

University of Helsinki and Vytautas Magnus University

International Conference

Secrets and Conspiracies

Vytautas Magnus University
(K. Donelaičio St. 28, Kaunas)
October 2-3, 2007

Preliminary Programme
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October 2nd, 2007

10 am – Welcome addresses by Prof. Zigmantas Lydeka, Rector of Vytautas Magnus University, and Mr. Aidas Palubinskas, Representative of MEP Dr. Eugenijus Gentvilas and of the Open Society and Its Friends Foundation

10:15 am – Prof. Timo Airaksinen (University of Helsinki), “The Temptation of Conspiracy Theory as a Response to Paternalism”

10:45 am – Prof. Olli Loukola (University of Helsinki) and Prof. Leonidas Donskis (Vytautas Magnus University), “It Could Not Happen Here”

11:15 am – Prof. Manfred Holler (University of Hamburg), “On Machiavelli’s Conspiracy Paradoxes”

11:45 am – Prof. Hubert Schleichert (University of Konstanz), “On Secrets and Pseudosecrets”

12:15 pm – Prof. Anatoly Mikhailov (European Humanities University-Minsk/Vilnius), “Hidden Meaning Unexplored: the Power of Prejudices in our Life”

1:00-2:30 pm – lunch

2:30 pm – Dr. Catalin Avramescu (University of Bucharest), “The Art of Pleasing: Lord Chesterfield and the Theory of Concealment in the Age of Enlightenment”

3:00 pm – discussion

October 3rd, 2007

10:00 am – Prof. Egidijus Aleksandravičius (Vytautas Magnus University), TBA

10:30 am – Dr. Barbara Klose-Ullmann (MIS-Munich Institute of Integrated Studies), “The Duveen-Berenson Conspiracy and the American Renaissance”

11:00 am – Prof. Vladimir Fours (European Humanities University-Minsk/Vilnius), “Some Reflections on Conspiracy Rhetoric in Belarusian Political Discourses”

11:30 am – Mr. Tomas Kavaliauskas (Vytautas Magnus University), TBA

Noon – Prof. Tonu Viik (Tallinn University), “The Hidden Kernel of Modern Civic Ideologies”

12:30 pm – discussion

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