



**Linköping University**



## **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**International Conference at University of Vilnius**

**12-13 May 2011**

### **AFTER THE CRISIS: REBUILDING CITIZENSHIP AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY**

#### **THE CALL**

This proposed event is for an international conference under the above title.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

Lithuanian and other Eastern European societies are at an important cross-road. Their future balanced development has become problematic. Having transformed themselves from planned to market economies, the global economic and financial crisis has impacted these countries with unexpected severity. The crisis has confronted post-communist societies with new challenges.

The main objective of this event will be to promote discussion among researchers, policy practitioners and stakeholders on the key issues of labour migration and labour relations, social cohesion and social welfare, and the future development and sustainability of society. It is also an opportunity for stocktaking after 20 years of independence. What are the possible ways ahead in terms of policy, research and practical work? Are there common lessons to be learned? If so, what are the most important of these? How can the 'social dimension' of European Union membership be realized in the context of austerity? What are likely to be the long-term effects of the current economic downturn on employment and citizens' welfare and quality of life? Is labour migration now at a level that threatens the longer-term development of societies like Lithuania, but also other post-communist societies? Are there special features which need to be taken into account in each national context?

### **ACADEMIC AND POLICY RELEVANCE:**

The event aims to bring together leading-edge researchers to address these current dilemmas and to discuss in consultation with practitioners and stakeholders, the development of evidenced-based policy proposals that are scientifically informed by ongoing research, as well as to chart the key questions and priorities for future research.

### **VENUE:**

University of Vilnius, Vilnius, Lithuania.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:**

We invite **immediate expressions of interest** in participation before **20 December 2010** to Charles Woolfson ([charles.woolfson@liu.se](mailto:charles.woolfson@liu.se)) and Jolanta Aidukaite ([Jolanta.Aidukaite@fsf.vu.lt](mailto:Jolanta.Aidukaite@fsf.vu.lt)).

### **PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS:**

Proceedings will be in English. Proposals for papers are welcome from a variety of disciplines and policy perspectives that address the major objectives and themes of the conference under the following streams:-

- The human impact of the financial crisis (on women and men)
- Citizenship in national and European dimensions
- Poverty and welfare in crisis and post-crisis perspectives
- Austerity, social justice and social solidarity
- Migration and social sustainability
- Labour standards, work and employee representation
- Restoring and strengthening the fabric of civil society and the role of international agencies

**ABSTRACTS** should be 500-1000 words in length and sent as an attachment to: [charles.woolfson@liu.se](mailto:charles.woolfson@liu.se) or Jolanta Aidukaite ([Jolanta.Aidukaite@fsf.vu.lt](mailto:Jolanta.Aidukaite@fsf.vu.lt))

### **INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED WITH ABSTRACT**

*Please provide the following information for the author who is to present the paper at the conference (i.e. the first author of the paper):*

Last Name; First Name(s); E-mail Address; Name of Institution; City/Town; Postal Code; Country. Please list the **names of all abstract authors**. Please also indicate your preferred stream from the options listed above.

### **ABSTRACT REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS**

The closing date for paper proposals is **February 28, 2011**. Accepted papers will be notified after **March 31, 2011**. The final decision to accept or reject an abstract will be made after consideration by the full scientific committee.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:**

Persons who are giving a presentation at the conference must register for the conference by **April 15, 2011**.

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:**

Charles Woolfson (chair) (Linköping University); Jolanta Aidukaite (co-chair) (University of Vilnius); Zenonas Norkus (University of Vilnius); Romas Lazutka (University of Vilnius); Herwig Reiter (University of Bremen).

**CONFERENCE FEE:**

50 Euros. Payable on registration or at conference commencement.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

For information regarding registration, accommodation, travel to Vilnius or other issues regarding your attendance please contact the conference coordinator Viktorija Voolfson. E-mail: [viktorija.voolfson@gmail.com](mailto:viktorija.voolfson@gmail.com)

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