

Identities in Humanities and Social Sciences in the Post-Soviet Space

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The Korean Association of Slavic and Eurasian Studies (KASEUS) and the Center for Korean Studies at University of Latvia co-organize the international conference on “Identities in Humanities and Social Sciences in the Post-Soviet Space” in Riga, Latvia, on 18-19 July 2018. The KASEUS has long been supported international exchange of scholars of Slavic/Eurasian Studies. Recent years, it has successfully organized international conferences in Prague in 2016, and the East Asian Conference (EAC) in Seoul in 2017, expanding its international academic cooperation.

In the globalization process the role of the middle powers has increased and the cooperation among these countries contributes to the protection of human rights and world peace. In this context, the Conference seeks to exchange views of changing role of middle powers in international/global politics and to promote academic cooperation between Baltic countries and Korea. In addition, future cooperation between the first generation of middle powers and newly emerging countries such as Baltic countries and Korea will be discussed in the Conference.

The KASEUS and the Center for Korean Studies of University of Latvia welcome the participation of scholars and academicians of interests including those from Baltic and Nordic countries and the members of the KASEUS.

At the conference, scholars of humanities and social sciences are invited to share their ideas and inspirations on various themes in history, politics and international relations, economy, culture/literature, and linguistics of Baltic Countries, together with identity building efforts of Baltic counties and Korea in the global and regional context.

The conference program will feature both invited speakers and the panels organized by open-call submissions. We also welcome the contributions of postgraduate students in their PhD courses, who are dealing with following topics, from all disciplines such as anthropology, communications, critical theory cultural studies, history, literature, media studies, philosophy, political science, and sociology:

- What is the role of the middle powers in the globalization process?
- How have national/racial/ethnic identities of the Baltic states developed since the dissolution of the USSR?

- What are the implications of the development of national identities in the post-socialist countries from comparative perspectives?
- What is the status of the Soviet cultural heritage now in the Baltic States? How are the Soviet and socialist past, its cultural, material and intellectual heritages interpreted and assessed? Any new culture emerges?
- What are the postcolonial narratives in Central and East European literature and art?
- Is there any transnational circulation of identity narratives in the Baltic States?
- What is the current status of Korean studies in the Baltic countries and how have they developed since the independence of the Baltic States.
- What is the status of Korean culture now in the Baltic countries?

We welcome proposals for 20-minute presentations. Submissions should include the paper title, author's name, affiliation, and email address. Pre-registration of the participation for the Conference is recommended via email, slaveurasia@daum.net by May 5, 2018.

The KASEUS trusts that your participation in the Conference is crucial to make this conference fruitful, and would like to extend gratitude in advance for your participation.

Yours Faithfully,

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