

UNICA Rectors Seminar

“Role of Social Sciences and Humanities in Innovation”

Preceded by the

International Symposium

“University and Society - Renewed Focus on National Growth and Values”

Regular updates and online registration

<http://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-rectors-seminar-university-latvia>



30 September – 1 October 2019

University of Latvia, Riga

**Organised in the framework of the 100th anniversary
celebrations of the University of Latvia**

The UNICA Rectors Seminar hosted by the University of Latvia will consist of two parts:

- **30 September:** University of Latvia – 100: **International Symposium “University and Society - Renewed Focus on National Growth and Values”**, which will draw attention to several currently important matters in the development of the countries, including demographic situation, development of the European society, and the role of education in modern society.
- 1 October: **UNICA Rectors Seminar “Role of Social Sciences and Humanities in Innovation”**, which will look at contemporary and alternative approaches of research in Humanities and Social Sciences and their added value in the innovation processes.



Both the International Symposium and the UNICA Rectors Seminar are organised in the framework of the **centenary anniversary celebrations of the University of Latvia.**

The University of Latvia has been founded as one of the symbols of the independent Republic of Latvia that itself has been founded only a few months earlier.

Venues

30 September

- Ceremonial meeting of the Senate: Aula Magna, Raiņa Blvd.19, Riga
- International Symposium: Aula Magna, Raiņa Blvd.19, Riga

1 October – UNICA Rectors Seminar: new Academic Centre of the University of Latvia: Auditorium Aeris, Jelgavas Str.1, Riga

Information & Contact

Regular updates of the programme, online registration form, and information on pre-booked hotels are available on the event webpage of the UNICA website:

<http://www.unica-network.eu/event/unica-rectors-seminar-university-latvia>

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PROGRAMME

(as of 26 August 2019)

**30
Sep**

International Symposium "University and Society -Renewed Focus on National Growth and Values"

Venue: University of Latvia, Aula Magna, Raiņa Blvd.19, Riga

Morning

10:00 – 12:30: Ceremonial University of Latvia Senate meeting

OR: 10:00 – 11:30 - Optional cultural programme (Old City tour)

13:00 – 13:30

Registration

13.30- 13.50

Welcome addresses

- **Indriķis MUIŽNIEKS**, Rector, University of Latvia
- **Ilga ŠUPLINSKA**, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia
- **Luciano SASO**, UNICA President

13.50 - 14.10

Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Vice-President of the European Commission

14.10 - 14.30

Tibor NAVRACSICS, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

14.30 - 14.50

Toomas ASSER, Rector, Tartu University

14.50 -15:10

Juozas AUGUTIS, Rector, Vytautas Magnus University

15:10- 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 - 15.50

Geoffrey BOULTON, Regius Professor, University of Edinburgh, "Liberating the Potential of the University for the Modern Age"

15.50 – 16.10

Indra KARAPETJANA, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, "Opening Minds: Recognizing Societal Value of Humanities"

16.10 – 16.30

Marc DEPAEPE, Professor, KU Leuven, "Universitas non moritur..."

16.30 – 17.30

Discussions

19.00

Concert "CENTUM" in celebration of University of Latvia Centenary at Latvian National Opera and Ballet Theatre, followed by reception

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Oct**

UNICA Rectors Seminar "Role of Social Sciences and Humanities in Innovation"

Venue: new Academic Centre of the University of Latvia: Auditorium Aeris, Jelgavas Str.1, Riga

09:30	Bus transfer to the new Academic Centre (meeting point: University of Latvia, main building, Raina Blvd.19)
09:45 – 10:00	Registration
	Chair: Ina DRUVIETE , Vice-Rector, University of Latvia
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indriķis MUIŽNIEKS, Rector of the University of Latvia • Luciano SASO, UNICA President
10.15 – 10.35	"The End of Humanities? Why Do We Still Need Humanities in Higher Education", by Mircea DIMITRU , Rector, University of Bucharest
10.35 – 10.55	Uldis BALODIS , University of Latvia, Livonian Institute
10.55 – 11.15	"Future Priorities for Higher Education: why Social Sciences and Humanities matter", by Ann Kathrine ISAAKS , Vice-Chair of the Bologna Follow Up Group, Professor, University of Pisa
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee break
11:45 – 13.30	Panel discussion Chair: Sibel SUZEN , Vice-Rector, Ankara University
	László BORHY , Rector, Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest
	"The Human Factor in Innovation", by Hanna SNELLMAN , Vice Rector, University of Helsinki
	Ina ŠTEINBUKA , Professor, Faculty of Business, Management and Economics, University of Latvia
	Isak FROUMIN , Head of the Institute of Education, National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch
14.40 - 15.30	Tour around the new campus – Academic centre of the University of Latvia
18:30	Dinner hosted by Rector of the University of Latvia