



FACULTY OF
HUMANITIES



**Latvian Parliamentarism 105: Aspects of History, Culture and Media
Literacy
25.06. – 04.07.2025. Riga, Valmiera
Program**

26. 06. 2025

10.00 – School opening ceremony

Toms Kencis – Vice-Dean for Research, the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia

Uldis Neiburgs – Director of the Institute of Latvian History, the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia

Agnese Davidsons - Rector of Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences

11:00 – Visit to the Parliament (Saeima) of the Republic of Latvia

13.00 – Lunch

13.30 - Lecture: *The Baltic States and Historical Interpretations, Propaganda and Media Literacy: A 20th Century Perspective* (Gatis Krumins, Latvia)

14.30 – Coffee break

14.40 – Lecture: *Parliamentarism in the European value system: a historical retrospective* (Aliona Liubaya, Poland)

15.40 – Coffee break

15.50 - Lecture: *Cultural democracy or autonomy? Perceptions of parliamentarism in Latvian society between 1905 and 1915* (Martins Mintaurs, Latvia)

17.00 – Gala dinner

27.06.2025

Topic: Structures of Parliamentarism in the Middle Ages and Modern Times

10.00 – Seminar at the State Historical Archives of Latvia: 15th–19th century self-government bodies' funds in the archive

12.00 – Lecture: *The Art of Persuading Dissenters: Public Speaking at the Livonian Landtag in the 15th Century* (Andris Levans, Latvia)

13.00 – Lunch

14.00 – Lecture: *Traditions of Parliamentarism in Ukrainian Lands: From the Veche Assembly to the Sejms and Seimki of the Early Modern Period* (Miroslav Voloshchuk, Ukraine)

15.00 – Old Riga guided tour

28.06.2025

Trip to Valmiera, visit to Sigulda and Turaida castle, lunch

29.06.2025

Topic: Structures of Parliamentarism in Modern Times

10.00 – Lecture: *Features of early parliamentarism in the administration of the Vidzeme Lutheran Church* (Gvido Straube, Latvia)

11.20 – Coffee break

11.30 – Lecture: *Religious organizations of Latgale peasants in the 17th–18th centuries* (Tatjana Bogdanovica, Latvia)

13.00 – Lunch

13.30 – Lecture: *Integration of the Inflanty nobility into the socio-political structures of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania* (Viktor Jakubov, Poland)

14.30 – Coffee break

14.40. – Lecture: *The parliamentary system of Poland-Lithuanian in the early modern times and the Livonian provinces* (Boguslaw Dybas)

15.40 – Valmiera guided tour, Valmiera castle visiting

30.06.2025

Topic: Political and Cultural Aspects of Parliamentarism

10.00 – Lecture: *Temporary administrative structures in Latvia during the transition from a monarchical system of government to parliamentarism* (Uldis Vanags, Latvia)

11.20 – Coffee break

11.30 – Lecture: *Magdeburg Law and Parliamentarism as the Origins of Culture and Tourism* (Alexander Novosiolov, Ukraine)

12.50 – Lunch

13.10 – Lecture:

14.30. – Visit to the Valmiermuiza brewery

01.07.2025

Topic: Social and Cultural Aspects of Parliamentarism

10.00 – Lecture: *Women in the Parliament of the Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth* (Dariusz Dombrowski, Poland)

11.20 – Coffee break

11.30 – Discussion: *Creative industries, democracy and parliamentarism in the digital age* (G. Krumins).

12.50 – Lunch

13.10 – Lecture: *The idea of democracy in street art culture* (T. Bogdanovica, Latvia)

15.00 – 17.00 – Sticker workshop (T. Bogdanovica, Latvia)

02.07. 2025

Topic: Parliamentarism and media literacy

10.00 – Lecture: *Media Literacy and Education: A Baltic Perspective* (Agnese Davidsonsone, Latvia)

11.20 – Coffee break

11.30 – Lecture: *Media literacy and intercultural communication: deconstructing media discourse on culturally “other” in Latvia* (Liene Locmele, Latvia)

12.50 – Lunch

- 13.10** – Practical lesson: *How not to get lost in social media and history* (Solvita Denisa – Liepniece, Latvia)
15.00 – Discussion: Future Parliamentarism (G. Krumins, Latvia)
17.00 - Festive dinner, presentation of diplomas to participants

03.07.2025

The road back to Riga

04.07.2025

- 10.00** – School results summary
10.30 –Seminar for PhD student
12.00 – Lunch
13.00 – Jurmala guided tour