Latvia at the crossroads of European culture: history and modernity

International summer school Institute of Latvian History -RTU Liepaja 27.06. - 06.07.2024.







27. 06. 2023

13.00 – 24.00 – arrival and registration of participants at the hotel Dinner on request

28. 06. 2023

10.00 - Opening of the summer school (Aspazijas 5, Riga) Gvido Straube speech (director of the Institute of Latvian History of University of Latvia Arturs Medveck's speech (RTU Liepaja)

Topic: Latvia - Europe: crossroads of history and culture

10:10 – Lecture: *The documentary heritage of the Plater family in the context of European history (16th - 19th centuries)* (Alyona Liubaya, Poland)

11.20 - coffee braek

11.30 – Lecture: Latvians in the Spanish Civil War (1936–1939) (Ginta Ieva Bikše, Latvia)

13.00 – lunch

13.30 – Lecture: *The European dimension in Latvian culture: awareness of belonging in the 20th century* (Martins Mintaurs, Latvia)

15.00 – Seminar class in the State History Archive of Latvia

19.00 – Gala dinner

29.06.2023

Topic: Livonia in the discourse of European historiography

- **09.00** Lecture: *In nostra Livonia: the opinion of the researchers of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania on the history of Livonia* (Andrei Liubyi, Poland)
- **10.20** coffee break
- **10.30** Lecture: *Que vidimus oculis nostris: The Narrative Tradition of Latin European History in Medieval Livonia* (Andris Levans, Latvia)
- **12.00** lunch
- **12.30** Lecture: *Medieval Livonia in Ukrainian historiographical discourse, 19th first quarter of 21st century* (Miroslav Voloshchuk, Ukraine)
- **13.30** coffee break
- **13.40** Lecture: *The image of former Livonia (today's Latvia) in Polish collective memory* (Boguslaw Dibass, Poland)
- **14.40** coffee break
- **14.50** Lecture: Development of clothing in Kurzeme (19th early 20th centuries) against the background of European cultural history (Aija Jansone, Latvia)
- **16.00** Old town tour

30.06.2023

10.30 - The road to Liepaja

01.07.2023

Liepaja

Theme: A person at the turning points of history: Latvians in Europe

- **10.00** Lecture: Fate of Latvians during the "Great Terror" in the Ukrainian SSR (Julia Grishchenko, Ukraine)
- **11.20** coffe break
- **11.30** Discussion: Diasporas in Europe and the world: possibilities and problems of creating dialogue
- 13.00 lunch
- 13.40 Excursion around Liepaja
- 17.00 Ethnographic performance of Kurzeme culture and peculiarities of culinary folklore

02.07.2023

Liepaja

Topic: Cultural and historical heritage of Latvia in the European context

- **10.00** Lecture with practical lesson: *Coats of arms of Latvian lands on European maps of the 17th 18th centuries century* (Aleksei Shalanda, Poland)
- **11.20** coffee break
- **11.30** Lecture: *Cross-culturalism of visual arts in Ukraine and Latvia during the Second World War* (Oleksandr Maievskii, Ukraine)
- **13.00** lunch
- **14.00** Lecture: *The European dimension of Lithuanian cultural and historical objects: reconstruction and modern design* (Vakaris Bernotas, Lithuania)
- 15.00 coffee break
- **15.10** Lecture: Interrelationships of art education in Liepaja in the European context. The uniqueness of Liepaja's wooden architecture and interior painting in Europe as a cultural anthropology and educational resource. (Inta Klasone, Latvia)
- **16.30** coffee break
- **16.40** Discussion: *The role of protection and promotion of local cultural heritage in the formation of European identity* (Dariusz Dabrowski, Poland)

03.07.2023

Liepaja

Topic: Historical and cultural heritage of Courland in the European context

- **10.00** Lecture: Operation of Liepaja trade office "Vite&Hiks" in the 18th century (Gvido Straube, Latvia)
- **11.20** coffee break
- **11.30** Lecture: *The cultural and historical heritage of Liepāja in the local and European dimensions* (Zanda Gutmane, Latvia)
- **13.00** lunch
- **14.00** Restoration workshop of architectural objects and interior objects: theory and practical lessons (Arturs Medveckis, Latvia)
- **15.00** Discussion: *Cultural heritage contexts: what to do with problematic objects in architecture? Latvian and European experience* (Dariusz Dabrowski, Poland)

04.07.2023

Topic: Historical and cultural heritage of Courland in the European context Historical and cultural heritage of Courland in the European context

10.00 – Field seminar to Kuldiga

05.07.2024.

Return to Riga

06.07.2024.

12.00 – Summary of summer school results

12.30 – lunch