

SMART FORUM

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION STUDIES: AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

5-6 May 2016

The aim of the event is to discuss EU shared principles and values of European integration, EU external policies, including practices of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) cooperation. The agenda of the Forum is focused on interdisciplinary research results of the Thematic Research Teams of the LECSA as well as implementation of European Studies Masters Programme during 2000-2016 - the only programme in European Integration Studies in Latvia. The questions to be asked at the Forum: Where are we now? How are reforms currently progressing in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine? What is the status and impact of the Association Agreements? What are the next practical steps for all sides?

Moderators: Romāns PUTĀNS, LECSA; Coordinator, European Studies Master Programme, University of Latvia, Latvia

Denīze PONOMARJOVA, LECSA; Researcher, University of Latvia, Latvia

Thursday, 5 May 2016

Venue: Senate Hall, University of Latvia, Raiņa blvd.19

15:30 – 16:00 Registration and Coffee

16:00 – 16:45 OPENING

Chair: Tatjana MURAVSKA, LECSA President; Director, European Studies Master Programme, University of Latvia, Latvia

Welcome addresses by

Indriķis MUIŽNIEKS, Rector, University of Latvia, Latvia

Inna ŠTEINBUKA, Head, European Commission Representation in Latvia; Director, European Studies Master Programme (2000-2001)

Andris PIEBALGS, Commissioner, European Union (2004-2014)

Baiba RIVŽA, Full Member of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Latvia (written address)

16:45 – 17:45 ROUNDTABLE – EUROPEAN STUDIES AGENDA: TRANSFORMATION – INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY – CONTINUITY OF GENERATIONS

Panel 1 CONCEPT OF EUROPEAN STUDIES IN LATVIA: FRONTIER ISSUES AND PRACTICES
16:45-17:15

Chairs: Tatjana Muravska, Juris Krūmiņš

Lead interventions: Jānis Vaivads, Alfs Vanags (Skype), Mihails Hazans

Panel members: ESMP Rīga Office – Artūrs Kučs, Inna Šteinbuka, Biruta Sloka, Daina Bāra, Elena Dubra, Toms Rostoks, Jeļena Lozbiņeva, Jānis Priede, Egils Fortiņš, Ainārs Nābels-Šneiders, Zane Zeibote, Marta Ābula, Gunta Pastore

Panel 2 **SUSTAINABILITY OF EUROPEAN STUDIES AND CONTINUITY OF GENERATIONS:
17:15-17:45** **IMPACT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNTRIES**

Chairs: Andris Kužnieks (*Latvia, 2002*), Līga Baltiņa (*Latvia-Belgium, 2004*)

Lead interventions: Kaspars Kreics (*Latvia, 2004*), Marija Bočkarjova (*Latvia-The Netherlands, 2002*),
Linda Jākobsone (*Germany-Latvia, 2000*), Kārlis Bukovskis (*Latvia, 2008*)

Panel members: Denīze Ponomarjova (*Latvia, 2011*), Česlavs Gržibovskis (*Switzerland-Latvia, 2005*), Ieva Hermansone (*Latvia, 2007*), Andre Demarest (*US, 2010*), Engin Toprak (*Turkey-Latvia, 2010*), Romāns Putāns (*Latvia, 2007*), Māris Sīlītis (*Latvia, 2002*), Jeļena Koncevaja (*Latvia, 2014*), Viesturs Briedis (*Latvia, 2013*), Inguss Kalniņš (*Latvia, 2006*), Ieva Šķendere (*Latvia, 2015*), Jolants Austrups (*Latvia, 2004*), Elīna Konstantinova (*Latvia, 2002*)

17:45 – 18:00 Coffee break with photos` slideshow

18:00 – 19:00 CONTINUATION OF THE ROUNDTABLE

Panel 3 **SUSTAINABILITY OF EUROPEAN STUDIES: CONTINUITY OF GENERATIONS
18:00-18:30**

Chairs: Vazha Tavberidze (*Georgia-Latvia, 2010*), Nena Markovic (*B&H-Latvia, 2013*)

Lead interventions: Druvis Kleins (*Latvia, 2010*), Stefano Greco (*Italy-Latvia-India, 2010*), Olena Abramishvili (*Georgia-Latvia, 2010*), Aleksandra Jolkina (*Latvia-UK-Germany, 2010*)

Panel members: Jeļena Maļikova (*2013*), Javier Mendoza (*Spain, Latvia, 2013*), Asset Abuov (*Turkmenistan- Latvia, 2013*), Lāsma Zelča (*Latvia, 2013*), Elīna Zariņa (*Latvia, 2007*), Ilze Skrebele-Stikāne (*Latvia, 2007*), Agnese Dagile (*Latvia, 2005*), Aleksejs Šaforostovs (*Latvia, 2009*), Marta Meženiece (*Latvia, 2006*), Kaspars Raubišķis (*2007*), Selin Zulfikar (*Turkey- Latvia, 2015*); Alumni voice from European Parliament – Anna Parfjonova (*Latvia- Belgium, 2002*), Dace Ošleja (*Latvia- Belgium, 2003*), Evija Samsonova (*Latvia- Belgium, 2006*)

Panel 4 **WIDENING OF HORIZONS: AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE
18:30-19:00**

Chairs: Aleksandra Jolkina (*Latvia- UK-Germany, 2010*), Andre Demarest (*USA– Latvia, 2010*)

Lead interventions: ESMP Current students – Algimants Kontauts (*Lithuania*), Dace Spēlmane, (*Latvia*)

Panel members: Ketevan Kartvelishvili (*Georgia- Latvia*), Andrei Zavialov (*Russia- Latvia*)
ALL PARTICIPANTS

19:00 – 19:10 HISTORICAL MOMENT – GROUP PICTURE ON THE MAIN STAIRS

19:10 – 20:30 RECEPTION: BRIDGING TIME AND PEOPLE

Venue: Restaurant “Daily” Private Hall, University of Latvia, Raiņa blvd.19, Ground floor

Friday, 6 May 2016

Venue: Faculty of Economics and Management, Aspazijas blvd.5, auditorium 322

16:00 – 16:30 Registration and Coffee

16:30 – 18:00 “EUROPEAN STUDIES MASTER PROGRAMME ALUMNI NETWORK”

BRAINSTORMING ROUNDTABLE AND SHARE OF IDEAS:

ALUMNI – ESMP – CURRENT STUDENTS – PROFESSORS

Interventions by Prof. Tatjana Muravska and Prof. Juris Krumins,

European Studies Master Programme, University of Latvia, Latvia

Moderators of the attending on sight and via Skype group of ESMP Alumni:

Mr. Jānis BUTKEVIČS, *Consultant at Green Light Consulting Ltd., Latvia;
Graduate of ESMP 2004*

Mrs. Līga BALTIŅA, *Project Manager, Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini, France;
Graduate of ESMP 2004*

Mr. Romāns PUTĀNS, *Coordinator, ESMP, Latvia; Graduate of ESMP 2007*

MODERATED DISCUSSIONS BY ALL PARTICIPANTS AND ALUMNI

(list of participants on sight and via Skype attached)

18:30 FURTHER NETWORKING AND REUNION

Venue: Omas Briljants, Audeju street 7, Riga, Latvia

PARTICIPANTS

1. **ABRAMISHVILI Olena**, ESMP Alumni, 2010
2. **ĀBULA Marta**, ESMP faculty member
3. **ABUOV Asset** (Skype), ESMP Alumni, 2013
4. **AVDIU Plator**, ESMP Alumni, 2014
5. **BALTIŅA Līga**, LECSA; ESMP Alumni, 2004
6. **BĀRA Daina**, ESMP faculty member
7. **BOČKARJOVA Marija**, ESMP Alumni, 2002
8. **DEMAREST Andre**, ESMP Alumni, 2010
9. **DUBRA Elena**, LECSA; ESMP faculty member
10. **DZERKALE Agate**, ESMP current student
11. **GRECO Stefano**, ESMP Alumni, 2010
12. **GRŽIBOVSKIS Česlavs**, LECSA; ESMP faculty member
13. **HAZANS Mihails**, LECSA; ESMP faculty member
14. **HERMANSONE Ieva**, ESMP Alumni, 2007
15. **JĀKOBSONE Linda**, ESMP faculty member
16. **JOLKINA Aleksandra**, ESMP Alumni, 2010
17. **KLEINS Druvis**, ESMP Alumni, 2010
18. **KONTAUTS Algimants**, ESMP current student
19. **KRAVALE Iruma**, ESMP Alumni, 2005
20. **KREICS Kaspars**, ESMP Alumni, 2004
21. **KRŪMIŅŠ Juris**, LECSA; ESMP faculty member
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26. **LOZBIŅEVA Jeļena**, ESMP faculty member
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33. **NĀBELS-ŠNEIDERS Ainārs**, LECSA; ESMP faculty member
34. **PASTORE Gunta**, LECSA; ESMP partner
35. **PIEBALGS Andris**, former Commissioner, EU
36. **PONOMARJOVA Denīze**, LECSA; ESMP Alumni, 2011
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Debate on Global Changes and Challenges

“Thinking 2017: Trends and Bright Ideas”

11 January 2017, 18:00

Restaurant “Daily” Private Hall,
University of Latvia, Raina blvd.19

Moderators: **Ms. Giulia Fornaciari**, *Student of the LU ESMP*
Mr. Gökhan Özen, *Student of the LU ESMP*

OUTLINE OF THE EVENT:

- 18:00-18:20** **OPENING OF THE EVENT BY MODERATORS AND THE LECSA COUNCIL MEMBERS**
- 18:20-19:40** **STUDENTS FORUM "THINKING 2017: TRENDS AND BRIGHT IDEAS" WITH PANEL DISCUSSION, INTERVIEWS AND QUESTIONS BY STUDENTS, YOUNG RESEARCHERS, AND ALUMNI OF THE EUROPEAN STUDIES MASTERS PROGRAMME (UL ESMP)**
- Chait:* **Ms. Marta Nikolajenko, Mr. Daniel Wiche**
- Speakers:* *China's Scheduled Leadership Transition by Ms. Paula Podoļska*
Brexit – How Far Will UK Get in 2017 by Ms. Lelde Veinberga
Education in the Digital Era by Ms. Renāte Turka
Migration Crisis in Italy – a Change of Direction by Ms. Chiara Fontanini
Security in the Region and Turkey's Position by Mr. Gökhan Özen
President Trump vs. Davos: Reflection in the Media by Ms. Dace Spēlmane
- 19:40-19:55** **REFLECTION ON ESMP STUDY TOUR 2016 BY STUDENTS**
By Ms. Renāte Turka, Mr. Daniel Wiche
- 19:55-21:00** **RECEPTION, FURTHER DISCUSSION AND SMALL TALKS**

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22. Prof. Inna Šteinbuka, *EC Commission Representation; Faculty member*
23. Astra Zaļkalne, *Faculty member*
24. Daniel Wiche, *Faculty member*
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26. Denize Ponomarjova, *LECSA; ESMP Alumni 2011*
27. Andre Demarest, *ESMP Alumni 2010*
28. Ieva Šķendere, *ESMP Alumni 2015*
29. Lāsma Zelča, *ESMP Alumni 2013*
30. Mārtiņš Zemītis, *European Commission*
31. Andrej Zavialov, *ESMP Alumni 2016 (via Skype)*
32. Javier Mendoza, *ESMP Alumni 2013 (via Skype)*
33. Stefano Greco, *ESMP Alumni 2010 (via Skype)*
34. Nena Markovic, *ESMP Alumni 2013 (via Skype)*

19 May 2016

EU External Relations and EU Enlargement. Ambition, Hope and Challenges of the Enlargement Process towards the Western Balkans: Lessons for the EaP countries

University of Latvia, Faculty of Economics and Management (Room 324)
Aspazijas blvd.5, LV-1050, Riga

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30 **Registration and coffee**

10:30 – 10:40 **Welcome and short introduction**

Prof. Dr. Tatjana Muravska, President, LECSA; Director, Jean Monnet Chair,
University of Latvia

10:40 – 11:10 **The Road to the EU Membership: Balkans and EU Enlargement**

Prof. Dr Tatjana Muravska, President, LECSA; Director, Jean Monnet Chair,
University of Latvia

11:10 – 12:40 **Panel discussion among master and doctoral students: Path of the
Western Balkans towards EU Accession**

Speaker: **Mr. Plator Avdiu** (via Skype), Researcher, Kosovar Centre of Security Studies,
Kosovo

Participants: Marija MOZGA; Anastasija BANINA; Dace DUBOVA; Eduards GAUŠIS;
Anete ILMETE; Emer Faruk KARACAN; Gita KOLOSOVA; Daiga
KONDRĀTE; Uļjana BRINCALOVA; Anna KURLAJEVA; Ilze LAPSIŅA;
Daniel Alexander van RAMESDONK

12:40 – 14:10 **Panel Discussion: Development of Civil Society in the Balkan Countries**

Speaker: **Mr. Romans Putans**, Researcher, University of Latvia

Participants: Nena MARKOVIC (via Skype); Renate TURKA; Annaliisa JAME; Jolanta
VILUMA; Abboskhon JURAEV; Guleysha HASANOVA; Andrei
ZAVIALOV; Marta NIKOLAJENKA; Gokhan OZEN; Haider ALI; Chiara
FONTANINI; Vladan LAUSEVIC; Ieva BRICE

14:10 – 15:10 **Working lunch and networking**

venue: Restaurant “Daily”

15:10 – 16:40 Integrating Balkans in the EU: Erasmus Mundus Programme

Speaker: Mrs. Sarmite Rutkovska, Project expert, Academic Information Centre, Latvia

Participants: Arkadijs PALEJEVS; Denize PONOMARJOVA; Zane SVILANE; Biruta SLOKA; Ella JAKOBSONE; Andris KUZNIEKS; Tatjana MOZUHINA; Marta NIKOLAJENKA; Agate DZERKALE

16:40 – 18:10 Assessment of EU policies towards Enlargement

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Inna DOVLADBKOVA, LECSA; Riga Stradins University, Latvia

Participants: Prof. Dr. Irina REZEPINA; Dr. Sergejs STACENKO; Romans PUTANS; Zane ZEIBOTE; Andrei ZAVIALOV; Vladan LAUSEVIC; Chiara FONTANINI; Liene TIRUMA; Algimants KONTAUTS

18:10 – 18:50 Questions and answers session

18:50 – 19:10 Summary and conclusions

Moderator: **Prof. Dr Tatjana Muravska**, President, LECSA; Director, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Latvia

Working language: **English**

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