

The Baltic Way. Continued

30 Years Since the Baltic Way / 80 Years Since the Hitler-Stalin Pact An International Conference

Date: August 22, 2019

Place: The National Library of Latvia, Ziedonis Hall

Languages: Latvian and English

Pre-registration: https://ej.uz/baltijas_cels-turpinajums

More information: lv100.lv/balticway30

09.15 Registration, coffee

10.00 Opening session

Andris Vilks, Director, National Library of Latvia

Egils Levits, President of Latvia

Edgars Rinkēvičs, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

Nauris Puntulis, Minister of Culture of Latvia

Dr. Arnis Radiņš, Director, National History Museum of Latvia

10.45 The Baltic Way Against the Berlin Wall

Dr. Angela Merkel, Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Video greeting

The secret protocols of the Hitler-Stalin Pact and their publication. The political and legal responses to the pact in the USSR Congress of People's Deputies and in the Federal Republic of Germany. The impact of the publication of the Hitler-Stalin Pact on the national and democratic liberation movements of the Baltic States and on their goal of overcoming the pact's consequences.

Dainis Ivāns, first Chairman of the Popular Front of Latvia. The power of solidarity. The unprecedented cooperation of the Baltic independence movements

Dr. Lauri Mälksoo, Professor, Tartu University. The Hitler-Stalin Pact and international Law

Dr. Richard Herzinger, Journalist, Welt/Welt am Sonntag. From the Baltic Way to the fall of the Berlin Wall: How the Baltic liberation struggle was perceived in Germany

11.30 The National Democratic Revolutions in Eastern and Central Europe and in the Baltics

Panel discussion

The liberation movements in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia and in the countries of Eastern and Central Europe – similarities and differences. How they inspired and influenced each other. The international significance of the Baltic Way and its role in the reestablishment of Baltic independence. The dream of a united Europe. Blank spots in European collective historical memory.

Trivimi Velliste, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia

Hildigund Neubert, Board Member, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, former member of the opposition movement in the German Democratic Republic

Dr. Luboš Švec, Associate Professor, Charles University in Prague

Aleksandras Abišala, former Prime Minister of Lithuania

Jerzy Marek Nowakowski, former Ambassador of Poland to Latvia

Moderator: **Dr. Edijs Bošs**, journalist

The discussion will take place in English and German with Latvian translation.

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Europe after the Baltic Way. Challenges and Opportunities for Democracy in the Twenty-First Century

Carl Bildt, former Prime Minister of Sweden

14.30 Participation: Popular Democracy vs. Mobocracy. The Future of Liberal Democracy

Panel discussion

Democracy in the digital age. Social and political participation in the Baltic States, Central and Eastern Europe today compared with the liberation movements thirty years ago - what have we gained and what have we lost? Populism, manipulation and "fake news". The resilience and possible transformations of representative democracy, popular participation and democratic institutions.

Egils Levits, President of Latvia

Sandra Kalniete, Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Una Bergmane, Teaching Fellow, London School of Economics

Dr. Dace Dzenovska, Associate Professor, Oxford University

Pauls Raudseps, Columnist, Ir weekly magazine

Dāvis Sīmanis, Film Director

Moderator: **Dr. Arnis Rītups**, Editor, Rīgas Laiks magazine

The panel discussion will take place in Latvian with English translation.

Program might be subjected to changes.

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