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## CONFERENCE

# **Democracy and Development – Taiwan and the Baltic Countries in comparative perspective**

The language of the conference is English

**Venue: Riga, The Latvian Academy of Sciences, Akadēmijas lauk. 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

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*Attendance is restricted to registered persons only*

## Friday 27 April

**13:30 – 15:00** Conference opening at the Latvian Academy of Sciences  
(Session chair Tālavš Jundzis)

### **I Opening addresses and greetings**

1. Juris Ekmanis, President, the Latvian Academy of Sciences
2. Teh-fu Huang, President, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy
3. Inese Vaidere, Member, the European Parliament
4. Ģirts Valdis Kristovskis, past Foreign Minister, Republic of Latvia
5. David C. Y. Wang, Head, the Taipei mission in Latvia

### **II Invited lectures**

1. Dr. h. c. iur. Egils Levits, (European Court of Justice), Latvia  
Constitutional and Democratic Bases for States
2. PhD Bronislaw Misztal, Poland. Sociological Aspects of Elections

**15:00 – 15:30** Group Picture

Opening of an Exhibition of photographs by Aivars Borovkovs  
President, Latvian Association of Lawyers  
Coffee break

**15:30 – 18:00** **Constitutional Designs, Electoral Systems and Democratic Consolidation**

(Session chair Juris Dreifelds)

Presentations:

1. Dr. Ringolds Balodis and Dr. Jānis Pleps, Latvia. The Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on Constitutional Rights
2. Dr. Yu-jen Chou, Taiwan. Constitutional Reform  
Constitutionalism and Democratic Consolidation in Taiwan
3. Dr. Yu-chung Shen, Taiwan. Presidentialized Semi-Presidentialism in Taiwan: View of Party Politics and Institutional Norms
4. Dr. Tanel Kerikmäe, Estonia. Constitutional Dilemmas faced by Estonia and other EU member states
5. Dr. Valdis Blūzma, Latvia. The Influence of Western Constitutional Culture in the development of Democracy in the restored Republic of Latvia
6. Dr. Anders Fogelklou, Sweden. Constitutional challenges in Russia and Hungary
7. Dr. Toma Birmontiene, Lithuania. The Constitutional Requirements for the Electoral System following Jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court of Lithuania

8. Valdis Liepiņš, Latvia. The Electoral System in Latvia and possible Improvements
9. Dr. Chen-hua Yu, Taiwan. Electoral System, Party Politics and Legislative Candidate Selection in Taiwan
10. Priit Vinkel, Estonia. Electronic voting: the experience of Estonia

Questions, answers and discussion. (Tālavs Jundzis, Aivars Borovkovs Arvids Dravnieks, Gvido Zemribo, Raimonds Rublovskis, and others)

**18:00 – 20:00** Reception for Conference participants (President, LAS)

## Saturday 28 April

**09:00 – 09:30** Registration of Conference participants

**09:30 – 10:00** Invited lecture. The role of mass media in democratization  
PhD Juris Dreifelds, Canada

**10:00 – 12:00** **Democratic Consolidation and Socio-Economic Development**  
(Session chairs: Viktoras Justickis and Eduards Bruno Deksnis)  
Presentations:

1. PhD Eduards Bruno Deksnis, Latvia. Economic challenges and their resolution in the European Union
2. Dr. Cheng-hao Pao, Taiwan. Does Economic Development Associate with Democratic Consolidation? A log-linear analysis of the case of Taiwan
3. Dr. Jenn-Jaw Soong, Taiwan. Civil Society, Socio-Economic Development, and Democratic Consolidation/Governance: The Case Study of Taiwan
4. Dr. Viktoras Justickis and Dr. Nikolajus Markevičius, Lithuania  
The Role of Small States in the Global Economy

Questions, answers and discussion

**12:00 – 12:15** Conference closure (Tālavs Jundzis, Juris Dreifelds, Viktoras Justickas)

