

The international scientific conference  
**”Personality at the Crossroads of Culture and  
Languages. Pēteris Šmits - 150”**

April 25-26, 2019  
University of Latvia  
The Great Hall  
Raina Boulevard 19  
Riga

**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

**9:00 – 10:00 REGISTRATION**

**10:00 – 10:30 WELCOME SPEECHES**

**I. The Historical Characteristics of the Epoch**

**10:30 – 10:50**

- The contribution of Professor Pēteris Šmits to the growth of the University of Latvia.

Dr. habil. med. Māris Baltiņš, Director of the State Language Centre.

**10:50 – 11:10**

- Latvians in China and the Far East before the World War I.

Dr. hist. Ēriks Jēkabsons, Professor of the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the University of Latvia.

**11:10 – 11:40 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:40 – 12:00**

- Pēteris Šmits and the social political efforts of Latvians in Siberia and the Far East during 1918-1920.

Dr. hist. Uldis Krēsliņš, Researcher of the Institute of Latvian History at the University of Latvia.

**12:00 – 12:20**

- The contribution of Pēteris Šmits in popularizing Latvian patriotism during World War I.

Dr. hist. Tālis Pumpuriņš, Historian of Cēsis History and Art Museum.

**12:20 – 13:00**

- Method of analogy by Pēteris Šmits in the interpretation of culture and its topicality in contemporary intercultural relations.

Dr. hist. Kaspars Kļaviņš, Leading Researcher of the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia.

**13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**II. The contribution of Pēteris Šmits to the Studies of Sinology**

**14:00 – 14:20**

- A Textbook that opens a modern window on Chinese teaching in Russia — an attempt in Mandarin grammar, with texts for exercises by P.P. Schmidt.

Luo Wei (罗薇), Beijing Foreign Studies University.

**14:20 – 14:40**

- Latvian sinologist Peter Smits Research in China: current situation and significance”?

Shang Quanyu (尚劝余), South China Normal University, currently Chinese Director of the Confucius Institute at the University of Latvia,

Lu Yan (吕妍), Beijing Foreign Studies University, PhD student at the University of Latvia.

**14:40 – 15:00**

- Pēteris Šmits and the Chinese realities at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries..

Dr. habil. theol. Leons Taivāns, Professor of the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia.

**15:00 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30 – 15:50**

- The contribution of Professor Pēteris Šmits to the methodology of teaching the Chinese language.

Dr. h. c. philol. Pēteris Pildegovičs, Latvian Director of Confucius Institute at the University of Latvia.

**15:50 – 16:10**

- Peter Schmidt as a Manchu expert at the Vostočnyj Institut at Vladivostok.

Dr. Hartmut Walravens, Chairman of the International ISMN Agency.

**16:10 – 16:30**

- Peter Schmidt in the context of the Oriental studies of the Baltic Region.

Dr. Irina Popova (Ирина Попова), Director of the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts of the Russian Academy of Sciences at Saint Petersburg.

**16:30 – 17:00**

- Opening of the exhibition ”Pēteris Šmits: from Rauna to Beijing”.

Mg. sc. soc. Ilga Mantiniece, Researcher of the Library of the University of Latvia.

**Friday, April 26, 2019**

### **III. The Contribution of Pēteris Šmits to Linguistics**

**8:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION**

**9:00 – 9:20**

- General linguistic issues in the works of Pēteris Šmits.

Dr. habil. philol. Ina Druviete, Vice-Rector of the Humanities and Educational Sciences in the University of Latvia.

**9:20 – 9:40**

- Materials of Pēteris Šmits in "Dictionary of Latvian Language" ("Latviešu valodas vārdnīca") by K. Mīlenbahs and J. Endzelīns.

Dr. habil. philol. Irēna Ilga Jansone, Director of the Latvian Language Institute of the University of Latvia.

**9:40 – 10:00**

- The image of Pēteris Šmits in Latvian literature.

Dr. philol. Ieva Kalniņa, Professor of the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia.

**10:00 – 10:20**

- "Latvian Folk Beliefs" ("Latviešu tautas ticējumi") by Pēteris Šmits: the aspect of sex diversity.

Dr. philol. Ausma Cimdiņa, Professor of the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Latvia.

**10:20 – 10:50 COFFEE BREAK**

### **IV. The Contribution of Pēteris Šmits to Latvian Folklore**

**10:50 – 11:10**

- Pēteris Šmits and the development of Polish folkloristics.

Dr. philol. Monika Michaliszyn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of Latvia.

**11:10 – 11:30**

- Pēteris Šmits as the publisher and researcher of Latvian folk-tales.

Dr. philol. Guntis Pakalns, Researcher of the Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art of the University of Latvia.

**11:30.-12:30 LUNCH BREAK**

### **V. The Cultural Heritage of Pēteris Šmits in Memory Institutions**

**12:30 – 12:50**

- The contribution of Pēteris Šmits to the Library of the University of Latvia – his unique collection of his entire lifetime.

Mg. sc. soc. Ilga Mantiniece, Researcher of the Library of the University of Latvia.

**12:50 – 13:10**

- Collection “Pēteris Šmits” in the Literature and Music Museum.

Mg. philol. Ilona Miezīte, Specialist of the Literature and Music Museum.

**13:10 – 13:30**

- Collection of manuscripts by Pēteris Šmits in the Academic Library of the University of Latvia.

Mg. philol. Gunta Jaunmuktāne, Head of the Misiņš Library of the Academic Library of the University of Latvia.

**13:30- 14:00**

- Documents on Pēteris Šmits in the Latvian State Historical Archive.

Dr. hist. Mārīte Jakovļeva, Leading Researcher of the Latvian State Historical Archive.