai University*): Proper Names of Foreign Languages: Perspectives
of Conveying in Latvian and Lithuanian
Jurgita Vaičenonienė (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Lithuanian Literature in English: A
Corpus-Based Approach towards Translation of Author-Specific Neologisms
Lina Murinienė (*Vilnius Pedagogical University*): Pronunciation Problems in

Standard Lithuanian: An Experimental Study of the Consonant [j] and the Vowel [i] in International Words

- 7-4 POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IV:
Civil Society, Participation and Corruption in the Baltic States
Chair: **Juris Rozenvalds** (*University of Latvia*)

White Oak B

David Ost (*Hobart and William Smith Colleges*): Weak Unions and National Politics in the Baltics

Rasma Kārklīņa (*University of Illinois at Chicago*): Informal and Formal Civil Society: Latvia's Countryside

Sigita Urdze (*Technical University of Darmstadt*): Explaining Corruption in the Baltic States

Žaneta Ozoliņa (*University of Latvia*): Human Security in Latvia: Perceptions of the Russian Community

- 7-5 EDUCATION I: Learning the Language, Learning the Place:
Exploring and Adapting Curricula
Chair: **Andrejs Kulnieks** (*Nipissing University*)

Monarch

Vilija Salienė (*Vilnius Pedagogical University*): Development of Didactics for Cultivation of the Lithuanian Language

Paulis Lazda (*University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire*): The Baltic and East Europe at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: Past, Present and Future

Andrejs Kulnieks (*Nipissing University*): Landscape as Archive: A Critical Analysis of Science and Language Arts Curricula

- 7-6 COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA: Media in the Baltics:
Design, Film, Food and Education
Chair / Discussant: **Andris Straumanis** (*University of Wisconsin-River Falls*)

Prairie

Bjorn Ingvoldstad (*Bridgewater State University*): Jonas Mekas: OV (Original Vlogger)

Roosmarii Kurvits (*University of Tartu*): Three Visualization Waves in Estonian Newspapers: Past, Present and Future

Bart Pushaw (*Indiana University*) and **Kristina Lupp** (*University of Adelaide*):
“Deliberately Unattractive”: Food in Soviet Estonian Visual Culture

Kristina Juraitė (*Vytautas Magnus University*) and **Eric Freedman** (*Michigan State University*): Journalism Education in a Changing Lithuania: Challenges Twenty Years after the Restoration of Independence

- 7-7 HISTORY AND MEMORY VIII: Post-World War I U.S. and French Policy toward the Baltic States
Chair / Discussant: **Mel Huang** (*Independent scholar, USA*)

Illinois A

Louis Clerc (*University of Turku*): Mediation and Intervention in the Back of Beyond:

France and the Eastern Baltic in 1917-1920

Olavi Arens (*Armstrong State University*): Herbert Hoover and the Politics of Food Relief to the Baltic States in 1919

Eero Medijainen (*University of Tartu*): Early U.S. Listening Posts in the Baltic States, 1919-1922

10:20-11:50

Session VIII

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

8-1 ANTHROPOLOGY III: Baltic Departures: Community, Identity, and the Nation-State

Cardinal

Chair: **Dace Dzenovska** (*University of Latvia*)

Discussant: **Rima Praspaliauskienė** (*University of California, Davis*)

Auksuolė Čepaitienė (*Lithuanian Institute of History*): Kinship and Neighbourhood: Two Rival and Mutually Enhancing Categories of Social Organisation in Lithuania

Neringa Klumbytė (*Miami University, Ohio*): The Politics of Exception: The Life of Beggar Rose, the Vilnius Queen

Vytis Čiubrinskas (*Vytautas Magnus University*): The Discipline of Sociocultural Anthropology vis-à-vis Politics of Identity in Lithuania

Dace Dzenovska (*University of Latvia*): On Emptiness and the Importance of Maintaining Life

8-2 HISTORY AND MEMORY IX : Baltic Émigrés and Cultural Heritage

Ft Dearborn

Chair: **Vėjas Gabriel Liulevičius** (*University of Tennessee*)

Discussant: **Anu Mai Kõll** (*Södertörn University*)

Andris Straumanis (*University of Wisconsin-River Falls*): The Homeland Does Not Forget You: The Latvian Cultural Promotion and Aid Society for Latvians Abroad, 1924-1928

Jonathan H. L'Hommedieu (*Armstrong Atlantic State University*): The Politics of Contact: The Émigré Debate over Cultural Exchanges and the American Leningrad Consulate

Piret Noorhani (*VEMU/Estonian Studies Center, Estonia*): Cultural Heritage of the Estonian Diaspora: Keeping History Alive

Iivi Zájedová (*Tallinn University/ Estonian Literary Museum/ visiting lecturer- Charles University of Prague*): Maintaining Estonian Culture through Performances at Major Cultural Events

8-3 LINGUISTICS V: Language, Learning and Multilingualism III

White Oak A

Chair: **Piibi-Kai Kivik** (*Indiana University, Bloomington*)

Delaney Michael Skerrett (*University of Queensland*): Practices of Inclusion and Exclusion: Perspectives on Equitable Futures in Estonian Language Policy

Giedrius Tamaševičius (*Institute of Lithuanian Language, Vilnius*): Devotion to the Native Tongue: A Short Story of the Linguistic Nationalism in Lithuania

Piibi-Kai Kivik (*Indiana University, Bloomington*): "You Should Hear us Speak Among

Ourselves!" : American Estonian Speakers' Attention to their own Speech

Anastassia Zabrodskaja (*University of Tartu / Tallinn University*): Russian-Estonian
Bi-Directional Transfer

8-4 SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND DEMOGRAPHICS III:
New Forms of Exchange and Mobility – New Images of Region and Space
in the Baltic Sea Region
Chair: **Michael North** (*University of Greifswald, Germany*)
Discussant: **Mel Huang** (*Independent scholar, USA*)

White Oak B

Jan-Henrik Nilsson (*Lund University*): Aeromobility in the Baltic Sea Region
Stefan Ewert (*University of Greifswald, Germany*): Academic Mobility within University
Tiit Pädam (*Uppsala University*): Exchange in the Baltic Sea Region Evangelisation vs.
Secularisation in the Baltic Sea Region
Manfred Bornewasser and **Stefanie Otte** (*University of Greifswald, Germany*): Cross-border Health Care
Mobility in Border Regions of the Baltic Sea

8-5 EDUCATION II: Adults as Learners and Teachers
Chair: **Aušra Rutkienė** (*Vytautas Magnus University*)
Discussant : **Saulius Sužiedėlis** (*Millersville University*)

Monarch

Leta Dromantienė and Irena Žemaitaitytė (*Mykolas Romeris University*): Lifelong Learning
in Lithuania: The Attitudes of Adult Learners and Employers
Patricia A. Cholewka (*New York City College of Technology, CUNY*): The Future of the
Lithuanian Healthcare System: Provider Education and System Innovation
Aušra Rutkienė (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Professional Development of Adult
Teachers in the Baltic States
Ellen Cassedy (*Independent scholar, USA*): "To Transform Ourselves": Current Lithuanian
Educational and Memorial Approaches to the Holocaust

8-6 BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS I: Baltic Business Issues
Chair: **Morten Hansen** (*Stockholm School of Economics, Riga, Latvia*)

Prairie

Brent McKenzie (*University of Guelph*): What's in a Name? Country Branding in
Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania
Randy Richards (*St. Ambrose University*): Views of the Market: A Cross-Cultural
Comparison
Janis Zvīgulis (*Riga International School of Economics and Business Administration*):
Investment in Latvia: Impact Analysis

8-7 HISTORY AND MEMORY X: The Cold War
Chair: **Karsten Brüggemann** (*Tallinn University*)
Discussant: **Bradley D. Woodworth** (*University of New Haven / Yale University*)

Illinois A

Leo Jansons (*University of Latvia*): The Baltic Question in the Structure of Cold War
Axiology and Metageography: The American Perspective of the 1950s
Ivo Juurvee (*University of Tartu*): KGB Use of the Soviet Film Industry: The Spy Movie

The White Boat (Tallinnfilm, 1970)

Una Bergmane (*Sciences Po Paris/Fox Fellow at Yale University*): The Baltic Question in USSR-USA Relations, 1989-1991

8-8 LITERATURE VI: Modernism, Postmodernism, and After:
Current Field Lines in Estonian Literary Culture
Chair: **Tiit Hennoste** (*University of Tartu*)

Illinois B

Tiit Hennoste (*University of Tartu*): The Avant-Garde in the Market Square

Virve Sarapik (*Estonian Literary Museum / Estonian Academy of Arts*): The 1990s and After: Migrations of Theories

Piret Viies (*Tallinn University / Estonian Literary Museum*): Estonian Literature After Postmodernism: The Challenge of "New Sincerity"

Priit Kruus (*Tallinn University*): New Sincerity versus Postmodernist Skepticism: Traces of Hipsterdom in Contemporary Estonian Literature

11:50-12:50 Lunch Break (*on your own*)

12:50-14:20

SESSION IX

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

9-1 ROUNDTABLE- Baltic History and Memory in Postsocialist and Postcolonial Europe
Chair/Participant: **Neringa Klumbytė** (*Miami University, Ohio*) with:

Dace Dzenovska (*University of Latvia*)

Gediminas Lankauskas (*University of Regina, Canada*)

Uku Lember (*Central European University*)

Cardinal

9-2 HISTORY AND MEMORY XI: Soviet Occupation and Terror
Chair/Discussant: **Paulis Lazda** (*University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire*)

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Anu Mai Kõll (*Södertörn University, Sweden*); Terror and Collectivization in 1929-32 and 1947-49: A Contextualization

Meelis Saueaak (*University of Tartu*): Stalinist-Era Policies of Repression and Mass Arrests in the Baltic Countries, 1944-1945: The Case of Estonia

Ardi Sillaberg (*University of Tartu*): County-Level Operative Groups and the Occupation of Estonia of 1944

9-3 LINGUISTICS VI: Language Structure
Chair: **Dzintra Bond** (*Ohio University*)

White Oak A

Loreta Vaicekauskienė (*The Institute of Lithuanian Language, Vilnius*): Overt and Covert

Hierarchisation of Standard-Dialect Varieties in the Lithuanian Speech
Community

Violeta Kalėdaitė (*Vytautas Magnus University*): Interpretation of a 'Petrified Negative Construction' in Lithuanian

Liene Kalviša (*University of Latvia*): The Verbs of Speech as Grammatical Markers of Evidentiality in Latvian

Andrejs Veisbergs (*University of Latvia*): Semantic Change in Latvian under the Influence of English

9-4 POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS V: West and East and the Baltic States –
Chair: **Rasma Kārklīņa** (*University of Illinois at Chicago*)

White Oak B

Ilze Garoza (*American Latvian Association*): 60 years after the Establishment of the American Latvian Association: A Search for a New Mission

Jennie L. Schulze (*Duquesne University*): The Consequences of Playing the Compatriot Card: The Influence of Russia's Activism on Elite Attitudes in Estonia and Latvia

Rita P. Peters (*Harvard University*): The Diaspora-Kinstate Phenomenon and Controversies Over Soviet Era History in the Baltic States

Karl Altau (*JBANC*): A Half Century of Baltic Activism in the United States: JBANC at 50

9-5 SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, AND DEMOGRAPHICS IV: Identity, Ethnicity, and Belonging in Baltic Modernity
Chair/Discussant: **Li Bennich-Björkman** (*Uppsala University*)

Monarch

Ausra Bremner (*De Montfort University, Leicester, UK*): The Interplay of Life Styles and Culture: Lithuanian Migrants in the UK

Denis Gruber (*St. Petersburg State University, Russia*): Living as an Alien: Self-Exclusion of Ethnic Russian Stateless Persons in Estonia

Sergei Kruk (*Rīga Stradiņš University*): Is the State like a Museum of Ethnography? A Critique of Latvian Programmes of Integration

Andrius Marcinkevičius (*Lithuanian Social Research Center, Lithuania*): Russians in Soviet Lithuania: Rethinking Stereotypes after Twenty Years of Independence

9-6 BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS II: Baltic Economic Issues
Chair: **Alf Vanags** (*Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies, Riga, Latvia*)

Prairie

Rünno Lumiste (*University of Technology, Estonia*); **Robert Pefferly** (*Estonian Business School*), and **Alari Purju** (*University of Technology, Estonia*): Estonia's Economic Development and the Role of External Anchors

Robert Elder (*Beloit College*): "Economically Advantageous" Public Works Tenders as Strategic Complements with Private Sector Investment Projects

Kenneth Smith (*Millersville University*), **Daunis Auers** (*University of Latvia*), and **Toms Rostoks** (*University of Latvia*): Financial Support and Student Labor Force Participation in Post-Soviet Latvia

Viktor Trasberg (*University of Tartu*): Taxes and the Business Cycle in the Baltic Countries during the Last Decade

9-7 HISTORY AND MEMORY XII: Time Frictions: History, Heritage, and Identity

Illinois A

Chair: **Vytis Čiubrinskas** (*Vytautas Magnus University*)

Discussant: **Vytautas Petronis** (*Herder Institute, Germany*)

Arvydas Pacevičius (*Vilnius University*): Egodocumental Heritage of Lithuania: New Trends for Research

Aldona Lingertat (*St. John's Seminary, Brighton, MA*): Telling the Stories, Inspiring the Next Generation: Faith Formation of Lithuanian Youth in US/Canada

Nancy L. Heingartner (*University of Wisconsin-Madison*): My Grandparents' Kaunas: Searching for the 1920's in 2010

9-8 LITERATURE VII: Literary Translation

Illinois B

Chair: **Laimonas Briedis** (*Vilnius University*)

Aile Tooming (*Tallinn University*): The Reception of *U*ku Masing's Translations

Dalia Staponkute (*University of Cyprus*): Silent Languages of Alphonso Lingis or Dangerous Translations

Elizabeth Novickas (*Independent scholar, USA*): Textual Problems in Translating Petras Cvirka's *Frank Kruk*

14:40-16:10

An Afternoon with Baltic Writers

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Moderator: **Violeta Kelertas** with participants:

Karl Jirgens, Daiva Markelis, Birutė Putrius Serota, Antanas Šileika

16:30-17:30

Plenary Session

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"The Economic Crisis in Latvia: A Success Story?"

Speaker: **Vjačeslavs Dombrovskis** (*Member of Latvia's Parliament*)

Moderator: **Alf Vanags** (*Director of the Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies (BICEPS)*)

18:30-21:00

Conference Dinner

Parthenon Restaurant

NOTE: Pre-registration is required.

314 South Halsted Street

Program: Excerpt of the play, "One Lithuanian Guy"

Solo performance by author, director and actor, **Kęstutis Nakas**

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012

Optional Post-Conference Walking Tour-- **Tour begins at 10:00 am**

Meeting place:

Lobby of the Santa Fe Building,

224 South Michigan Avenue.

***NOTE:** Pre-registration and confirmation is required.*