



# Baltic Anthropology Graduate School bags-phd.org

## BAGs Second International Event

### Teaching & Reform in Higher Education

Riga, 28 & 29 October 2016

**Day 1 University of Latvia** Room 545, Academic Centre for Natural Sciences, Jelgavas iela 1

**14.00 Lunch for speakers and invited guests** Academic Centre canteen

**15:00 'Pedagogical Reforms & Changes - A View from Anthropology: Public Debate'** Chaired by Klavs Sedlenieks to chair (Riga Stradins University)

15:00-15:05 **Introduction and welcome** by Klavs Sedlenieks (RSU)

15:05 **Introduction to BAGs:** the history and our aims. Aivita Putniņa (University of Latvia) & Patrick Laviolette (Tallinn University)

15:15 **Current trends in higher education** Susan Wright (Aarhus University) Professor of Educational Anthropology, Danish School of Education

15:35 **Neoliberal trends and Latvian higher education**, Ieva Raubiško (University of Latvia)

15:55 **Current policy directions in Latvian higher education.** Dr Agrita Kiopa Deputy Secretary of State, Head of the Department of Higher Education, Science and Innovation.

16:15 **Public Roundtable Debate**

17:30 **Closing summary**

Informal discussions, coffee break.

EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**19.00 Dinner for speakers and invited guests** (Location tbc)

## Day 2 Riga Stradiņš University, Room B511, Dzirciema iela 16

**10:00 Welcome** by Aivita Putniņa (Chair)

**10:20 Establishing joint doctoral programmes between Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania:** national policies, funding, regulatory frameworks and degree terminologies. Three national perspectives by ministry representatives (approximately 10-20 minutes each). **Dr Laura Treimane**, Deputy director, Higher Education, Science and Innovation Department, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia, **Janne Pukk**, Chief Expert, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Research Estonia, & **Prof. Rūta Petrauskaitė**, Deputy Chair, Research Council of Lithuania  
With discussion.

12:00 *Break*

**12:15 Workshop/consultation session:** guidelines and roadmap for establishing BAGs as a joint study programme

**13:45 Lunch**

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**15:00 Welcome** by Gareth Hamilton (Chair) (University of Latvia)

15:10 **Overview of the Baltic Partnering Pathway Scheme** by Madeleine Reeves (University of Manchester) along with comments on supervision practice

**15:25 'Excellence in doctoral training in changing HE environments'**

Specialist presentations on anthropological PhD training (30 mins+10 mins Q&A's each).

Topics to be discussed include: Employing best practice in training PhDs / Recent developments / Joint programmes / How to best serve our students / Potential pitfalls / Remaining research active when teaching

15:30 **Ian Fairweather** (University of Manchester)  
Researcher Development Manager, Faculty of Humanities, University of Manchester

16:10 **Maggie Bolton** (University of Aberdeen)  
School of Social Science. Representative of STAR (Scottish Training in Anthropological Research)

16:50 *Break*

17:05 **David Mills** (University of Oxford)  
Dept. of Education, Director of Oxford's ESRC-funded Doctoral Training Centre

17:45 **Discussion and debate** (30-45 mins)

**18:30 Conclusion of day's event**

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**19:30 Farewell Dinner for speakers and invited guests** (Location tbc)