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Jean Monnet Chair in European Economic Integration & Energy Security

International Research Scholar's Seminar

INDIA AND THE BALTIC STATES: COMMEMORATING 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

24 January 2019 | Time: 9.30am-5.30pm

Venue: Room No. 344 (SIS II)

Programme

Inaugural Session: 9.30 a.m to 10.00 a.m

Chair: **Prof. Ajay Patnaik**, Dean, SIS
Welcome: **Prof. Phool Badan**, Chairperson, CRCAS, SIS
Introduction: **Prof. Sanjay Kumar Pandey**, Director, Area Studies Programme
Remarks: **Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva**, Jean Monnet Chair, CES, SIS

Tea Break: 10.00 am-10.15 am

Session-I : 10.15 am-11.15 am Mahatma Gandhi's Ideas, Interaction and Influence in Baltic States

Chair: **Prof B Krishnamurthy**, Pondicherry University

Dominika Olicka: Gandhi and Kallenbach
Saranya Antony: Role of Gandhism in Singing Revolution in the Baltic States
Mayalu Boro: Mahatma Gandhi's Views on Environment
Mukesh S Bharti: Impact of Gandhi's Thought on the Baltic States
Keertimayee Routray : Non-Violence as an Inspirational Tool for Political Change: The Experience of India and Baltic States

Session-II : 11.30am - 1pm Baltic States' Cultural Interactions and Views on India

Chair: **Prof. Vytis Vydunas**

Anastasija Eteviute: South Asian Studies in Lithuania: Major Changes and Tendencies since its Beginnings
Amal P P: Indian Philosophical and Cultural Influences in Baltic States
Anju Devi: Travelers and Expeditions: Connecting Lithuania to India Antanas Poska and Jewish Travelers
Chinamaya Mahanand: Leonidas Donskis: Lithuanian Voice of Critique of Modernity and Defense of Human Rights
Khaling Ngamphundar: Construction of Religious Identity: A Comparative Study of India and Estonia

Lunch Break : 1.00 pm – 1.45 pm

Session-III : 1.45 pm- 3:00 pm Socio-Political Developments in Modern India and Baltic States

Chair: **Dr. Deimantas Valanciunas**

Darius Sruoginis: Identity and Memory Politics in Lithuania
Samrita Das: Women's Participation in Indian Freedom Movement
Anoop Kumar: Jawaharlal Nehru and B. R. Ambedkar: The Architects of Modern India
Karan Kumar: Idea of "Unity in Diversity" in India and European Union
Dhrub Tara Singh: Inter-ethnic Relations in Estonia and Latvia: A Comparative Overview

Session-IV : 3:00 pm- 4.30 pm India and the Baltic States: Twenty Five Years of Diplomatic Relations

Chair: **Dr. Amitabh Singh**

Vaiva Luksyte: Emigration in the Baltic States and Lithuanian diasporas in the World
Sunil Kumar: India and Lithuania: Diplomatic Relations Since 1992
Jason Wahlang: India-Estonia: Twenty Five Years of Diplomatic Relations
Titty Varghese: Dalia Grybauskaite: Success of Female Political Leadership as President of Lithuania
Marie Pegu: Indira Gandhi: The WomenPower of Political Leadership in India

Session-V : 4.30 pm -5.30 pm India and the Baltic States in the Changing Global Context

Chair: **Dr. Rajan Kumar**

Manoranjan Kumar: Threat Perception and National Security Orientation of the Baltic States
Pramod Kumar: Foreign Policy of India and Lithuania: Interest, Goals, Principles and Priorities
Irma Kondrataite: Living and Studying in India: Experiences and Perspectives
Arun Kumar: Baltic Studies in India: An Overview

Vote of Thanks

Dr. K.B. Usha, CRCAS, SIS