

Inter-ethnic Relations, Ethnopolitics and Social Cohesion in the Baltic States

Central/East European Seminar

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12 September

Arrival

13 September

8.00 - 9.00 - breakfast

9.30 - 10.30 - registration

10.30 - 10.45 - opening of the seminar, welcome

Session 1: The politics of citizenship and social cohesion

10.45 - 11.30 - *Introductory lecture:*

Citizenship as an instrument of social integration in a multi-cultural society (Will Kymlicka, University of Ottawa)

Questions

11.30 - 12.00 - coffee break

12.00 - 13.30 - presentations:

- (1) The problem of citizenship in the Baltic States (Artis Pabriks, Vidzeme High School, Political Science)
- (2) Citizenship in Estonia: an exclusive inclusion (Priit Jarve, President's plenipotentiary to the Roundtable)
- (3) Human rights and non-citizens: problems and remedies (Gennadij Kotov, Vladimir Buzaev, Leonid Raihman, Latvian Human Rights Committee - FIDH)

Questions

14.00 - 15.00 - lunch

15.00 - 16.30 - *comments:*

Juris Vidinsh, Standing Commission on Human Rights of Parliament of Latvia
Vladlen Dozortsev, Standing Commission on Human Rights of Parliament of Latvia
Zinta Miezaine, head of Information sector, State Human Rights Office, Latvia
Eizenija Aldermane, director of the Naturalization Board, Latvia
Alar Janus, head of the Remigration Department, Estonian Immigration and Citizenship Board
Janis Leinsh, the Citizenship and Immigration Department, Latvia
Pirkka Tapiola, OSCE mission to Latvia
Larisa Jakovleva, Legal Information Center for Human Rights
Maris Plavnieks, Riga City Council, head of the Committee on Foreigners and Stateless Persons
Linus Sesickas, Lithuanian Center for Human Rights
Leo Dribins, Latvian Academy of Science, research project Ethnic Process in Latvia

16.30 - 17.00 - coffee break

17.00 - 18.30 - *discussion* chaired by **Silvia Mihalikova**, UNESCO Chair for Human Rights Education, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

19.00 - reception

14 September

8.00 - 9.00 - breakfast

Session 2: Language policy and education: strategies of integration

10.00 - 10.45 - *introductory lecture:*

Language in a multicultural society: the experience of Canadian bilingualism. A success or a failure? (**Ivan Jaworsky**, Political Science, University of Waterloo)

Questions

10.45 - 11.15 - coffee break

11.15 - 13.00 - *presentations:*

- a) Multicultural education: theory and practice (**Arturs Prieditis**, Daugavpils Multicultural Center, **Arkadij Fleishman**, multicultural Rainbow school, Kraslava)
- b) Language in a multicultural community: the case of Daugavpils (**Miroslav Mitrofanov**, Russian Cultural Center, Daugavpils)
- c) Language policies in Estonia (**Undine Bollow**, Berlin Free University)
- d) Latvian language training: alternative conceptions of integration (**Angelita Kamenska**, **Nils Muiznieks**, Latvian Center for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies)

Questions

13.30 - 14.30 - lunch

14.45 - 16.30 - *comments:*

Martinsh Hildebrants, UN Development Program

Baiba Peteršone, of the Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia

Tatiana Liguta, chairman of Latvian Association of Teachers of Russian language and Russian literature

Severinas Vaitekus, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Minorities Affairs, Government of Lithuania

Dzintars Abikis, Member of Parliament (Latvia), Standing Commission on Education and Culture

Dzintra Hirsha, the State Language Center, Latvia

Janis Valdmanis, Institute of the Latvian Language

Natalia Kasatkina, Russian Cultural Center, Vilnius

Ilga Apine, Latvian Academy of Science, research project EthnicProcess in Latvia

Alexei Semenov, member of the Roundtable, Estonia

Raffi Haradzianian, chairman of the Association of Ethnic Cultural Societies of Latvia

Ilmars Mezs, expert on ethnic relations

Jakov Pliner, former head of Department of Minority Schools of the Latvia Ministry of Education

16.30 - 17.00 - coffee break

17.00 - 18.30 - *discussion* chaired by **Steven Lee**, National Director, Canadian Center for Foreign Policy Development

19.00 - 20.00 - dinner

20.30 - video about Kraslava Rainbow school

15 September

8.00 - 9.00 - breakfast

Session 3: Media and Ethnic Stereotypes. Freedom of Speech vs protection of Social Harmony

10.00 - 10.45 - *introductory lecture:*

Ethnic stereotypes, mass media and minorities in a multi-cultural society: the Canadian experience (**Magda Opalski**, Central/East European Studies, Carleton University)

Questions

10.45 - 11.15 - coffee break

11.15 - 12.45 - *presentations:*

- a) Media coverage of the Polish community in Lithuania (**Wanda Mieczkowska**, journalist, Polish language journal "Znad Wili")
- b) Two Latvias: Latvian- and Russian-language media (**Inese Voika**, journalist)
- c) Electronic information flows: parallel or intersected? (**Vladimir Steshenko**, Foundation for Russian Press in Latvia, former director of the Department on Nationalities)

Questions

13.00 - 14.00 - lunch

14.15 - 16.00 - *comments:*

Ojars Rubenis, Latvia TV & Radio Council

Abram Kliotskin, president of Latvian Media Foundation

Iлона Tomova, Adviser on Minority Issues to the President of Bulgaria

Raimond Oلهno, editor-in-chief of the bilingual newspaper "Rezeknes Panorama" (Rezekne, Latvia)

Karlis Streips, freelance journalist

Vladas Gaidis, Vilmorus Public Opinion Research Center

Ainars Dimants, leading columnist of "Diena" newspaper

Alexander Mirlin, University of Latvia

Vasilij Giltaichuk, director of the private IGE-TV company

Sandris Tochs, journalist

Vladislav Volkov, Latvian Academy of Science, research project Ethnic Process in Latvia

16.00 - 16.20 - coffee break

16.20 - 18.00 - *discussion* chaired by **Nils Muiznieks**, Latvian Center for Human Rights and Ethnic Studies, Riga, Latvia

18.00 - closing

18.30 - 19.30 - dinner