



CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE ON BALTIC STUDIES IN EUROPE 2009

THE BALTICS AS AN INTERSECTION OF CIVILIZATIONAL IDENTITIES

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The Baltic region with its immensely rich and historically formed traditions of multi-ethnic, multi-religious, and multi-cultural cities, and also with the trajectories of consciousness that link this region to Northern, Western, Eastern, and Central Europe, has always been, and continues to be, the place of the intersection of civilizational identities. This region has been home for Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and modern Western cultures. The Baltics, unthinkable without and inseparable from its German, Scandinavian, Russian, Jewish, and Polish legacies, is a perfect place to analyze diversity in small countries at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Last but not least, the conference will take place in 2009, the year that marks the millennium of the first mention of Lithuania in European historical annals.

The conference aims at bringing together representatives of academic communities who share an interest in exploring the Baltic region from multiple perspectives. Baltic region studies are considered as a particular historical, political, linguistic, social, cultural and ideological contact zone where the meanings of identities, languages, and relationships are renegotiated.

The conference will feature panels in the following disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas:

- § History, Memory and Identities
- § Political Science, International Relations and Law
- § Sociology, Demography, Gender Studies
- § Economics and Environment
- § Media Communication and Technologies
- § Linguistics and Literature
- § Ethnology, Folklore and Religion
- § Philosophy, Culture and Arts
- § Advancing Baltic Studies

Paper proposals should include:

- § Abstract of 500 words
- § Registration form

The conference programme will consist of invited plenary lectures, paper presentations, round table discussions, and social events.

Abstracts should be submitted by the 1st of February 2009.
Notification deadline – the 31st of March 2009.

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