

Eastern European Studies Centre, Vilnius | Institute of Ukrainian Policy, Kiev |
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Conference

"The prospects of Central Europe: Ukrainian and Lithuanian perspectives"

Wednesday, September 26

9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Conference room, 4th floor

Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University

Vokieciu str. 10, Vilnius

Please note that the seminar will be held in English and Russian languages. Translation will be provided.

AGENDA

8:30 am - Registration

9:00-9:15 am –Opening remarks

Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Director of Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University

Valery Zhovtenko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of Lithuania

Emanuelis Zingeris, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Chairman of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs

9:15 – 10:30 am – I Session. "Central Europe between past and present"

Discussed topics:

- Central Europe: historical traditions and future prospects for cooperation
- The reflection of common past and it's impact to the modern states of the Central Europe

Moderators:

Kost Bondarenko, Chairman of the Institute of Ukrainian policy and the "Ukrainian politics" Foundation, Ukraine

Vilius Ivanauskas, Head of Policy Analysis & Research Division of Eastern European Studies Centre, Lithuania

Speakers:

Alvydas Nikžentaitis, Senior Research Fellow of the Lithuanian Institute of History and president of the Lithuanian National Historians Committee

Vladas Sirutavičius, Professor at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

Eugen Magda, freelance journalist

Emanuelis Zingeris, Member of the Seimas of the Lithuanian Republic, Chairman of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs

Igor Levchenko, Head of the European Programme of the Institute of Ukrainian policy

10:30-11:00 am - Coffee break

11:00-12:20 pm – II Session. "The region of the Central Europe: Current Trends and Challenges"

Discussed topics:

- Current political situation in the world and the prospects of old and new cooperation forms in Europe
- Cooperation in Central Europe: the prospects of EU's Eastern Partnership and the factor of Russia
- The economic basis of the Central European cooperation
- European financial crisis: incentives, challenges, threats

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Vilius Ivanauskas, Head of Policy Analysis and Research Division of Eastern European Studies Centre, Lithuania

Speakers:

Petras Auštrevičius, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Deputy Chairman of the Seimas Committee on European Affairs

Kirill Kulikov, Member of Parliament of Ukraine

Laurynas Kasčiūnas, Adviser to the Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, on foreign policy issues, lecturer at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

Eugene Kopatko, Chairman of the sociological company «R-B Group»

Darius Žeruolis, expert of ESTEP

Marius Laurinavičius, Deputy Editor-in-chief and Foreign Desk Editor of the main Lithuanian newspaper *Lietuvos rytas*.

12:20 - 12:30 pm. - Closing Session.