

Thursday, November 28

ViA Faculty of Engineering, 10 Terbatas Street

10:00 Registration and coffee/tee

11:00 Opening remarks, Auditorium 121

11:30 **“Intercultural Sustainability: In Search for Ethical Foundations in Intercultural Communication Research”** Keynote by Dr. Dominic Busch, Professor of Intercultural Communication and Conflict Research at Bundeswehr University Munich, Germany

13:00 Lunch at Hotel Wolmar restaurant, 16A Terbatas street

1A Auditorium 121 Teaching intercultural communication

14:30 “Student mobility in Africa: Intercultural communication skills through education and sustainability” by Ane Bergersen, Monica Vattedal Helgesen, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway.

14:55 “Improving the intercultural competence of school students and teachers from Russia in educational trips to Finland” by Eduard Khakimov, Educational and Cultural Centre “Finno-Ugric Point”, Finland.

15:15 “Cultural diversity in relation to education and pedagogy, training, and management: a didactic approach” by Ursula Smoland Goth, Lars Erik Braaum, Kristiania University College, Norway.

15:35 Discussion, moderator Liene Locmele

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16:15 Coffee break/ tee time, Auditorium 123

2A Auditorium 121 Interrogating media discourse

16:30 “Visual depictions of refugee narratives in the European advertisement design strategies” by Ilze Loza, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Art Academy of Latvia, Latvia.

1B Auditorium 124 Perspectives of the “invisible”

“Past, present, and future in migrants’ experience of life coherence” by Anita Holm Riis, Aalborg University, Denmark.

“Storytelling as a powerful tool for creating the sense of belonging” by Laura Buzinska, University of Latvia, Latvia.

“Drop-in counseling: counseling of socially vulnerable ethnic minority youth” by Jamshid F. Gholamian, University College Lillebælt, Denmark.

“Diverse approaches of local planning in tourism – post-conflict zone Bahia Solano, Pacific Ocean” by Gabriela Antosova, Mauricio Sabogal Salamanca, University College of Business in Prague, Czech Republic.

Discussion, moderator Elina Sokolova - Luca

Coffee break/ tee time, Auditorium 123

2B Auditorium 124 Investigating integration

“Measuring integration of new immigrants in Estonia with integration index” by Ave Roots, University of Tartu, Estonia.

16:55 “There is no other such dargava (state)!” Constructing dargavata (the state) as a place of dwelling in Bulgarian discourse on emigration” by Nadezhda Sotirova, University of Minnesota-Morris, USA.

17:15 “Cultural styles in breakfast in films – Japan and Germany” by Margit Krause—Ono, Sylvia Waechter, Muroran Institute of Technology, Japan.

17:35 Discussion, moderator Liene Locmele

18:00 Social event at the conference venue, 2nd floor with an optional guided tour of the exhibition about Latvian diaspora “Es (arī) esmu latvietis”

“Communication dynamics of highly skilled Spanish-speaking migrant women in Swedish workplaces” by Kathya Navarro, Mid Sweden University, Sweden.

“Governing the family: immigrant parents’ perception of the controlling power of child welfare services in Norway” by Memory Jayne Tembo, VID Specialised University, Norway.

Discussion, moderator Inese Vaivare

Friday, November 29

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09:00 Morning coffee/tee and snacks, Auditorium 123

3A Auditorium 121 Work and ageing

09:30 “Ageing and the Welfare State: Current Trends in Welfare Policies on Ageing in Baltic and Nordic” by Jolanta Aidukaite, Mare Ainsaar, Sven Hort, Lithuanian Social Research Centre, Lithuania.

09:55 “What are the values that govern social policy making in Latvia?” by Feliciano Rajevska, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia.

10:15 “How much solidarity is there in the solidarity tax?” by Olga Rajevska, University of Latvia, Latvia.

10:35 “Labor code reform and flexible work arrangements in Lithuania: gender differences in demand and outcomes” by Jekaterina Navicke, Romas Lazutka, Vilnius University, Lithuania.

10:55 Discussion, moderator Anna Broka

11:15 Coffee break/ tee time, Auditorium 123

3B Auditorium 124 The use of language and technology

“Communication over Internet and languages” by Aigars Andersons, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia, Jozef Bushati, Jessica Swan, University of Shkodra, Albania.

“Overcoming cultural interference in professional communication in mathematics” by Elena Korshuk, Natallia Patapava, Belarusian State University, Belarus.

“Displaying negative emotions in Estonian school-related complaints” by Andriela Raabis, Tiit Hennoste, Andra Rumm, University of Tartu, Estonia.

“Contemporary geographies of public events and tourism mobility” by Andris Klepers, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia.

Discussion, moderator Selga Goldmane

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11:30 “Struggling with Diversity: Tracing Encounters with Difference” Keynote by cand. psych., PhD,
Linda Lapina, Assistant Professor of Cultural Encounters at Roskilde University in Denmark,
Auditorium 121

13:00 Lunch at Hotel Wolmar restaurant, 16A Terbatas street

4A Auditorium 121 Social policy responses II: Family and youth

14:30 “Family policy in the Baltic and Nordic countries: a comparative overview” by Jolanta Aidukaite, Lithuanian Social Research Centre, Lithuania.

14:55 “Did immigrants caused child welfare cuts during economic recession?” by Mare Ainsaar, Kadri Soo, University of Tartu, Estonia.

15:15 “Participatory democracy practice among youth experiencing disadvantages: scoping literature review” by Anna Broka, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia, Tallinn University, Estonia.

15:35 Discussion, moderator Olga Rajevska

15:55 Coffee break/ tee time, Auditorium 123

16:10 Remarks from the field

5A Auditorium 121 The culture, trust and media change

16:15 “The culture of trust: perception of democracy, Europeaness and civil society in politically active youth in Latvia” by Martins Daugulis, Ieva Bikava, Lelde Metla-Rozentale, Elina Graudina, Riga Stradins University, Latvia.

16:35 “Get out of my Facebook! Exploratory study on voters’ responses to online electoral campaigning in the context of deep political distrust” by Agnese Davidsonsone, Vineta Silkane, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia.

4B Auditorium 124 Ways forward

“On co-existence, integration, and the need for education in intercultural communication” by Jens Allwood, Elisabeth Ahlsen, University of Gothenburg and Marston Hill Intercultural Centre, Sweden.

“Three solutions to the cultural diversity problem: transculturalism, multiculturalism, and interculturalism” by Augustinas Dainys, Education Academy, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.

“Epistemic injustice, racism, and hermeneutical domination: questioning the capability for antiracism from a “white” position” by Line Alice Ytrehus, NLA University College, Norway.

Discussion, moderator Agnese Davidsonsone

5B Auditorium 124 Preventing marginalization and conflict

“On the conditions of living together multiculturally” by Jens Allwood, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

“Attempt to measure the level of conflict and marginalization in Estonia: local government level perspective” by Oliver Nahkur, Mare Ainsaar, Helina Maasing, Ave Roots, University of Tartu, Estonia.

16:55 “Story alongside history: Russian media landscape in Finland and Latvia” by Ilkholm Khalimzoda, University of Jyväskylä, Finland.

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17:35 Discussion, moderator Inese Vaivare

17:55 NIC Annual Meeting, Auditorium 121: All participants welcome!

19:00 Leaving for the Conference Dinner and excursion at Valmiermuiza brewery

“Teaching non-violent communication in a multicultural student group” by Steven Crawford, Kim Ngan Dau, JAMK University of Applied Sciences, Finland.

“Creating a culture of care and social justice through education, policy, and practice” by Susan Seigel, Debby Flickinger, Union Institute and University, USA.

Discussion, moderator Liene Locmele

Saturday, November 30

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09:00 Morning coffee/tee and snacks, Auditorium 123

09:30 “Beyond Diversity as Commodity: Neoliberal Multiculturalism, Anti-Oppression Pedagogy, and Inclusive Communication” Keynote by **Dr. Srivi Ramasubramanian, Professor of Communication at Texas A&M University, USA (videoconference), Auditorium 121**

6A Auditorium 121

11:00 “Diversity boost” by Rasma Pipike, Diversity management and innovation expert, Latvia.

12:15 Lunch at Hotel Wolmar restaurant, 16A Terbatas street

7A Auditorium 121

13:45 “Beyond assimilation – identifying strategies for cultural recognition” by Elmer Dixon, Executive Diversity Services, USA, George F. Simons, diversophy®, France, JAMK University of Applied Sciences, Finland, Steven Crawford, JAMK University of Applied Sciences, Finland.

15:00 Closing remarks, Auditorium 121

15:45 Farewell coffee/tee and snacks, Auditorium 123

16:30 Bus transfer from ViA Faculty of Engineering, 10 Terbatas street to Riga (pre-booking needed)

6B Auditorium 124

“Are you game? NEUROdiversophy: brain science, gender and culture” by George F. Simons, diversophy®, France, JAMK University of Applied Sciences, Finland, Cynthia Milani, Institute for Global Director, Italy.

7B Auditorium 124

“The ethics and values of visual communication strategies, Western and Islamic advertising” by Ilze Loza, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Art Academy of Latvia, Latvia.

