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## CONFERENCE

# LATVIAN CITIZENSHIP IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

## AGENDA

University of Latvia, Great Hall, Raiņa bulvāris 19

2 March 2012, 10:00 – 17:00

Moderated by Inese Lībiņa – Egnere and Ingmārs Čaklais

### 10.00 OPENING ADDRESSES

**Indriķis Muižnieks**, Dr.habil.biol., Vice-Rector, University of Latvia

**Solvīta Āboltiņa**, Speaker of the Saeima

**Gunārs Kūtris**, Mg.iur., President, Constitutional Court

### 10.15 CONTINUITY OF CITIZENSHIP IN THE CONTEXT OF STATE CONTINUITY

**Ineta Ziemele**, Dr.iur., Judge, European Court of Human Rights

### 10.30 ORIGIN OF CITIZENSHIP LAW AMENDMENTS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

**Ingmārs Čaklais**, Mg.iur., Chairman, Citizenship Law Amendments Subcommittee, Legal Affairs Committee of the Saeima

### 10.45 COMPLIANCE OF LATVIA'S CITIZENSHIP LAW WITH INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION

**Gerard René de Groot**, (*Gerard Rene de Groot*) Dr.iur., Professor, Maastricht University

### 11.00 LATVIA IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT

**Dace L.Lutere-Timmele**, Mg.iur., Vice-Chairperson, World Federation of Free Latvians, Attorney at Law

### 11.15. DUAL CITIZENSHIP – POSSIBILITIES AND RISKS

**Silver Meikar**, Adviser, Estonian Institute of Human Rights

### 11.30 PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP

**Kristīne Drēviņa**, LL.M, Legal Counsel, European Central Bank

### 11.45 REFORMING THE CITIZENSHIP LAW IN THE INTERESTS OF THE LATVIAN STATE AND NATION

**Ilma Čepāne**, Dr.iur., Chairperson, Legal Affairs Committee of the Saeima

### 12.00 INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF CITIZENSHIP ISSUES

**Inga Reine**, Mg.iur., Representative of the Government of Latvia before International Human Rights Organisations

### 12.15 DUAL CITIZENSHIP: A NECESSITY

**Gaidis Bērziņš**, Mg.iur., Minister for Justice

- 12.30 CITIZENSHIP LAW IN PRACTICE: MYTHS AND REALITY**  
Jānis Citskovskis, Mg.iur., Deputy Head, Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs
- 12.45 DUAL CITIZENSHIP: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**  
Anda Ozola, Mg.iur., Board Member, Legal Office Oza
- 13.00 Lunch**
- 14.00 SUMMARY OF THE FIRST HALF OF CONFERENCE**  
Inese Lībiņa-Egnere, Dr.iur., Secretary, Citizenship Law Amendments Subcommittee, Legal Affairs Committee of the Saeima
- 14.15 MAIN GOAL OF CITIZENSHIP LAW – TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF LATVIA**  
Boriss Cilevičs, Mg.phys., Member of the Saeima
- 14.30 CHILDREN OF NON-CITIZENS – POTENTIAL FOR COHESION**  
Valdis Zatlers, Member of the Saeima
- 14.45 CITIZENSHIP – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL COHESION**  
Kārlis Seržants, Member of the Saeima
- 15.00 DUAL CITIZENSHIP: PROS AND CONS**  
Jānis Upenieks, Member of the Saeima
- 15.15 17 YEARS OF NATURALISATION IN LATVIA. A POLITICAL ASSESSMENT**  
Dzintars Rasnačs, Mg.iur., Member of the Saeima
- 15.30 AN OPINION ON DUAL CITIZENSHIP**  
Andrejs Stīpnieks, Latvian Federation of Australia and New Zealand
- 15.45 LATVIAN CITIZENSHIP MUST BE EARNED**  
Jānis Grasis, Dr.iur., Associate Professor, BA School of Business and Finance
- 16.00 CITIZENSHIP AS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF A STATE**  
Egils Levits, Dr.iur., Judge, European Court of Justice
- 16.15 DEBATES**  
*According to the list of speakers*
- 17.00 SUMMARY OF THE SECOND HALF OF CONFERENCE**  
*Moderators*

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