

THE BALTIC FORUM – 2005
PROGRAMME OF THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
May 27 – 28, 2005

Reval Hotel Latvia
55 Elizabetes Str., Riga

**THE LARGE EUROPE OF THE 21ST CENTURY:
COMMON CHALLENGES? COMMON VALUES?**

Friday, May 27, 2005

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening of the conference. A salutatory word by the guests of honour**

10:30 – 12:00 **Audit of democracy: 15 years of democratic transformation of the post-Soviet space. Common goals, common paths?**

Moderators:

Abram KLECKIN and Juris ROZENVALDS

Speakers:

*Democratic Audit for Latvia: Presentation of the Results of the Research Project by the Institute for Social and Political Research, the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia, Prof. **Juris ROZENVALDS**, University of Latvia (Latvia)*

*The Problems of Democratic Development, **Sergey KARAGANOV**, Chairman of Russia's Council on Foreign and Defense Policy, Deputy Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)*

Dimitri SIMES, president of the Nixon Centre (USA)

*Latvian Democracy in the European Context, Prof. **Brigita ZEPA**, University of Latvia, Director of the Baltic Institute of Social Sciences (Latvia)*

*Democracy and Security, **Sergey OZNOBISCHEV**, Director of the Institute of Strategic Studies, Vice-president of the Russian-American Association (Russia)*

*Citizenship and the Nation, **Ilze BRANDS-KEHRIS**, Director of the Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies (Latvia)*

*15 Years: Children Diseases and Adolescent Inferiority Complexes of the Post-Soviet Democracies, **Aleksey SALMIN**, President of the Russian Public Policy Center*

*The Specifics of Democratic Transformations in Latvia, Russia, and Poland, Prof. **Vladimir MENSHIKOV**, University of Daugavpils (Latvia)*

*A Democratic Transformation? The Relationship Between the Ends and the Means, **Zalman KATZ**, Member of the Board of the Baltic Forum (Latvia)*

Prof. Abram KLECKIN, University of Latvia, (Latvia)

12:00 – 12:20 ***Coffee break***

12:20 – 14:00 **Presentations continued, discussion**

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14:00 – 15:00

Dinner

15:00 – 16:20

The new EU countries between economic growth and social investment. A common European welfare model: a way to sustainable development of the EU?

Moderators:

Victor MAKAROV and Eldar MAMEDOV

Speakers:

A Human-Centered Growth Model: Investments in Human Capital and Sustainable Development, **Edvīns KARNĪTIS**, Public Utilities Commission (Latvia)

The European Constitution as a Framework for Promotion of European Values, **Carlos CLOSA MONTERO**, Research Director, Center for Political and Constitutional Studies, Madrid

Europeans: Common Values Across Cultures, Prof. **Charis XIROUCHAKIS**, Council of the European Union (Greece / Brussels)

The Outlooks for Economic Growth in the Eastern Part of the Baltic Sea Region, **Leonid GRIGORIEV**, President of the Institute of Energy and Finances, President of the Association of the Independent Centers for Economic Analysis, Dean of the Faculty of Management, the International University, Moscow (Russia)

The Knowledge-based Welfare Society: An Alternative Socio-economic Strategy for Latvia, **Victor MAKAROV**, Research Fellow, *Baltic Forum*, (Latvia/Denmark)

The Role of the New EU Member States in the EU Strategy Towards Russia, **Nadia ARBATOVA**, Head of the Department on European Political Studies at the Center for European Integration, Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Head of Research Programs, "Russia in the United Europe" Committee Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)

Vladimir AVERCHEV, Research Director, British Petroleum (Russia)

The Political Consequences of the Social Alienation in the Lithuanian Countryside, **Romualdas POVILAITIS**, Head of the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Institute of Rural Culture, Kaunas (Lithuania)

The Effectiveness of Use of Human Capital in the "Old" and "New" EU Member States, Prof. **Andrey NIKOLAYEV**, University of Daugavpils, (Latvia)

The Economic and Social Content of "Social Market Economy", Prof. **Herbert SCHUL**, University of Politics and Economy, Hamburg, (Germany)

Future Economic Growth in the European Union: Lessons from the New Member States, **Morten HANSEN**, Visiting lecturer at EuroFaculty, University of Latvia, Stockholm School of Economics (Latvia/Denmark)

Criteria for a "Decent" Living Standard, Svetlana Saksonova and **Irina SOLOVYEVA**, Department of Economics, University of Latvia (Latvia)

Which way to Prosperity for Central Europe: Common European Welfare System or Tax Competition?, **Eldar MAMEDOV**, *Baltic Forum* researcher (Latvia/Spain)

16:20 – 16:40

Coffee break

16:40 – 18:00

Presentations continued, discussion

Moderators:

Tanya BOGUSHEVICH and Vladimir AVERCHEV

18:30 – 19:30 Presentation of the book „*In Search of Europe. Dialogues*”, by Zalman KATZ

Saturday, May 28, 2005

09:00 – 11:00 Europe from Lisbon to ...? The EU and its Eastern neighbours in the emerging common political, economic, social, and humanitarian space

Moderators:

Viktor SIPERKOVSKIY and Wojciech KOSIEDOWSKI

Speakers:

An Audit of the Trade and Logistical Support in the Baltic Countries, Prof. Lauri OJALA, Tapio NAULA and Torsten HOFFMANN, Turku School of Economics and Business Administration (Finland)

Major Factors Influencing the Development of the Latvian Economy, Alf VANAGS, Director of the Baltic International Centre for Economic Policy Studies (Latvia)

Latvia's International Role, Helmut SONNENFELDT, Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution, Washington, former member of the National Security Council of the Administration of President R. Nixon, in charge of European affairs (USA)

Two Models of a Common Europe, Andrey KLIMOV, Chairman of the State Duma Subcommittee for Regional Policies and Interregional Affairs (Russia)

Transitions and the Development of Transnational and Transborder Economic Cooperation in the North-Eastern Part of the EU, Prof. Wojciech KOSIEDOWSKI, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun (Poland)

Regional Co-operation: Trends and Optimal Forms, Dr. Vladimir YELSUKOV, Economic Advisor to the Byelorussian Confederation of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (Byelorussia)

Changes in the Territorial Economy of the EU Countries Caused by the International Integration and Restructuring of the Logistical and Informational Systems, Prof. Igor KABASHKIN, Vice Rector of the Transport and Telecommunications, Corresponding member of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, (Latvia)

The Possibilities for Socio-economic Development in Latvia as an EU Member State: Problems and Solutions, Prof. Elena DUBRA, University of Latvia (Latvia)

European Integration in the Higher Education: The Potential for Cooperation between Russian and Latvian Universities, Marina LEBEDEVA, Head of the Department of International Politics, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (Russia)

Nil USHAKOV, Member of the Board of the *Baltic Forum* (Latvia)

Viktor SIPERKOVSKIY, Member of the Board of the *Baltic Forum* (Latvia)

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 13:30 Presentations continued, discussion

Moderators:

Janis URBANOVICS and Sergey KARAGANOV

13:30 – 14:00 Summing up the results of the conference