

## International Interdisciplinary Conference

### “Culture in dialogue: from EU external policies to postmodern colonialism”

5 December 2008

Venue: Barbacan Palace Hotel, Bokšto str. 19, Vilnius, Lithuania

## PROGRAMME

### FIRST SESSION

#### Potential of culture in the field of EU external policy

Moderator: Violeta Gaižauskaitė, Head of the Information and Public Relations department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

10.00 Opening session

10.10 Challenges and limitations to the cultural component in the EU's external policies

Dr Kathinka Dittrich van Weringh, Cultural advisor, former chair of the Governing Board of the European Cultural Foundation, coordinator and co-author of ECF/LabforCulture research projects

10.30 Regional collaboration in the field of culture: the role of “buffer states”

Helena Drnovšek Zorko, Ambassador, Head of Division for International Cultural Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

10.50 Culture in EU external aid programmes: a “Renaissance” or a passing trend?

Wojciech Lubowiecki, Adviser on Culture in EuropeAid, European Commission

11.10 Q&A and discussion

11.40 Coffee break

### SECOND SESSION

#### Postmodern colonialism in the field of cultural collaboration

Moderator: Dr Egdūnas Račius, Head of Asian and African Studies Centre at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

12.10 Introductory remarks: Commodification of culture

Dr Egdūnas Račius

12.20 Russian cultural hegemony and symbolic resonance within Lithuanian public (sub)consciousness

Dr Gintautas Mažeikis, Professor, Head of Social and Political Theory Department, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

12.40 Reflections on colonialism in practice: the *Decolonizing Architecture* project

Alessandro Petti, Architect, Research Fellow at Goldsmiths, University of London, Head of the *Decolonizing Architecture* project

13.00 Q&A and discussion

13.30 Lunch

### THIRD SESSION

#### Challenges for coherent cultural collaboration: Central Eastern Europe on both sides of EU border

Moderator: Dr Nerijus Milerius, Vilnius University

15.00 Existing practices within and without Central Eastern Europe: stakeholders and tensions

Peter Inkei, Director of Budapest Cultural Observatory

15.20 Machinery of cultural collaboration: networking and sustainability of the networks

Tamara Bračić, Arts projects producer in Bunker Productions, Balkan Express Network coordinator

15.40 “A Soul for Europe” - Inside and outside of the European Union

Dr Levan Khetaguri, President of Stichting Caucasus Foundation, Professor, Vice-rector of Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film University

16.00 Q&A, discussion and closing word

17.00 End of the conference

