

Please forward to colleagues who might be interested:

Invitation to a conference

The Baltics – Ninety Years!
A conference on Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
To be held December 4-5, 2008

CBEES, Södertörn University, Stockholm

The purpose of this conference is to gather researchers who are interested in different topics relating to the three Baltic States' ninety years of nationhood.

Draft programme

Thursday 4 December 2008, in MA636

09:00 – 09:30 Coffee and registration

09:30 – 09:45 Introduction and welcoming words – Maija Runcis

09:45 – 12:20 Session 1. Chair: Eva Granqvist

09:45 – 10:35 *Civil society in Latvia and Estonia in the early 21st century – similar but still different.* Author: Veiko Spolitis. Discussant: Thomas Lundén

10:35 – 11:25 *Between the Egalitarian and Neotraditional Family: Gender Attitudes and Values in Contemporary Lithuania.* Author: Arturas Tereskinas. Discussant: Maija Runcis

11:30 – 12:20 *Notion of independent Latvia during the period of 1960 - 1980. Soviet struggle against Latvian exile community in Sweden.* Author: Argita Daudze. Discussant: Cecilia Notini

12:20 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 17:20 Session 2. Chair: Maija Runcis

13:30 – 14:20 *EU-Russia relations and the image of the EU in Russian mass media: the case of Kaliningrad*. Author: Toms Rostoks. Discussant: Rebecka Lettevall

14:20 – 14:30 Short break

14:30 – 15:20 *Search for a new civil service ethos in transitional democracies: similarities and differences*. Author: Jolanta Paliduskaite. Discussant: Eva Granqvist

15:20 – 15:40 Coffee

15:40 – 16:30 *Small but smart? How the Balts are contributing to the European whole*. Author: Marko Lehti. Discussant: Ann-Cathrine Jungar

16:30 – 17:20 *Elections and Ethnic Dimension in Latvia, 1993-2006*. Author: Andris Runcis. Discussant: Li Bennich-Björkman

18:00 Buffet

Friday 5 December 2008, in MA636

09:00 – 09:30 Coffee

09:30 – 13:00 Session 3. Chair: Johan Eellend

09:30 – 10:20 *NATO and EU membership and security discourse in Latvia*. Author: Daina Bleiere. Discussant: Johan Eriksson

10:20 – 11:10 *Organisational learning and public-private cooperation: a case study from Estonia*. Author: Rein Jüriado. Discussant: Erik Borg

11:10 – 11:20 Short break

11:20 – 12:00 *The state and the family in post-war Soviet Latvia*. Author: Maija Runcis. Discussant: Yulia Gradszkova

12:10 – 13:00 *Cultural Values and Traditions in post-Soviet Estonia: Looking at Narva Two Decades on*. Authors: David Smith and Stuart Burch. Discussant: Anu-Mai Köll

13:00 – 13:10 Concluding words

13:10 Lunch

Participation

Participation in the conference is free, but please register by sending an email to: thebaltics-ninetyyears@sh.se, **by 24th of November 2008**, at the latest.

Participants who present papers at the conference will be compensated for expenses.

Contact

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