



Promoting Baltic Sea Region Higher Education worldwide: BalticStudyNet 2005–2009

International Conference at the University of Latvia in Riga, Latvia
November 12–14, 2009

Being the closing event of the Erasmus Mundus-project *BalticStudyNet – Promoting Baltic Sea Region Higher Education worldwide*, the conference will evaluate the project's promotional and informational measures. After a résumé by the partner consortium and the project managers, the floor is given to former participants in BalticStudyNet-activities. They report on their use of the experiences made during summer schools, workshops or as hosts of lecture and promotion tours. A panel discussion on the design and impact of the project as such and its activities and materials by international marketing and region experts completes the conference programme.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 12, 2009

19.00 *Arrival*
Dinner with key note lecture
Prof. Dr. Artis Pabriks, Vidzeme University College, Latvia

Friday, November 13, 2009

9.30–10.00 **Opening**
Prof. Dr. Juris Kruminis, University of Latvia

10.00–11.00 **BalticStudyNet 2005–2009 – résumé & perspectives**
Prof. Dr. Bernd Henningsen, Humboldt University Berlin, Head of BalticStudyNet, Germany
Katrin Hecker, M.A., Baltic Sea School Berlin, HU Berlin, Germany
Dr. Carsten Schymik, German Institute for Internat. & Security Affairs, Berlin, Germany

11.00–11.30 *Coffee*

11.30–13.00 **The BSR as destination for non-European academics:
Impact and use of BalticStudyNet's activities**
Dr. Laura Hastings, Dept. of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, USA
Ahadhon Najmitdinov, M.Sc., Internat. Rel. Dept., Namangan E.P. Institute, Uzbekistan
Gordana Vlahovic, M.A., Internat. Office, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

13.00–14.30 *Lunch*

14.30–16.00 **Evaluatory Panel discussion:
Design and effects of BalticStudyNet's activities**
Chair: Ulrich Meyer-Höllings, DIE ZEIT, Hamburg, Germany
Prof. Dr. David Kirby, University College London, UK
Prof. Dr. Brent McKenzie, University of Guelph, Canada
Dr. Agnete Vabø, NIFU STEP, Oslo, Norway

16.00–16.30 *Coffee*

16.30–18.30 BSN Steering Committee meeting (SC members only)

19.00 *Dinner*

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Time tba *Excursion to Jurmala (optional)*