

International Scholarly Conference

Shared Past and Changing Interpretations:
The Significance of the Second World War in Latvia,
Europe, and the Today`s World

Conference Program

Opening Remarks

9.30 – 10.00 Ministry of Defence
Latvian War Museum
National Library of Latvia
Museum of the Occupation of Latvia

Keynote Speech

10.00 – 10.20 **World Wars and a Changing Europe**
Robert Gerwarth, PhD, Professor (University College Dublin, Centre for War Studies)

Session I: The Perception of the Second World War Across Different Regions of Europe

10.20 – 11.00 **Second World War Historiography. Western Approaches**
Floribert Baudet, PhD, Professor (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands Defence Academy)

Recovered History: How Has the Understanding of Second World War History Changed in Latvia?
Jānis Tomaševskis, PhD cand. (Latvian War Museum)

Discussion I: Geopolitical changes: regional and global dimensions of the war

11.00 – 12.00 Introduction and moderation by Dr. hist. Gints Apals (Museum of the Occupation of Latvia)
Edvins Evarts, Dr. hist. (Museum of the Occupation of Latvia)
Floribert Baudet, PhD, Professor (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands Defence Academy)
Jānis Tomaševskis, PhD cand. (Latvian War Museum)
Andres Kasekamp, PhD (University of Toronto, Canada)

Break
12.00 – 13.00

Session II: The Long-Term Impact of the Second World War: Socioeconomic Factors, Memory Culture, and the Politics of Remembrance

13.00 – 14.00 **The Prolonged Soviet Occupation and Its Socio-Economic Consequences in the Baltics**
Gatis Krūmiņš, Dr. hist. (Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)

The Second World War in Collective Memory and Its Influence on Identity in the Baltic Region and Eastern Europe
Rasa Čepaitienė, Dr. hist., Professor (Lithuanian Institute of History, European Humanities University, Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania)

Memory Culture of the Second World War in Latvia: Monuments and Politics Reconsidered
Mārtiņš Mintaurš, Dr.hist. (National Library of Latvia)

Discussion II: The politics of memory

14.00 – 15.00 Introduction and moderation by Dr.hist. Gatis Krūmiņš (Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)
Mārtiņš Mintaurš, Dr.hist. (National Library of Latvia)
Rasa Čepaitienė, Dr.hist. Professor (Lithuanian Institute of History, European Humanities University, Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania)
Hanna Bazhenova, Dr.hist. (Institute of Central Europe; Maria Skłodowska University in Lublin)
Ilmārs Mežs, Dr.hist. (Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)

Break 15.00 – 15.20

Session III: The Legacy of the Second World War in Today`s World: Connections Between Past and Present Conflicts

15.20. – 16.00 **Loose Ends — World War Two and its toxic legacy**
Edward Lucas (Center for European Policy Analysis)

International Political Economy Aspects of Today`s Geopolitics
Kārlis Bukovskis, Dr. sc. pol., Professor (Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Rīga Stradiņš University)

Discussion III: Future in the past?

16.00 – 17.00 Introduction and moderation by Dr.hist.Valters Ščerbinskis (National Library of Latvia)
Māris Andžāns, Dr. sc. pol. (Center for Geopolitical Studies Riga, Rīga Stradiņš University)
Edward Lucas (Center for European Policy Analysis)
Kārlis Bukovskis, Dr. sc. pol., Professor (Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Rīga Stradiņš University)
Ieva Miļūna, PhD cand. (Riga Graduate School of Law)



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