

# Latvia at a Crossroads: The Centenary of the Latvian State Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies

10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Linear Panels

**9:00** Opening remarks, IRES Library, Gamla torget 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

- Latvian Ambassador to Sweden Margers Krams
- Director of IRES Claes Levinsson
- Conference organisers Mike Loader, Siobhán Hearne and Matthew Kott

**9:30** **Panel I: Imperial Legacies** (Chair: Mike Loader), Gamla Torget 3, Lecture Hall 2

- Ivars Ījabs, University of Latvia, ‘Empire, Federation and Self-Determination in the Latvian Political Thought before 1914’
- Catherine Gibson, European University Institute, ‘Who and where are the Latvians? Ethnographic Mapping and Cartopolitics in late Imperial Russia’
- Per Bolin & Christina Douglas, Södertörn University, ‘The Nationalizing State versus Minority Rights: The Controversy surrounding the *Herder-Institut* in Riga in the 1920s’

**11:00** Coffee break, IRES Library, Gamla Torget 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**11:30** **Panel II: Transitions and Traumas** (Chair: Matthew Kott), Lecture Hall 2

- Paula Oppermann, University of Glasgow, ‘Underestimated Continuities? Anti-Semitism and the Concepts of Nationhood in the Pērkoņkrusts Movement’
- Harry Merritt, Brown University, ‘“My Home and My Family Are Now Our Guards Regiment”: National Belonging and Familial Feelings in Latvian Units during World War II’
- Mārtiņš Mintauris, University of Latvia, ‘Cultural Heritage Protection in Latvia during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: State Institutions and Agenda, 1923–1991’

**13:00** Lunch break, IRES Library

**14:00** **Panel III: The Soviet Era** (Chair: Siobhán Hearne), Lecture Hall 2

- Gatis Krūmiņš, Vidzemes University of Applied Sciences, ‘Net contributor or benefactor? The Soviet economic model in the Latvian SSR’
- Daina Bleiere, Institute of the History of Latvia/University of Latvia, ‘The Economic Programme of the Latvian National Communists – Myth or Reality?’
- Mike Loader, Uppsala University, ‘The Rebellious Republic: Latvia, Language Politics and

- Khrushchev's 1958 Soviet education Reform'
- Specialist Discussant: Juliette Denis, Sorbonne University/Sciences Po

**15:30** Coffee break, IRES Library,

**16:00** **Panel IV: Contemporary Identity Issues** (Chair: Mike Loader), Lecture Hall 2

- Timofey Agarin, Queen's University Belfast, 'The Trojan Horse that Jānis Built: Minorities' Participation in the Post-Soviet Latvian Nation-State'
- Dace Dzenovska, University of Oxford, 'The Geopolitics of (In)significance: Latvia in the Global Arena'
- Aija Lulle, Loughborough University, "'Structures of Expectation": Imagining the Latvian State through Histories and Futures of Human Migration'

**19:00** Dinner for invited guests, Domtrappkällaren Restaurant, S:t Eriks Gränd 15

After dinner KEYNOTE address: Geoffrey Swain, University of Glasgow, 'Britain and the Emergence of Independent Latvia, January 1918 – January 1921'

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Thematic Panels**

**9:00** **Panel V: Gender and Sexuality** (Chair: Matthew Kott), Lecture Hall 2

- Siobhán Hearne, University of Latvia, 'Writing the History of Sexuality of Pre-Independence Latvia'
- Ineta Lipša, University of Latvia, 'The History of Soviet Homosexualities: The Archival Context of Latvia'
- Irina Novikova, University of Latvia, 'Anti-Genderism: The Politics of Gender and Gender Studies in Contemporary Latvia'

**10:30** Coffee break, IRES Library

**11:00** **Panel VI: Extremism** (Chair: Mike Loader), Lecture Hall 2

- Daunis Auers, University of Latvia, 'Onwards and Upwards: Radical Right Populism in Latvia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'
- Matthew Kott, Uppsala University, 'Gaming the System: Far Right Entryism in Post-Soviet Latvian Politics'
- Louis Wierenga, University of Tartu, 'Bauska's Chairmen: Party Leadership in the Baltic Far Right'
- Specialist Discussant: Pēteris Henriksson, Umeå University

**12:30** Lunch break, IRES Library

**13:30 Panel VII: Culture and Media** (Chair: Siobhán Hearne), Lecture Hall 2

- Mārtiņš Kaprāns, University of Latvia, ‘The duality of structure: Liquid censorship of TV and radio in late Soviet Latvia’
- Marija Semjonova, University of Latvia, ‘Agency that is not mine: virtual gaming communities in the Early 2000s’
- Ekaterina Vikulina, Russian State University for the Humanities, ‘Latvian photography of the 1960s in the context of Soviet and world trends’

**15:00-15:30 Closing remarks**, Lecture Hall 2

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