



Conference:

## **90 Years since Independence: Evaluating Latvia's Past and Present**

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Senate Room,  
Gilbert Scott Building,  
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### **Final Programme**

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8.30: Registration (Carnegie Room, Main Building University of Glasgow)

9.00-10.00: Session 1 The Inter-war Republic (Senate Room, Main Building, University of Glasgow)

Aldis Purs (University of Washington) 'The Political Development of the Latvian Republic 1918-1940'

John Hiden and David Smith (University of Glasgow) 'Cultural Autonomy for Minorities in Inter-war Latvia'

Aivars Stranga (University of Latvia) 'Latvian - Russian relations: 1920 - 40: From "Eternal Peace" to Occupation?'

10.30: Coffee

11.00-12.30 Session 2 The Years of Occupation (Senate Room, Main Building, University of Glasgow)

Geoffrey Swain (University of Glasgow) 'Soviet and National Partisans in Latvia during World War Two'

Irēna Saleniece (University of Daugavpils) 'The 1949 Deportations from Latgale'

William Prigge (Briar Cliff University) 'National Communism in the post-Stalin era'

12.30: Lunch (Carnegie Room, Main Building University of Glasgow)

1.30-3.00: Session 3 The Restored Independent State (Senate Room, Main Building, University of Glasgow)

Veiko Spolitis (Riga Stradins University) 'Domestic Politics in Latvia since 1991'

David Galbreath (University of Aberdeen) 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Latvia's International Relations since the Entry to the EU'

Marina Germane (University of Glasgow) 'A nation in the making? Evaluation of the social integration process in Latvia since 1991'

3.00: Coffee

3.30-5.00 Keynote Lecture (Senate Room, Main Building, University of Glasgow)

Andrejs Plakans (Iowa State University, USA) 'Ninety Years since Independence: An Evaluation'

5.30-7.00 Ethnomusicology Performance and Workshop (Humanities Main Lecture Theatre, Main Building, University of Glasgow)

Valdis Muktupāvels (University of Latvia)

7.00-8.00 Reception for Conference Participants (Department of Central and East European Studies, 8 Lilybank Gardens)