



Baltic Research Forum

Program

***All times are in US Central Time (Chicago)**

Thursday, October 12, 2023

9:00 am Welcome – Opening remarks – [Serenity Stanton Orenko](#) & [Olga Makarova](#) (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

9:10 am Keynote – [Dovile Budryte](#) (President, Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies) – “Gender and Resistance: Insights from Research on the Partisan War in Lithuania.”

9:30 am [Neringa Klumbyte](#) (Miami University) – “Authoritarian Laughter: Political Humor and Soviet Dystopia in Lithuania.”

9:50 am [Simas Čelutka](#) (Vilnius University) – “Sacrifice and the Meaning of Resistance: Reflections on Jan Patočka’s Philosophy.”

Short Break – 10 minutes

10:20 am [Márcia Vinha](#) (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) – “The ‘Soviet patriot Putin’: Kurkov and Gálina’s Cursed Days.”

10:40 am [Evelin Tamm](#) (Dalarna University) – “Estonian Russophone Culture and Identities During the Times of the Russian war against Ukraine.”

Short Break – 5 minutes

11:05 am Roundtable Discussion – Conducting Research in Baltic Studies – Collections and Archives

Panelists:

[Regina Frackowiak](#) (Library of Congress)

[Dagnija Baltiņa](#) (National Library of Latvia)

[Birgit Kibal](#) (National Archives of Estonia)

[Kristina Lapienytė](#) & [Dr. Robert Vitas](#) (Lithuanian Research Center)

12:00 pm – Closing Remarks – [Joe Lenkart & Olga Makarova](#) (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

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9:00 am [Volha Bartash](#) (Universität Regensburg) – “Roma communities from the Baltic borderlands.”
[Adedeji Moses Adeniyi](#) (Tallinn University) – “If You’re Black, Ain’t No Way Back?”

9:40 am [Timo Aava](#) (University of Vienna) – “Estonian Refugees and Settlements in Siberia and Political Mobilization Between 1917 and 1920.”

[Jūratė Imbrasaitė](#) (Vytautas Magnus University)- “Experimental Tools and Protest Mobilization: A Case of Experiential Tools and Protest Mobilization: A Case of Šančiai Neighborhood.”

Short Break – 10 minutes

10:30 am [Giedrius Subačius](#) (University of Illinois at Chicago) – “Lithuanian Prestandard Orthography in the 19th Century: Simonas Daukantas Case.”

10:50 am [Sheila Lalwani](#) (Moody College of Communication) – “Digital Inclusion in the Baltic States - A Comparative Policy Approach to Closing Digital Divide Among Vulnerable Populations: A Comparison of the U.S. and Baltic States.”

Short Break – 5 minutes

11:15 am [Zane Šime](#) (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) – “Europe-Wide Resilience-Building in the Age of Permacrisis Through Partnering With the Southern Neighborhood.”

11:35 am [Viktorija Jonkutė](#) (Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore) – “The Revolution of Publicists and the Lithuanian and Latvian Cultural Youth Magazines of the Period 1988-1992.”

11:55 am [Ornela Ramašauskaitė](#) (Mykolas Romeris University) – “Collaboration Among Stakeholders for Combating Fake News in a Digital Media Environment.”

12:15 am [A Conversation with Dr. Annika Koppel](#) (Editor, *Estonian Literary Magazine*)

Short Break – 5 minutes

12:40 pm – [Samantha Bodamer](#) (University of Pittsburgh) – “On the Production of Heterotopia and Other Spaces in 1960s Soviet Latvian Poetic Documentary.”

1:00 pm – Closing Remarks – [Joe Lenkart](#) (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)