

## International scientific conference

## LIVONICA 3 + MINOR FINNIC LANGUAGES 2 = 5

June 26–28, 2024



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## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The University of Latvia Livonian Institute, in cooperation with the University of Tartu Collegium for Transdisciplinary Studies in Archaeology, Genetics, and Linguistics, and Estonian Roots: Centre of Excellence for transdisciplinary studies on ethnogenesis and cultural diversity, is organising the international interdisciplinary conference **Livonica 3 + Minor Finnic Languages 2 = 5**.

This joint conference encompasses two interdisciplinary conferences dedicated to the study of Finnic languages and cultures, as well as their interactions with neighbouring languages and cultures. *Livonica* is a conference focusing on research related to the Livonians, their language, culture, and history. It first took place in Rīga and Tartu in 2011, and was next held in Rīga in 2019. *Minor Finnic Languages* is a conference specialising in research on all Finnic languages except for Finnish and Estonian. It was first held at Uppsala University in 2022.

This joint conference brings together historians, archaeologists, geneticists, anthropologists, folklorists, linguists, and other researchers to explore the Central Baltic area, the Livonians, and minor Finnic languages. **The special focus of this conference is on contacts.** The purpose of the conference is to give researchers working on any of these subjects the opportunity to present their current research, get acquainted with new research in related fields as well as participate in formal and informal discussions, and most importantly find new opportunities for collaboration.

The conference languages are English and Livonian.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Conference venue:** University of Latvia Livonian Institute

**Address:** Kronvalda bulvāris 4–222, Rīga, Latvia

[www.livonian.tech](http://www.livonian.tech)

Catering will be provided during the coffee breaks and conference dinners. There are plenty of options near the venue for lunch.

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# PROGRAMME

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

10.00–11.00

Registration and coffee

11.00–11.30

**Conference opening**

11.30–12.30



Keynote

**Kristiina Tambets**

*University of Tartu, Institute of Genomics*

Transdisciplinary Approach for Deciphering the Human Past with a Focus on the Genetics of the Uralic Speaking Populations

12.30–13.00

Coffee break

13.00–13.45

**Valter Lang**

Finnic be-comings: five years later

13.45–14.30

**Alena Kushniarevich, Stella Eileen Päid, Roberts Spirģis, Eduards Plankājs, Georgi Hudjašov, Stefania Sasso, Lehti Saag, Ruoyun Hui, Martin Malve, Heiki Valk, Raimonds Resčenko, Jānis Kloviņš, Gunita Zariņa, Toomas Kivisild, Kristiina Tambets**  
Population structure of historic Livonians from the ancient DNA perspective

14.30–15.30

Lunch break

15.30–16.00

**Kati Kallio, Maciej Janicki, Mari Sarv, Mirjami Sipilä**

Computational analysis of Finnic runosongs –  
what about Livonian and Vepsian Songs?

16.00–16.30

**Karl Pajusalu, Miina Norvik, Eva Saar, Uldis Balodis**

How and why does Livonian differ from other Finnic languages?

17.00

**Welcome reception by the organisers**

## THURSDAY, JUNE 27

9.00–10.00

Morning coffee

10.00–11.00



Keynote

**Rogier Blokland**

*Uppsala University, Department of Modern Languages*

Measuring the influence of Latvian on Livonian

11.00–11.30

Coffee break

11.30–12.00

**Tuuli Tuisk**

*Nē, tā ir zaļa zāle!* The broken tone in the pronunciation of Latvian and Livonian Speakers

12.00–12.30

**Janek Vaab**

Distribution of a glottal stop in South Estonian lative, illative and allative adverbs

12.30–13.00

**Natalia Kuznetsova**

Rare word-final obstruent voicing in Lower Luga Ingrian (Finnic) as a result of Votic influence

13.00–14.00

Lunch break

14.00–14.30

**Alise Gunnarssone**

Exploration of the Daugava and Gauja Livonian diets in the 11th–13th century: challenges and opportunities

14.30–15.00

**Sven-Erik Soosaar**

Development of verbs expressing mental action in Livonian lexicon

15.00–15.30

**Axel Jagau**

The Low German Loanwords of Livonian

15.30–16.00

Coffee break

16.00–16.30

**Santra A. Jantunen**

Finnic frequentative derivatives: a functional overview

16.30–17.00

**Triin Todesk**

The discourse particle *no(h)* in Seto

17.00–17.30

**Elena Markus, Fedor Rojanski**

Functions of relative/interrogative pronouns in Ingrian

17.30–18.00

**Marili Tomingas**

*Si'z, ne'i* and *ni* – from adverbs towards discourse particles

18.30

**Reception at the Embassy of Estonia in Rīga**



## FRIDAY, JUNE 28

9.00–10.00

Morning coffee

10.00–11.00



Keynote

**Jurgis Pakerys**

*Vilnius University, Institute for the Languages and Cultures of the Baltic*

Finnic-Baltic contacts and transitivity marking

11.00–11.30

Coffee break

11.30–12.00

**Patrick Juho-Ville O'Rourke**

Livonian derivational morphology

12.00–12.30

**Jules Bouton**

Implicative structures in Livonian inflection

12.30–13.00

**Helle Metslang, Miina Norvik, Eva Saar**

Dynamics of the Courland Livonian case system in the context of the Central Baltic area

13.00–13.30

Coffee break

13.30–15.00

**UL Livonian Institute Lightning Talks**

- Anna Sedláčková** #nekādu lībiešu nav – but if there were, what could we learn from them?
- Bridget Moran-Nae** Traditional music groups and the revitalization of Livonian in Latvia
- Lolita Ozoliņa** Chasing the Livonian identity in Vidzeme
- Gunta Kļava** Language transmission processes in the context of the revitalisation of Livonian
- Uldis Balodis** Kui se līb engliškēlkōks? Creating the first major Livonian-English dictionary translation
- Valts Ernštreits** Using AI to expand limited linguistic data

15.00

**Excursion to the Gauja Livonian area and a reception hosted by Sigulda municipality**