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**Russia and Central Europe:
a Fundamental Change of Relations in Progress?**
Draft programme of the international conference and accompanying activities
Riga, 21-22 October

Friday, October, 21

First Day of the Conference

Venue: **Conference room “Bastejs”**
“Radisson Blu Ridzene Hotel”, Reimersa Str 1, 1th floor

Working languages are English and Russian. Simultaneous translation is provided.

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09:00 – 09:30 **Opening and Introduction**

Nils Muiznieks, Director, Advanced Social and Political Research Institute,
School of Social Sciences, University of Latvia, Riga

Hermann Bünz, Coordinator of the FES Office in the Baltic States, Riga
NN., MFA of Latvia or another official

Andrei Zagorski, IMEMO, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

09:30 – 11:00 **Session One. Review of Russo-Polish Relations**

Chair: Nils Muiznieks, Riga

15 minutes **Łukasz Adamski**, Research Projects Coordinator, Centre for Polish-Russian
Dialogue and Understanding, Warsaw

15 minutes **Artem Malgin**, MGIMO-University, Moscow

5+5 minutes Mutual comments if needed

50minutes Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 **Session Two. Review of Russo-Czech relations**

Chair: Slawomir Debski, Director, Center for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding, Warsaw

15 minutes **Petr Kratochvil**, Deputy Director, Institute for International Relations. Prague

15 minutes **Boris Shmelev**, Director, Department for Political Studies, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

5+5 minutes Mutual comments if needed

50minutes Discussion

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch Büffet (Restaurant “Piramida” in Radisson Blu Ridzene Hotel, 1th floor)

13.45 – 14.15 a short walk to the public event

14.30 – 16.00 p.m. **Public Event**

Glass hall in Hotel Bergs, Bergs Bazaar, Elizabetes Str. 83/85,
Phone: +371 67770900

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Moderation: **Nils Muiznieks**, Director, Advanced Social and Political Research Institute, School of Social Sciences, University of Latvia, Riga

- Are the Baltic States different from East Central Europe?
- How different are Russian relations with different East Central European countries?
 - Role of the EU in Russian-ECE relations?

The Panel:

Žaneta Ozoliņa, Professor of International Relations, University of Latvia, Riga
N.N., Member of the German Parliament (tbc)

Andrei Zagorski, IMEMO, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Hermann Bünz, Coordinator of the FES Office in the Baltic States, Riga

selected group of draft chapter **authors** –

Kadri Liik (Estonia), **Slawomir Debski** (Poland), **Petr Kratochvil** (Czech Republic)

16.00 – 17.00 **Reception** at the Bergs Hotel Gallery

Saturday, October, 22

Second Day of the Conference

Venue: **Conference room “Bastejs”**
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09.00 – 10.30 Session Three. Review of the Russo-Hungarian and Russo-Slovak Relations

Chair: **Nils Muiznieks**, Director, Advanced Social and Political Research Institute, School of Social Sciences, University of Latvia, Riga

Part One/Russo-Hungarian Relations

15 minutes **András Rácz**, Senior Fellow, Hungarian Institute for International Relations, Budapest

Part Two/Russo-Slovak Relations

15 minutes **Boris Shmelev**, Director, Department for Political Studies, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

15 minutes **Andrei Zagorski**, Moscow

5+5+5 minutes Mutual comments if needed

30 minutes Discussion

10:30 – 10:45 coffee break

10: 45 – 12:15 Session Four. Review of Russo-Romanian Relations

Chair: Kadri Liik, Director, ICDR, Tallinn

15 minutes **Dan Dungaciu**, Director, Institute of Political Science and International Relations, Romanian Academy of Sciences. Bucharest

15 minutes **Andrei Zagorski**, IMEMO RAS, presenting the draft chapter by Viktor Kirillov

5 minutes Comments by Prof. Dungaciu if needed

50minutes Discussion

12.15 – 12.30 coffee break

12:30 – 14.00 Session Five. Review of Russo-Lithuanian and Russo-Estonian Relations

Chair: **Dan Dungaciu**, Director, Institute of Political Science and International Relations, Romanian Academy of Sciences. Bucharest

Part One/Russo-Lithuanian Relations

- 10 minutes **Dovile Jakniunaite**, Head of the Research and Public Affairs Department, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Vilnius
- 10 minutes **Leonid Karabeshkin**, Projects Coordinator, Center for International and Regional Policy, St. Petersburg / Associate Professor, Euroacademy, Tallinn

Part Two/Russo-Estonian Relations

- 10 minutes **Kadri Liik**, Director, ICDR, Tallinn
- 10 minutes **Nikolay Mezhevich**, Professor of the St. Petersburg State University; Director of the Center for Transborder Studies, School of International Relations, St. Petersburg

5+5+5+5 minutes Mutual comments if needed

30 minutes Discussion of the draft chapters

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch Büffet (Restaurant “Piramida” in Radisson Blu Ridzene Hotel, 1th floor)

15.00 – 16.30 **Session Six. Review of Russo-Latvian relations**

Chair: Hermann Bünz, Head, FES Office in the Baltic States, Riga

- 15 minutes **Nils Muiznieks**, Director, Advanced Social and Political Research Institute, School of Social Sciences, University of Latvia, Riga
- 15 minutes **Ekaterina Furman**, Senior Research Fellow Department for International Economic and Political Studies, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
- 10 minutes **Andris Spruds**, Director, Latvian Institute for International Relations (tbc).
Review of the two draft chapters
- 50 minutes Discussion of the draft chapters

16.30 – 16.45 coffee break

16.45 – 17:55 **Session Seven. Economical Interests and Context**

Chair: Artem Malgin, Moscow

Part One/Review of the Transformation of Economic Relations

- 15 minutes **Boris Frumkin**, Head of section, Institute of Economics, RAS, Moscow
- 10 minutes NN. Comments from a Latvian Expert, Riga

Part Two/The context of the transformation of the Relations between Russia and Central Europe

Chair: Petr Kratochvil, Deputy Director, Institute for International Relations, Prague

15 minutes **Andrei Zagorski**, IMEMO RAS, Moscow
10 minutes **NN.** Comments from a Latvian Expert, Riga
20 minutes Discussion

17.55-18.00 a small break, change of the chair and the speakers

18:00 – 18:30 **Concluding Session**

Chair: Hermann Bünz, Head, FES Office in the Baltic States, Riga

5 minutes **N.N.**, Member of the German Parliament (tbc)

25 minutes General comments