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The Klaipėda (Lithuania) international seminar on

“Changes and Experiences in the Border Regions: An Interaction between History, Culture, Philosophy and Human Geography”

On the 19th-20th of June, 2017

Place of venue:

Klaipėda University, Academic campus “Studlendas”, Conference Hall,
Herkaus Manto str. 84, LT-92294, Klaipėda, Lithuania (www.ku.lt/en)

The purpose of seminar:

Seminar dedicated for elaboration a discussion on different aspects related to changes and experiences in the border regions. As well to share the knowledge on current researches, gained outcomes and to present new ideas, interdisciplinary approaches in the cross-border studies. The purpose is to prompt an interaction between humanities and social sciences, to reveal objective and subjective findings in borderology, to strengthen the academic cohesion, to reduce mental distances between the societies and their cultures of the border regions, to create new forms of trans-border cooperation in the space of the Green Belt zone.



Main topics for discussion:

- Philosophy of changes in the border regions
- From the history of borderlands towards creation of new identities and values
- Objective and subjective interaction of cultures across the borders
- Retrospective and retrogressive perception of human geographic changes in the border regions
- Challenges of spatial interaction in the borderlands and geopolitical tensions
- Impact of borders on sustainable development
- Experiences of cross-border and trans-border cooperation

Scientific committee:

Prof. Viggo Helge Rossvaer, Doctor of Philosophy, University of Nordland, Norway.

Prof. Dalia Stančienė, Doctor of Philosophy, Professor, Head of Department of Philosophy and Cultural Studies, Klaipėda University, Lithuania.

Dr. Alexander A. Sautkin, Candidate of Philosophy, Associate Professor of the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies at MASU, Russia.

Dr. Eduardas Spiriajevas, Doctor of Geography, Associate Professor, Head of Geography Programmes at the Department of Public Administration and Social Geography, Klaipėda University, Lithuania.

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Deadline for registration and delivering of abstracts: 5th June, 2017.

A message about your intention to participate at the seminar, and the abstract, please send to by e-mail: borderlithuania@gmail.com

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Practical information:

During the stay in Klaipėda, the organizers suggest you to have an accommodation at the Guest House Litinterp. Address: Puodžių g. 17, Klaipėda LT –92126, <http://www.litinterp.com/en/klaipeda/klp-about-us/>

The average price per night around 23-28 euros, depending on single, double or triple room. The cost of breakfast is 3 euros per person additionally. Good location and cosy living conditions. The guest house in an easy reach from Bus station and Train station in Klaipėda.

Also, there is a possibility to stay in other hotels in Klaipėda upon your request. The contact person will provide you an assistance in reservations and in delivering of other practical information.



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On the second day of the seminar (20th June), there is planned a field trip to the coastal region of the Curonian lagoon, which is rich in natural, historic and cultural heritage. The ethnogeography of region has an expressful reflection of Lithuania's Minor culture.

There will be visited the old settlements of Lithuania Minnor, Priekule town, the Vilhelm channel, Dreverna village, Kintai town, the Minge village, Kintai town, ornitological station at the Vente horn, the Raised Bog of Aukstumale, Nemunas river delta regional park, Silute town and the Rusne island, the bifurcation place of the Rusne river in the border zone next to Russia.

Recently, the entire space of the Curonian lagoon region is a crossroad of Lithuanian, German and Russian cultures, the crossroad of intercultural communications and cross-border cooperation.

The knowledge of natural, historic and cultural footprints in the Curonian lagoon region will reveal new values and forgotten identities in order to perceive the uniqueness of this border area.

Welcome to the Klaipeda international seminar!