

Regional Workshop for Stakeholders

“Integrity and diversity: Interplay of ethnic and cultural identities in North-Eastern Europe”

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Registration until 18 May 2011 at oberthaler@ihs.ac.at

Co-organizers:

ENRI-East project, Baltic Institute for Social Sciences (BISS, Latvia),
Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies (Germany), Institute for Ethnology and Anthropology (RAS)

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Austrian Embassy in Latvia

Thursday, 26 May 2011: Working Day 1

09:30 Registration and coffee, posters and publications exhibition

10:00 **Welcome & greetings**

H.E. Ambassador Hermine Poppeller, Austrian Ambassador to Latvia
Oksana Žabko, Baltic Institute of Social Sciences

10:30 **Session 1**

**Research into identities and integration in Central and Eastern Europe:
Introduction into international research projects “ENRI-East” (FP7-SSH) and
“Promotion of integration in Latvia”(Berghof Foundation)**

Moderator: Prof. Hans-Georg Heinrich

- Overview of ENRI-East as a pilot regional cross-cultural study: research design and main outcomes of the project (**Dr. Alexander Chvorostov**)
 - Overview of empirical program of ENRI-East: surveys, qualitative studies, data bases (**Dr. Natalia Waechter**)
 - The historical path of national minority identities in Eastern European Bordelands in 20th century (**Tom Rollings, Elisabeth Schimpfössl**)
 - Overview of a project on conflict transformation in Latvia (**Dr. Mara Ustinova**)
 - Questions & answers, general discussions
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12:30 **Lunch**

13:30 **Session 2:**

Poland, Belarus and Lithuania: exchanged ethnic minorities and interplay of regional and national identities

Moderator: Dr. Mara Ustinova

- The Polish Minority in Belarus (**Oksana Ivaniuto, Natalia Veremeeva**)
 - The Ukrainian and Belarusian Minorities in Poland (**Ilona Matysiak**)
 - The Belarusian and Polish Minorities in Lithuania (**Prof. Arvydas Matulionis, Dr. Vida Beresnevičiūtė, Dr. Kristina Šliavaitė, Dr. Viktorija Žilinskaitė**)
 - Questions & answers, general discussions
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15:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 **Session 3:**

The impact of post-soviet transformations: Interplay of flexible ethno-cultural boundaries and newly formed diasporas and the related socio-political challenges

Moderator: Dr. Alexander Chvorostov

- Identity Formation and Integration Prospects of Ethnic German and Jewish Immigrants from NIS countries in Germany (**Dr. Barbara Dietz**)
 - Russians in Baltic countries: an outlook from inside (presentation of a sociological study and a forthcoming book) (**Prof. Alexander Gaponenko**)
 - Will Russia become a Muslim Society? (presentation of a book and a chapter on a case study of Chechen refugees in Austria) (**Prof. Hans-Georg Heinrich**)
 - Questions & answers, general discussions
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Friday, 27 May 2011: Working Day 2

09:30 Registration and coffee, posters and publications exhibition

10:00 **Session 4:**

Ethnic diversity in the Baltic region: Issues of integration, disintegration and adaptation

Moderator: Oksana Žabko

- The Russian Minority in Lithuania (**Prof. Arvydas Matulionis, Dr. Vida Beresnevičiūtė, Dr. Kristina Šliavaitė**)
 - The Lithuanian Minority in Russia (Kaliningrad Region) (**Prof. Sergey Tumanov**)
 - The Russian Minority in Latvia (**Dr. Vida Beresnevičiūtė, Dr. Kristina Šliavaitė**)
 - Promoting Integration in Latvia: Differences and similarities of interests and goals of different ethno-linguistic groups (outcomes of a series of expert interviews) (**Dr. Mara Ustinova**)
 - Questions & answers, general discussions
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12:00 Coffee break

12:30 **Session 5 OPEN PANEL DISCUSSION:**

Multiculturalism and integration in post-socialist Eastern Europe: what's wrong, what's right with these ideologies and practices?

Questions to discussants:

1. Why the discussion on "failure of multiculturalism" in Europe? What relevance does this debate have for post-socialist Central Eastern Europe?
2. Political and civic responses to ethnic diversity in CEE: how can it be turned into social, political and economic advantages of the region?
3. Updating the agenda for social and political dialogue and research in social sciences?

Moderator: Prof. Hans-Georg Heinrich

Panel discussants, presenting their views regarding the above questions

- **Dr. Nils Muižnieks**, Chair of ECRI (European Council's Commission against Racism and Intolerance)
 - **Uldis Lielpēters** (Deputy State Secretary – Ministry of Culture)
 - **Ruta Klimkāne** (Director of the Society Integration Department – Ministry of Culture)
 - **Igor Pimenov** (Latvian Association for Support of Schools with Russian Language of Instruction)
 - **Prof. Mihails Hazans** (University of Latvia and Institute for the Study of Labor – IZA)
 - **Prof. Renata Siemienska** (University of Warsaw)
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14:30 Concluding reception
