



12th Baltic student conference BRIDGES IN THE BALTICS 2025

9 – 10 October 2025

University of Latvia, Oskara Kalpaka boulevard 4, Riga, Latvia

October 9 (Thursday)

8.30 – 9.00	Registration		
9.00 – 9.30	Opening of the Conference Conference hall "Sapere aude", 2nd floor		
9.30 – 10.30	1st Plenary session Conference hall "Sapere aude", 2nd floor Andra Kalnača University of Latvia (Latvia) Database of Latvian Morphemes and Derivational Models: from ideas to results		
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break		
11.00 – 13.00	Parallel sessions 1		
	LINGUISTICS I <i>moderator: Laura Sakalauskaitė</i> 2nd floor, "Sapere aude" hall	LITERATURE, FOLKLORE & CULTURE I <i>moderator: Gustavs Zālītis</i> 1st floor, hall 108	HISTORY & CULTURAL HERITAGE I <i>moderator: Anastasija Smirnova</i> 3rd floor, hall 327
11.00 – 11.20	Dominyka Eidukevičiūtė Vilnius University (Lithuania) Saussure's Law and Its Inactivity in Disyllabic Adjectives in Modern Spoken Lithuanian (English)	Emilija Jūrelytė Vilnius University (Lithuania) A Digital Humanities Approach to Lithuanian and Latvian Eurovision Songs (2000–2025) (Lithuanian)	Márk Sima University of the National Education Commission (UKEN) (Hungary/Poland) Polish and Lithuanian historical memory problems (English)
11.20 – 11.40	Meda Žukaitė Vilnius University (Lithuania) How Players Adapt and Recreate the Names of Characters from the Computer Game „League of Legends“ (English)	Iveta Ivanauskaitė Vilnius University (Lithuania) The principle of anti-genre in Lithuanian Avant-Garde literature (Lithuanian)	Naglis Grasmanas Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania) Latvians in the Lithuanian Independence war 1919-1920 (English)
11.40 – 12.00	Laura Sakalauskaitė Vilnius University (Lithuania) The Formation of Lithuanian Surnames with -uit- and -uik- suffixes (Latvian)	Gustavs Zālītis Riga Technical university Liepāja Academy (Latvia) Intersections of Hagiography, Autobiography, and Biography (Latvian)	Anastasija Smirnova University of Latvia (Latvia) Heritage of the buildings of 19th–20th century social care institutions in Riga (English)
12.00 – 12.20	Karolína Gilarová Masaryk University (Czech Republic) Tariamoji nuosaka, conditionnel and subjonctif: A Comparative Analysis of their Grammatical Properties and Usage in Lithuanian and French (Lithuanian)	Konradas Pukinskas Vilnius University (Lithuania) The Critical Reception of Salomėja Nėris' poetry (1927–1938) (English)	Marika Kucina Daugavpils University (Latvia) Research on the scenic heritage of manors in south-eastern Latvia (1920–1990) (Latvian)
12.20 – 12.40	Grigory Baramov University of Warsaw (Poland) The origin of the language of Sirvydas and Jonas Jaknavičius (Lithuanian)	Gabija Kišonaitė Vilnius University (Lithuania) Parody and Pastiche in the Prose of Juozas Erlickas' (English)	Viktors Punculis Daugavpils University (Latvia) Development of the Daugavpils Tram Line (1945-1963) (Latvian)
12.40–13.00	Greta Leigaitė Vilnius University (Lithuania) Speech synthesis and speech recognition of non-standard Lithuanian vocabulary (Lithuanian)	Maria Dreer Vilnius University (Lithuania) Submission and Chaos: How Mise-en-Scène in Fight Club Reinforces and Subverts Gender Norms (English)	Isabelle DeSisto Princeton University / University of Tartu (USA / Estonia) From Soviet Repression to Solidarity with Ukraine: Survey Evidence from Estonia (English)
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break		

14.30 – 16.30	Parallel sessions 2		
	LINGUISTICS II <i>moderator: Oskars Otomers</i> 2nd floor, “Sapere aude” hall	LITERATURE, FOLKLORE & CULTURE II <i>moderator: Ieva Cīpruse</i> 1st floor, hall 108	HISTORY & CULTURAL HERITAGE II <i>moderator: Diāna Hristenko</i> 3rd floor, hall 327
14.30 – 14.50	Sanita Placēna University of Latvia (Latvia) The phonetical peculiarities of the Latgalian subdialects of the highland Latvian dialect of Vidzeme in the earliest descriptions and now (Examples of the Vecgūbene subdialect) (Latvian)	Augustē Anisimova Vilnius University (Lithuania) Easy-to-understand language and paratexts: a case study of Justina Bružaitė-Liseckienė's adaptation of “My Name is Marytė” (Lithuanian)	Diāna Hristenko University of Latvia (Latvia) Impact of the Sovietization towards Lithuanian Lutheran Church: Statistics, personas, tendencies 1944-1953-1968 (English)
14.50 – 15.10	Paula Miķelsons University of Latvia (Latvia) Vocal Contraction in Latvian speech corpora (Latvian)	Inese Pintāne Charles University (Czech Republic) Representation of the World in Latvian and Lithuanian Folktales (English)	Vladislavs Matvejevs Daugavpils University (Latvia) Religion, Identity, and Parliamentary Democracy: The Case of Latvia (1920–1934) (Latvian)
15.10 – 15.30	Oskars Otomers University of Latvia (Latvia) Names of land, water and air of transportation in colloquial Latvian, their lexicogrammatical features and typology of word formation (Latvian)	Anete Saulīte-Stačkune University of Latvia (Latvia) Human-Environment Interrelation in Latvian Folk Beliefs (Latvian)	Lāsma Aiga Lasmane Daugavpils University (Latvia) Preserving Selonian cultural heritage: the case of Liepavots outside stage and its surroundings (1936-1965) (English)
15.30 – 15.50	Monta Sintija Feldmane University of Latvia (Latvia) The use of exhortative utterances in the tv programme “Kas notiek Latvijā”? (What's happening in Latvia?) (Latvian)	Paula Lāce University of Latvia (Latvia) Satire as a tool in the formation of national identity in the play by Baumanis Kārlis “From Darkness Through Smoke to Light” (1876) (English)	Jūlija Tereščenko Daugavpils University (Latvia) Unknown Deportation Routes: Jewish Transports between Latvia and Lithuania during the Holocaust (English)
15.50 – 16.10	Laura Anna Badūne University of Latvia (Latvia) Expressing temperature sensations in Latvian (Latvian)	Ieva Cīpruse University of Latvia (Latvia) The Woman and the Sea through Oral History: Voices from Kurzeme (Latvian)	Marta Liepiņa Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music (Latvia) Ventspils People's Conservatory 1927–1941/1945: the Activities of the Educational Institution in the Testimonies of Archives, Press and Memories (English)
16.10 – 16.30	Milan Hoplíček University of Latvia (Latvia) Comparison of the productivity of verb prefixes in Latvian and Czech: neologisms (English)		
17.00 – 18.00	Excursion in the historical building of UL Raiņa boulevard 19		
19.00 – ...	Conference reception Visvalža iela 4A, Hall 402, 4th floor		

October 10 (Friday)			
9.00 – 10.00	2nd Plenary session Conference hall “Sapere aude”, 2nd floor		
	Vilius Dranseika Jagiellonian University (Lithuania / Poland) In Defense of Forgetting		
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break		
10.30 – 12.30	Parallel sessions 3		
	LANGUAGE ACQUISITION & POLICY <i>moderator: Adelina Šķerskāne</i> 2nd floor, “Sapere aude” hall	LITERATURE, FOLKLORE & CULTURE III <i>moderator: Alise Āboltiņa-Bula</i> 1st floor, hall 108	MUSIC, ART & ARCHITECTURE <i>moderator: Zaiga Pleiko</i> 3rd floor, hall 327
10.30 – 10.50	Marija Nordkvelle Vilnius University (Lithuania) The Attitudes of Latvians about the Lithuanian Language and Its Learning (Lithuanian)	Kateřina Běláková Masaryk University (Czech Republic) Czechia and Czechs through the eyes of Lithuanian personal essay (English)	Zaiga Pleiko University of Latvia (Latvia) Reframing the Flâneur: Gendered Bodies and Urban Photography in Riga (English)

10.50 – 11.10	<p>Aušrinė Tverskytė Vilnius University (Lithuania)</p> <p>What's Easy for One May Be Tricky for Another: Experimental Insights into Sentence Preferences of Native Speakers and Learners of Lithuanian</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Ian Gwin University of Washington (USA)</p> <p>The Finnish Bridge: Homeland and Migration</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Lisa Trei Tallinn University (Estonia)</p> <p>Telling untold stories: "Free Winds," an exhibition at Vabamu in Estonia, highlights the incredible journeys of Baltic refugees who fled from Sweden after World War II and sailed across the Atlantic to freedom</p> <p>(English)</p>
11.10 – 11.30	<p>Daina Munch Aarhus University (Denmark)</p> <p>Silence has a voice. Lived experiences of schooling in a second language for Russian-speaking pupils in Latvia</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Ignė Laurynaitė Vilnius University (Lithuania)</p> <p>Reflections on the War in Ukraine in Contemporary Lithuanian Poetry</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Rokas Linkevičius Vilnius University (Lithuania)</p> <p>Expression of ideology in the spatial transformations of Žirmūnai district</p> <p>(Lithuanian)</p>
11.30 – 11.50	<p>Adelīna Skerškāne University of Greifswald (Germany)</p> <p>The Instrumentalization of the Baltic Past – how a Slavic micro language attempted to create its history by creating a “Baltic myth”</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Alise Āboltiņa-Bula University of Latvia (Latvia)</p> <p>Representing Collective Historical Trauma in Contemporary Latvian Children's Literature: The Case of Inese Zandere's novel series “Puika ar suni”</p> <p>(Latvian)</p>	<p>Eliška Tmejová Masaryk University (Czech Republic)</p> <p>Baltic Versailles: Rundāle Palace as a Reflection of the French Court in Eastern Europe</p> <p>(English)</p>
11.50 – 12.10		<p>Ana Marić University of Tartu (Estonia)</p> <p>Motives of patriotism and portrayal of Estonia in the poetry of Juhan Liiv</p> <p>(Estonian)</p>	
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break		
13.30 – 14.30	<p>3rd Plenary session Conference hall “Sapere aude”, 2nd floor</p> <p>Jayde Will Latvian Literature Platform (Estonia / Latvia)</p> <p>Trends in Literary Translation in the Baltic Countries 2015-2025</p>		
14.30 – 14.45	Coffee break		
14.45 – 16.45	Parallel sessions 4		
	<p>LANGUAGE ACQUISITION & TRANSLATION <i>moderator: Agnese Cera</i> 2nd floor, “Sapere aude” hall</p>	<p>SOCIETY, ECONOMICS & POLITICS <i>moderator: Stanislavs Šeiko</i> 1st floor, hall 108</p>	
14.45 – 15.05	<p>Samanta Zambžickaitė Vilnius University (Lithuania)</p> <p>Problems in Translating Equine Terms</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Romāns Gagunovs Rīga Stradiņš University (Latvia)</p> <p>Latvia's Party Landscape after the Restoration of Independence: The Architecture of Party and Party Association Formation</p> <p>(Latvian)</p>	
15.05 – 15.25	<p>Ilze Jaunzeme Ventspils University of Applied Sciences (Latvia)</p> <p>Conceptual meaning, use and correspondences (EN-LV) of the terms “iekārta” and “aprikojums” in journalistic and industry-specific legal texts</p> <p>(Latvian)</p>	<p>Stanislavs Šeiko University of Latvia (Latvia)</p> <p>Contested moral status: confronting volunteers' and veterinary professionals' perspectives on stray</p> <p>(Latvian)</p>	
15.25 – 15.45	<p>Madara Vīre University of Tartu (Estonia)</p> <p>A Corpus-based Study of Amplifiers in Latvian EFL Learners' Writing</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Stanisław Szeliga University of Warsaw (Poland)</p> <p>From the Nord Express to Rail Baltica – on the national and international rail transport systems in the Baltics</p> <p>(English)</p>	
15.45 – 16.05.	<p>Agnese Cera Riga Technical university Liepāja Academy (Latvia)</p> <p>Learning Latvian at Home and in Educational Settings: a Case Study of Ukrainians in Latvia</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Anastasija Puha & Tetiana Koroī Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)</p> <p>Youth unemployment: comparison of influence and policy factors in the Baltic countries and East Asia on the example of Lithuania and South Korea</p> <p>(English)</p>	
16.05 – 16.25	<p>Ugnė Juozapavičiūtė Vilnius University (Lithuania)</p> <p>Language as a Marker of Identity: Linguistic Transformations among Ukrainian War Refugees</p> <p>(English)</p>	<p>Lūcija Ceicāne University of Latvia (Latvia)</p> <p>The Invisible Line: Symbolic Boundaries of Trust in Latvian State Secrecy Practices</p> <p>(English)</p>	
16.25 – 16.45		<p>Joonas Veerme University of Tartu (Estonia)</p> <p>BATUN and the role of human rights in raising awareness of the Baltic Question at the UN, 1971-1991</p> <p>(English)</p>	
16.50 – 17.00	<p>Conference closing ceremony Conference hall “Sapere aude”, 2nd floor</p>		