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“How should we live in cultural diversity? Building sustainable communities in times of fear” The 26th Nordic Intercultural Communication (NIC) Conference
November 28 – 30, 2019, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Valmiera, Latvia

Thursday, November 28, ViA building at 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 Womar restaurant, 16A Terbatas street

14:30 **Session 1A, Auditorium 121: Teaching intercultural communication**

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

“Using intercultural portfolios to promote cultural literacy in international MBA programs” by Elke Schuch, Technische Hochschule Köln – University of Technology, Arts, Sciences, Germany.

“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.

“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.

Session 1B, Auditorium 124: Perspectives of the “invisible”

“Encountering cultural “other”: challenges and opportunities for newcomers and host societies” by Marko Uibu, Dagmar Narusson, University of Tartu, Estonia.

“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 Bužinska, 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.

16:30 **Session 2A, Auditorium 121: Interrogating media discourse**

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

““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.

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

Session 2B, Auditorium 124 : Investigating integration

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

“The participatory turn in digital public service communication in Norway: epistemological approaches to integration of immigrant in rural contexts” by Carol Azungi Dralega, NLA University College, Norway.

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

18:30 Social event at the conference venue, 2nd floor with an optional guided tour of the exhibition about Latvian diaspora “Es (arī) esmu latvietis” (I am Latvian (too))

Friday, November 29, ViA building at 10 Terbatas Street

9:00 Session 3A Auditorium 121: Social policy responses I: Work and ageing

"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.

"What are the values that govern social policy making in Latvia?" by Feliciana Rajevska, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia.

"How much solidarity is there in the solidarity tax?" by Olga Rajevska, University of Latvia, Latvia.

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

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

12:30 Lunch at Hotel Womar restaurant, 16A Terbatas street

14:00 Session 4A, Auditorium 121: Social policy responses II: Family and youth

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

"Did immigrants caused child welfare cuts during economic recession?" by Mare Ainsaar, Kadri Soo, University of Tartu, Estonia.

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

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

Session 3B, Auditorium 124: The use of language and technology

"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.

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

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

Session 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.

Friday, November 29, ViA building at 10 Terbatas Street

15:45 Session 5A, Auditorium 121: The culture, trust and media change

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

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

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

“The transcultural Moravian literature as part of the media change in the Latvian Livonia” by Beata Paskevica, Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia.

17:30 NIC Annual Meeting, Auditorium 121: All participants welcome!

19:00 Excursion and the Conference Dinner at Valmiermuiza brewery

Session 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

“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.

Saturday, November 30, ViA building at 10 Terbatas Street

9:00 “Beyond Diversity as Commodity: Neoliberal Multiculturalism, Anti-Oppression Pedagogy, and Inclusive Communication”

Keynote by Dr. Sivi Ramasubramanian, Professor of Communication at Texas A&M University, USA (videoconference)

11:30 Workshop session 6A, Auditorium 121

“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.

Workshop session 6B, 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.

12:45 Workshop session 7A, Auditorium 121

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

Workshop session 7B, 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.

14:00 Closing words

14:45 Farewell lunch at Hotel Womar restaurant, 16A Terbatas street