



SECOND HROMADA CONFERENCE

STRENGTHENING UKRAINE: SHARING KNOWLEDGE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

University of Latvia,
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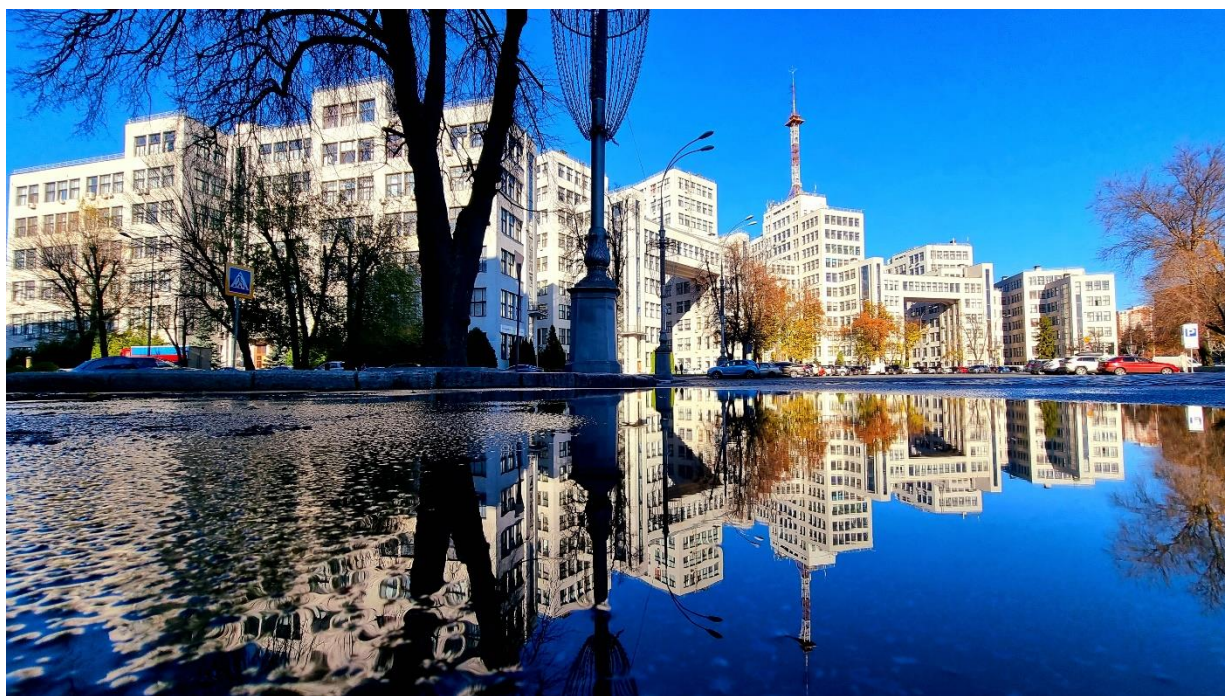
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Registration

All conference participants must register under:

<https://nettskjema.no/a/438104>

If you have registered but are unable to attend, please cancel by e-mail to anne.pintsch@uia.no. Please note that cancellations should only be made in emergencies.

Costs and Catering

There is no conference fee.

Coffee/tea, snacks and a light lunch will be served during the breaks. The conference dinner is for invited guests only.

Schedule

The detailed programme is available on the conference website:

<https://hromada.network/events/riga-conference-2024/>

Thursday, 24 October 2024

9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.30	Welcome and introductory speeches
10.30 – 11.00	Keynote speech
11.00 – 12.00	Panel I: Ukraine’s European integration: main challenges and mutual learning
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.00	Panel II: Ukrainian refugees in the Nordic and Baltic countries: strengthening Ukraine, changing our societies
14.00 – 15.00	Panel III: Mental health: how Nordic and Baltic countries can support Ukraine’s people
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.30	Panel IV: Wartime education for Ukrainian children: challenges and best practices at home and abroad
16.30 – 16.45	Break
16.45 – 18.00	Screening of the film “Where is your home, Winston?”
18.00	End of the conference
19.00	Conference Dinner (only for invited guests)

Conference Venue

The conference will take place at the Isaiah Berlin Auditorium at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Latvia, located in Lauvas Street 4. The location is easily accessible by public transport (trolleybus No. 15 or bus No. 18 to the stop “Lomonosova iela”.)



Travel Information

Flying to Riga

There are direct flights to Riga from more than 100 cities in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. Riga International Airport is only ten kilometres southwest of the Riga city centre. It is easily accessible via public transport, taxi or using carsharing services. A taxi ride from the airport to the centre of Riga lasts approximately 20 minutes and costs approximately EUR 10-15. Bus No. 22 from Old Riga (opposite the bus terminal) goes to the airport and back every 10 to 20 minutes. Bus route No. 22 is the only route where the ticket can be bought from the transport vehicle driver. Payment for the ticket is with a bank payment card only, ticket price - 1,81€. Digital code tickets for Riga public transport rides can be purchased online via the “Rīgas satiksme”, “Mobilly” or “Narvesen” apps, in Narvesen shops, and in ticket machines in some of the bus stops.

Detailed information about Riga’s public transport and tickets: <https://www.rigassatiksme.lv/en/tickets-and-e-ticket/types-and-prices-of-tickets-1/tickets-in-bus-no-22/>

Bus connections to Riga

Lux Express is the largest passenger carrier in the Baltics, ensuring several daily departures from such cities as Tallinn, Tartu, Parnu, Vilnius, Warsaw etc. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.luxexpress.eu. In addition, “Ecolines” and FlixBus also offer international passenger transport by bus, ensuring comfortable everyday trips.

Driving to Riga

Major highways connect Riga with Tallinn, Kaunas, and Vilnius. Northern and southern road links have recently been modernised. Latvia has a land border with Estonia, Lithuania, Russia and Belarus. Travellers with cars from Sweden and Germany can travel by ferry, thus avoiding lengthy driving via roads. When entering Latvia via Lithuania and Estonia, there is no border control since the Baltic countries are part of the Schengen zone.

Getting around Riga

Riga has three methods of public transportation – tram, trolleybus and bus. Public transport operates between 5:30 and 23:30. Timetables, fares and purchase information are available in Latvian and English at www.rigassatiksme.lv. Digital code tickets for Riga public transport rides can be purchased online via the “Rīgas satiksme”, “[Mobilly](#)” or “Narvesen” apps. It is possible to purchase the following types of tickets: A 90-minute ticket EUR 2,00; a 24-hour ticket EUR 5,00; a three-day ticket EUR 8,00. All tickets must be registered each time another public transport vehicle (tram, trolleybus, bus) is entered.

If using taxi services, please pay close attention to the tariffs indicated on the back doors of the taxi. Take into account that there are no maximum tariffs per kilometer for taxi services in Riga, as well as for boarding fees and time spent, thus we recommend before entering a taxi to make sure whether or not you are prepared to pay the sum requested by the driver. The mobile application *Bolt* is also widely used in Riga, which you can use to call a taxi and immediately find out the cost of the marked route.

There are also several car sharing options available in Riga, from which you will choose the most suitable one for you: [Bolt](#), [CarGuru](#), [CityBee](#), [Figsy](#) and [OX Drive](#) (Tesla car sharing).

Thank you for joining the conference! We look forward to meeting you soon.

The conference committee