

Centre for Geopolitical Studies,  
Institute of International Relations and Political Science at Vilnius University,  
Institute of Public Affairs (Poland)  
are pleased to invite you to a seminar

## Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia new community of interests?

24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 10.00

Vokiečių str. 10, Vilnius, IIRPS VU, 402 aud.

The Institute of Public Affairs conducted opinion polls in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia about opinions of the four societies about current international and regional affairs. During the conference we will present and discuss the most important and interesting results, including opinions on mutual relations between the four countries, results of EU integration, Russian-Ukrainian conflict, NATO bases or accepting refugees. The presentation will be followed by a debate of prominent experts from the four countries. The context of the debate will be the Polish Presidency in the Council of the Baltic Sea States. It will focus on commenting opinion polls' results and the main challenges faced by our region and the European Union in international affairs, especially in Eastern policy.

**10:00 – 10:05**    **Opening**

**Ramūnas Vilpišauskas**, Director of the IIRPS, VU. Professor, doctor of social sciences

**Greta Monika Tuckute**, Director of PI "Centre for Geopolitical Studies"

**10:05 – 10:30**    **Introductory remarks**

**Maria Ślebioda**, The First Counsellor Embassy of the Republic of Poland

LT MFA vice-minister **Neris Germanas**

**Member of the Parliament of the Lithuanian Republic Mantas Adomenas**

**Member of the Parliament of the Lithuanian Republic Juras Pozela**

**10:30 – 11:15**    **Presentation of results of opinion polls**

**Agnieszka Łada**, Institute of Public Affairs

**11:15 – 11:30**    **Coffee break**

**11.30 – 13:00**    **Debate**

*What conclusions come from the opinion polls for the regional cooperation?*

*How to strengthen regional cooperation in reaction to current developments in the East?*

*How the Council of the Baltic Sea States can reinforce regional cooperation?*

**Eugeniusz Smolar**, Centre of International Relations (Poland)

**Māris Andžāns**, Research Fellow, Latvian Institute of International Affairs (Latvia)

**Viljar Veebel**, Estonian National Defence College (Estonia)

**Marijuš Antonovič**, IIRPS, VU lecturer, PhD (Lithuania)

Moderator: **Greta Monika Tuckute**, Director of PI "Centre for Geopolitical Studies"

*The debate will be held in English. Simultaneous translation provided*

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