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**"THE SOCIO-CULTURAL ROLE OF THE MELNO PEACE TREATY
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN AND LITHUANIAN SECURITY ARCHITECTURE"**

September 16, 2022

Cultural Center of Kybartai, Lithuania

PROGRAMME

*The international scientific conference is dedicated to
the 600th anniversary of the Melno Peace Treaty*

8:50 - 9:00	Guests and speakers of the international conference arrive at the Vilkaviškis (address: Lobiškių str. 19 E, Vilkaviškis).
9:00	We take the booked bus to the Kybartai Cultural Center.
9:30 - 10:00	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>
10:00 - 10:45	FORUM OPENING A word of welcome: Algirdas Neiberka , Mayor of Vilkaviškis district municipality. Prof. dr. Romas Prakapas , President of Mykolas Romeris University Senate. Assoc. dr. Juozas Olekas , Member of the European Parliament. Dr. Peter Buschmann , Deputy Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Lithuania. Dr. Algirdas Butkevičius , Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. Prof. dr. Snieguolė Matulienė , Dean of MRU Public Security Academy. Sigitas Šamborskis , Head of the Lithuanian community of Karalaučius region.
10:45 - 13:00	FIRST SESSION Moderated by: Prof. dr. AURELIJA PŪRAITĖ , <i>Deputy dean of MRU Public Security Academy.</i> Prof. dr. VYTAUTAS ŠLAPKAUSKAS , <i>Professor of MRU Public Security Academy.</i>
10:45 - 11:15	Prof. h. c. dr. KARL ALFRED LAMERS <i>Member of the German Bundestag 1994-2021, Berlin</i> NATO after the Madrid Summit: A clear and united message to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the international security.
11:15 - 11:35	Prof. dr. RUTH LEISEROWITZ <i>German Historical Institute, Warsaw</i> What means the peace of Melno to us today? Cultural history review and outlook.
11:35 - 11:55	VITAS GIRDAUSKAS <i>Vilkaviškis tourism and business information center, Vilkaviškis</i> Security of Sūduva until the Melno Peace Treaty
12:00	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>
12:20 - 12:40	Assoc. dr. GINTARAS ŠAPOKA <i>European Humanitarian University and Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius</i> Melno peace and the issue of Lithuanian borders during the restoration of statehood: legal aspects.
12:40 - 13:00	Assoc. dr. ZENONAS KUMETAITIS <i>Ambassador, Vilnius</i> Traces of the Melno Treaty when looking at the modern border of Lithuania.
13:00 - 14:00	<i>LUNCH BREAK (Cafe "Robeda")</i>

14:00 - 17:00	SECOND SESSION Moderated by: VIOLETA GAIŽAUSKAITĖ , <i>Advisor to the Rector for International relations and Communication, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius.</i> VITAS GIRDAUSKAS , <i>Director of Vilkaviškis tourism and business information center, Vilkaviškis.</i>
14:00 - 14:20	Assoc. dr. JUOZAS OLEKAS <i>Member of the European Parliament, Chairman of the EP delegation for relations with Belarus.</i> New security geopolitical axes at the borders of the Melno Treaty.
14:20 - 14:40	Prof. dr. DAVID SCHULTZ <i>Hamline University, Saint Paul, Minnesota</i> Ukraine and the Future of the US Foreign Policy in Europe.
14:40 - 15:00	Assoc. dr. LILIANA TYMCHENKO <i>European Humanitarian University, Vilnius</i> State terrorism: legal assessments of the concept.
15:00	COFFEE BREAK
15:20 - 15:40	Dr. FERNANDO VAL GARIJO <i>UNED - National Distance Learning University, Madrid</i> Possibilities and limits of international law to ensure security.
15:40 - 16:00	Assoc. dr. LIUDMILA ULYASHYNA <i>European Humanitarian University, Vilnius</i> From Pacta Sunt Servanda to Jus ad bellum. How to get back to the peace?
16:00 - 16:20	MICHAEL LEISEROWITZ <i>POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw</i> My great-grandmother from Vištytis. A chapter of applied history in the museum and beyond.
16:20 - 16:40	Prof. dr. VYTAUTAS ŠLAPKAUSKAS <i>Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius</i> Development of Sūduva security from the Melno Peace Treaty to the occupation of the Russian Empire
16:40 - 17:00	DISCUSSION
17:00	CLOSURE OF THE FORUM. We leave for the accommodation.

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Familiarization excursion

"Intersection of the borders of three states (the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Poland and the Russian Federation) - Vištytis - Kybartai - K. Naumiestis - Sudargas".

1. We leave on the 17th. 9:00 a.m. from the accommodation. We leave with all our luggage.
2. We will have coffee and lunch during the trip.
3. The end of the tour is planned until 18:00 in Vilkaviškis.
4. Farewell and going home.

Vitas Girdauskas - Chairman of the Conference Organizing Committee.

Vytautas Šlapkauskas - Chairman of the Scientific Committee.