The Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS) will hold its Twenty-First Conference on Baltic Studies on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana from May 29 to June 1, 2008. The conference theme is “Baltic Crossroads: Examining Cultural, Social, and Historical Diversity.” One of the conference’s main goals is to consider the role of the Baltic Sea Region in the European Union in an era of globalization. The conference will feature a special workshop to address questions of ethnicity and immigration in particular.

The program will include:

More than one hundred panelists from a variety of disciplines—including linguistics, economics, history, sociology, religious studies, political science, anthropology, and education—reflecting an international community of scholars from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, France, Russia, Canada, and the United States and other regions.

Workshop "Ethnicity and Migration in the Baltic Region" featuring:

- Dr. Nils Muiznieks, University of Latvia, Advanced Social and Political Research Institute
- Dr. Pille Petersoo, Institute of International and Social Studies, Tallinn University, Estonia
- Dr. Audra Sipaviciene, International Organization of Migration, Vilnius, Lithuania

Evening Program including book exhibit and reading by Pauls Toutonghi, author of Red Weather.

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