







Regional Workshop for Stakeholders

"Integrity and diversity: Interplay of ethnic and cultural identities in North-Eastern Europe"

26 - 27 May 2011, in Riga, Latvia

Registration until 18 May 2011 at oberthaler@ihs.ac.at

Co-organizers:

ENRI-East project, Baltic Institute for Social Sciences (BISS, Latvia), Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies (Germany), Institute for Ethnology and Anthropology (RAS)

Agenda

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Thursday, 26 May 2011: Working Day 1

09:30 Registration and coffee, posters and publications exhibition

10:00 Welcome & greetings

H.E. Ambassador Hermine Poppeller, Austrian Ambassador to Latvia **Oksana Žabko**, Baltic Institute of Social Sciences

10:30 **Session 1**

Research into identities and integration in Central and Eastern Europe: Introduction into international research projects "ENRI-East" (FP7-SSH) and "Promotion of integration in Latvia" (Berghof Foundation)

Moderator: Prof. Hans-Georg Heinrich

- Overview of ENRI-East as a pilot regional cross-cultural study: research design and main outcomes of the project (Dr. Alexander Chvorostov)
- Overview of empirical program of ENRI-East: surveys, qualitative studies, data bases
 (Dr. Natalia Waechter)
- The historical path of national minority identities in Eastern European Bordelands in 20th century (Tom Rollings, Elisabeth Schimpfössl)
- Overview of a project on conflict transformation in Latvia (Dr. Mara Ustinova)
- · Questions & answers, general discussions

12:30 Lunch

13:30 **Session 2:**

Poland, Belarus and Lithuania: exchanged ethnic minorities and interplay of regional and national identities

Moderator: Dr. Mara Ustinova

- The Polish Minority in Belarus (Oksana Ivaniuto, Natalia Veremeeva)
- The Ukrainian and Belarusian Minorities in Poland (Ilona Matysiak)
- The Belarusian and Polish Minorities in Lithuania (Prof. Arvydas Matulionis, Dr. Vida Beresnevičiūtė, Dr. Kristina Šliavaitė, Dr. Viktorija Žilinskaitė)
- Questions & answers, general discussions

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Session 3:**

The impact of post-soviet transformations: Interplay of flexible ethno-cultural boundaries and newly formed diasporas and the related socio-political challenges

Moderator: Dr. Alexander Chvorostov

- Identity Formation and Integration Prospects of Ethnic German and Jewish Immigrants from NIS countries in Germany (Dr. Barbara Dietz)
- Russians in Baltic countries: an outlook from inside (presentation of a sociological study and a forthcoming book) (Prof. Alexander Gaponenko)
- Will Russia become a Muslim Society? (presentation of a book and a chapter on a case study of Chechen refugees in Austria) (Prof. Hans-Georg Heinrich)
- · Questions & answers, general discussions

Friday, 27 May 2011: Working Day 2

09:30 Registration and coffee, posters and publications exhibition

10:00 Session 4:

Ethnic diversity in the Baltic region: Issues of integration, disintegration and adaptation

Moderator: Oksana Žabko

- The Russian Minority in Lithuania (Prof. Arvydas Matulionis, Dr. Vida Beresnevičiūtė, Dr. Kristina Šliavaitė)
- The Lithuanian Minority in Russia (Kaliningrad Region) (Prof. Sergey Tumanov)
- The Russian Minority in Latvia (Dr. Vida Beresenvičiūtė, Dr. Kristina Šliavaitė)
- Promoting Integration in Latvia: Differences and similarities of interests and goals of different ethno-linguistic groups (outcomes of a series of expert interviews) (Dr. Mara Ustinova)
- Questions & answers, general discussions

12:00 Coffee break

12:30 **Session 5 OPEN PANEL DISCUSSION:**

Multiculturalism and integration in post-socialist Eastern Europe: what's wrong, what's right with these ideologies and practices?

Questions to discussants:

- 1. Why the discussion on "failure of multiculturalism" in Europe? What relevance does this debate have for post-socialist Central Eastern Europe?
- 2. Political and civic responses to ethnic diversity in CEE: how can it be turned into social, political and economic advantages of the region?
- 3. Updating the agenda for social and political dialogue and research in social sciences?

Moderator: Prof. Hans-Georg Heinrich

Panel discussants, presenting their views regarding the above questions

- **Dr. Nils Muižnieks**, Chair of ECRI (European Council's Commission against Racism and Intolerance)
- **Uldis Lielpēters** (Deputy State Secretary Ministry of Culture)
- Ruta Klimkāne (Director of the Society Integration Department Ministry of Culture)
- Igor Pimenov (Latvian Association for Support of Schools with Russian Language of Instruction)
- Prof. Mihails Hazans (University of Latvia and Institute for the Study of Labor IZA)
- Prof. Renata Siemienska (University of Warsaw)

14:30 Concluding reception