

# European Encounters: The Baltics in the European Union

## Academic Program of all three locations

05 July 2021 - 13 August 2021

UTRECHT: European Cultures and Identities

Week 1

Monday

**Morning**

**Welcome and Introduction to the Course**

Timo Houtekamer

Time: 10h00 – 10h45

**Morning Lecture #1 What makes Europe European?**

Timo Houtekamer

Time: 11h00 – 12h00

**Afternoon Seminar #1 City walk: European cultures in Utrecht**

Time: 13h00 – 16h00

Tuesday

**Morning Lecture #2 Introduction to European Art and Culture**

Timo Houtekamer

Time: 10h00 – 12h00

Wednesday

**Morning Lecture #3 Economic history of Europe**

Guest lecture

Time: 10h00 – 12h00

**Afternoon Elective excursion Utrecht**

Time: 13h00 – 16h00

### 17.00 Official opening Summerschool

Thursday

**Morning Lecture #4 European Identities**

Guest lecture

Time: 10h00 – 12h00

**Afternoon Seminar #2 Europe and the Parliamentary Democracy**

Time: 13h00 – 16h00

Friday

**Morning Lecture #5 Introduction to European thought: religion and philosophy**

Timo Houtekamer

Time: 10h00 – 12h00



## International Summer School

### European Encounters: Understanding Russia and EU-Russia relations: Insights Foreign Policy Actors, Institutions and Policy-Making

<b>Online version (remote mode)</b>
University of Tartu Moodle platform 19-31 July 2021 i.e. 2 consecutive weeks of independent study 4 EAP

Relations between the EU and Russia went through its ups and downs over the course of the last decades. In order to have a better grasp of these dynamics, we have to look back and understand the nature of bilateral interactions and the setup of institutional framework established between the two entities. The summer school programme will introduce students to the institutional framework of EU and Russia relations. The recent crisis in Russia's relations with the United States and the European Union has aggravated the tendency to view Russia through the prism of stereotypes. Contemporary Russian Federation is often seen as a re-incarnation of the Soviet Union, a country with authoritarian political culture single-handedly ruled by Vladimir Putin, pursuing an expansionist foreign policy agenda and engaged in a new Cold War against the West. While there is a grain of truth behind each of these stereotypes, they hardly advance our understanding of the complex social, cultural and political developments that drive Russia's domestic and foreign policy. Thus the course will try to explain the role of the main foreign policy actors and institutions in the EU and Russia, which are involved in shaping bilateral relations in contested aspects in EU-Russia relations (for example such as shared neighborhood and energy relations).

This summer school will provide students with both theoretical knowledge and sector specific expertise covered by practitioners coming from HEIs, NGOs and EU institutions. At the end of the course, you will be able to apply your acquired knowledge in practice through completing a short mini-project, focused on media analysis of sources dealing with state of EU-Russia affairs.

The school is hosted by the [Centre for EU-Russia Studies](#) and [Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies](#) at the [University of Tartu](#). Founded in 1632, the UT is the leading research university in the New Europe (Times Higher Education 2018).

The school will guide you through three main cities of Estonia: the capital [Tallinn](#), the university town of [Tartu](#) and the border city of [Narva](#). The format of the school combines online lectures and webinars, supported by independent readings and assignments. The 14-days programme will allow students to meet instructors in person via Zoom and join virtual study trips, site visits, and a rich cultural and social program.

#### **A participant, who has successfully completed the course:**

- argues over the institutional setup of EU-Russia relations and identifies the main phases and events in EU-Russia relations.
- explains and distinguishes the role of the foreign policy actors and institution in the EU and Russia, involved in framing bilateral relations.
- identifies EU and Russia's foreign policy tools applied in bilateral relations.

- argues about the main contested aspects in EU-Russia relations.
- summarizes and analyzes media sources related to key issues in EU-Russia relations.

**In order to complete the course and receive 4 ECTS, students will be asked to perform the following tasks:**

- Complete short multiple-choice quizzes
- Take active part in the discussions
- Perform a collective wiki page assignment
- Perform a short mini-project and submit a written paper

**Program (subject to change)**

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Topics and activities</b>
<b>Day 1</b>	Introduction to the course and participants ice-breaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar with organisers</li> </ul> <i>Welcome to Estonia</i>
<b>Day 2</b>	Historical and Institutional framework of EU-Russia relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar</li> </ul> <i>Virtual trip to Narva</i>
<b>Day 3</b>	EU's relevant foreign policy actors and institutions (focusing on Russia). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar</li> </ul> <i>Virtual tour: Riigikogu, Tallinn</i>
<b>Day 4</b>	Functioning of EU as a foreign policy actor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar</li> </ul> <i>Virtual tour: EU house in Tallinn</i>
<b>Day 5&amp;6</b>	The place of Baltic States in EU-Russia relations: NATO, the EU and Baltic regional security. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar/s</li> </ul> <i>Virtual tour</i> <i>A film screening</i>
<b>Day 7&amp;8</b>	Russia's relevant foreign policy actors and institutions (focusing on the EU) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar/s</li> </ul> <i>Virtual tour</i>
<b>Day 9&amp;10</b>	Arenas and perspectives on EU-Russia interactions and policy-making: neighbourhood, trade, and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar/s</li> </ul> <i>A film screening</i>
<b>Day 11&amp;12</b>	EU and Russia mini-project (media digest) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar:</li> </ul> <i>Virtual tour: KUMU/ERM</i>
<b>Day 13&amp;14</b>	Closing up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul> <i>Virtual conference</i>



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## ONLINE SUMMER SCHOOL

# THE BALTIC STATES AND ITS NEIGHBORING POWERS

AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 13, 2021

### Preliminary Program

MONDAY, August 2	
Time (CET) <small>(Central European Time)</small>	Description
08:30 – 09:00	Online Welcome Speech and Opening. Getting to know each other
09:00 – 10:30	Lecture: “The Soviet ethnic policy and its consequences in Latvia: 1945-1991” <i>Lect. I.Runce</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: “The Soviet ethnic policy and its consequences in Latvia: 1945-1991” <i>Lect. I.Runce</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Free time for lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Virtual Tour: Riga Old city



<b>TUESDAY, August 3</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Lecture: "Our Russians: community of the Russian Old believers in Latvia. History and cultural heritage" <i>Lect. I.Runce</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	"Our Russians: community of the Russian Old believers in Latvia. History and cultural heritage" <i>Lect. I.Runce</i>

<b>WEDNESDAY, August 4</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Lecture: "Emotions (individual and social) and their impacts on large-scale groups" <i>Prof. J.Šķilters</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: "Emotions (individual and social) and their impacts on large-scale groups" <i>Prof. J.Šķilters</i>



<b>THURSDAY, August 5</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Lecture: “Narratives and events and manipulation with social groups” <i>Prof. J.Šķilters</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: “Narratives and events and manipulation with social groups” <i>Prof. J.Šķilters</i>

<b>FRIDAY, August 6</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Lecture: “Public Diplomacy in the 21st Century: what have Great Powers to say and what does it mean for their Neighbours?” <i>Lect. S.Struberga</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: “Public Diplomacy in the 21st Century: what have Great Powers to say and what does it mean for their Neighbours?” <i>Lect. S.Struberga</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Free time for lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Presentation and discussion: “Humour as a communication tool: the case of New Year’s Eve television in Russia” <i>Prof. Ž. Ozoliņa</i>



<b>MONDAY, August 9</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
09:00 – 10:30	“Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)” <i>Dr.oec., prof. V.P. Karnups</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	“Shadow Economy in Latvia and other Baltic States” <i>Dr.oec., prof. V. P. Karnups</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Free time for lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Virtual study visit: "Delna" Transparency International Latvia. Introduction with the project: "Deputāti uz delnas". Internet tool to fight political corruption in Europe.
<b>TUESDAY, August 10</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Lecture: “Local, regional and continental components of national culture:the case of Latvian musical instruments” <i>Prof. V.Muktupāvels</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: “Local, regional and continental components of national culture:the case of Latvian musical instruments” <i>Prof. V.Muktupāvels</i>





<b>WEDNESDAY, August 11</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: “Local, regional and continental components of national culture:the case of Latvian musical instruments” <i>Prof. V.Muktupāvels</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Free time for lunch
13:00 – 14:30	Lecture: “Local, regional and continental components of national culture:the case of Latvian musical instruments” <i>Prof. V.Muktupāvels</i>

  

<b>THURSDAY, August 12</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
09:00 – 10:30	“Effective human resource management in contemporary organizations: human factors and ergonomics approach” <i>Prof. H.Kaļķis</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: “Effective human resource management in contemporary organizations: human factors and ergonomics approach” <i>Prof. H.Kaļķis</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Free time for lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Virtual study visit: SIA Getliņi EKO



<b>FRIDAY, August 13</b>	
<b>Time (CET)</b> (Central European Time)	<b>Description</b>
09:00 – 10:30	Lecture: Media literacy in a "post-truth" age <i>Lect. G.Spurava</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Lecture: Media literacy in a "post-truth" age <i>Lect. G.Spurava</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Free time for lunch
13:00 – 14:30	Summer school closure. Goodbye

**Additional optional events of the programme will be:**

Virtual Tour: Valmiera and Cesis

Virtual tour: Rundale Palace Museum

Virtual Tour: The Corner House

Virtual Cookie/Cake masterclass

Online concert: Carpe Noctem (UL 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert)

Kindly note, the programme is subject to change

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