

## Indra Ekmanis | Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Washington | June 2017 (with distinction)

Jackson School of International Studies | Ellison Center for Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies

Dissertation: “Host land or homeland?: Civic-cultural identity and banal integration in Latvia.”

M.A. University of Washington | June 2013

Jackson School of International Studies | Ellison Center for Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies

Thesis: “Judging the book by its cover?: Latvian integration beyond the headlines.”

B.A. Arizona State University | May 2011

School of Politics & Global Global Studies | Barrett, The Honors College

Honors Thesis: “The Sound of Protest: How Latvian Culture Impacted Nonviolent Resistance During Soviet Occupation” (research paper and short documentary film).

Minor: German

### RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Title VIII Research Scholar, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholarship, 2017-2018.

Fulbright US Student Grant Award, Institute for International Education, 2016-2017.

Junior Research Fellow, Carnegie Space Security Initiative, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 2016.

AABS Dissertation Grant, Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, American Council of Learned Societies, 2016.

Jackson Foundation Ph.D. Travel Award, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, 2015.

Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Advanced Latvian), Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, 2014 – 2015.

Arturs Julla Scholarship for Latvian Studies, Northern California Latvian Lutheran Congregation, San Francisco, 2014.

Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Advanced Latvian), Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, 2013 – 2014.

Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Advanced Latvian), Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, 2012 – 2013.

Boba Summer Research Fellowship, Ellison Center for Russian East European, and Central Asian Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2012.

Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Intermediate Latvian), Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, 2011 – 2012.

Undergraduate Research Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, 2010.

### **ADDITIONAL AWARDS**

Nominee, University-wide Distinguished Dissertation Award, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 2017.

Waugh Thesis Prize, Ellison Center, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2013.

Impact Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 2011.

Outstanding Research Project, Barrett, The Honors College, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 2011.

Moeur Award, Alumni Association, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 2011.

Swiss Consulate Book Prize, German Department, School of International Letters and Cultures, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 2011.

President's Scholarship, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 2007 – 2011.

Dean's List, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 2007 – 2011.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Ekmanis, I. "Diversity in Daugavpils: Unpacking identity and cultural engagement among minority school youth in Eastern Latvia," *Europe-Asia Studies*, University of Glasgow, (under review).

Ekmanis, I. "Steps of the Nation: Latvian Dance and Identity in the Diaspora," *Culture Crossroads*, Latvian Academy of Culture, 9(1), pp. 72-88, 2016.

Ekmanis, I. "The Sound of Protest: How Latvian Culture Impacted Nonviolent Resistance During Soviet Occupation," *Emeritus Voices*, Arizona State University, vol.8, pp. 59-76, 2011.

### **Book Reviews & Briefs**

Ekmanis, I. *We are here: Memories of the Lithuanian Holocaust*, by Ellen Cassedy, *Lituanus* 62(3), pp. 100-102, 2016.

Ekmanis, I. "A universal good? Norm-driven priorities in European Space Policy," Carnegie Space Security Initiative, University of Washington, 2016

Ekmanis, I. *Nation-building in the Baltic States: Transforming governance social welfare and security in Northern Europe*, by Gundar King & David McNabb, *Journal of Baltic Studies* 46(2), pp. 269-271, 2015.

Ekmanis, I. *Unforced flourishing: Understanding Jaan Kaplinski*, by Thomas Salumets, *Jaunā Gaitā* 280, Summer 2015 (in Latvian).

Ekmanis, I. "Postsovjetu attīstības virzieni Baltijas valstīs," *Nation-building in the Baltic States: Transforming governance social welfare and security in Northern Europe*, by Gundar King & David McNabb, *Latvija Amerika* Nr18, May 2, 2015 (in Latvian).

Ekmanis, I. *Nation-building in the Baltic States: Transforming governance social welfare and security in Northern Europe*, by Gundar King & David McNabb, *Jaunā Gaitā* 279, Spring 2015 (in Latvian).

Ekmanis, I. *Baltic façades: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania since 1945*, by Aldis Purs, *Lituanus* 59(4), 2013.

Ekmanis, I. *Baltic façades: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania since 1945*, by Aldis Purs, *Jaunā Gaitā* 273, Summer 2013 (in Latvian).

Ekmanis, I. *Vilnius: City of strangers*, by Laimonas Briedis, *Jaunā Gaitā* 272, Spring 2013 (in Latvian).

Ekmanis, I. *Deception: The untold story of East-West espionage today*, by Edward Lucas, *Jaunā Gaitā* 271, Winter 2012 (in Latvian).

### **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter, "The land where I sing: youth and cultural integration in Eastern Latvia." 2016 Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, University of Pennsylvania, May 28, 2016.

Co-Presenter, "Refugees, migrants or just foreigners? Student perceptions of Europe's migrant crisis in Latvia." Association for the Study of Nationalities 2016 World Convention, Columbia University, April 15, 2016.

Presenter, "The steps of the nation?: Latvian folk dance and identity building." Kultūras Krustpunkti IX Conference. Latvian Academy of Culture. Riga, Latvia, November 14, 2015.

Seminar presenter, "Integrācijas, kultūras un ikdienas saistība un problemātika Latvijas sabiedrībā." Pētījuma Poētika, Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art, University of Latvia. Latvijas Nacionālā Bibliotēka, Riga, Latvia, October 28, 2015.

Presenter, "Dancing through discourse: Associational life and civic-cultural identity." 11th Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe, Herder Institute. University of Marburg, Germany, September 10, 2015.

Presenter, "A sheep in sheep's clothing? Folk dance and minority integration in Latvia." Baltic Studies Roundtable, Dept. of Scandinavian Studies. University of Washington, April 28, 2015.

Presenter, "Host land or homeland? Conflict in the post-communist space." Western Social Science Association Conference, Portland, OR, April 10, 2015.

Abstract accepted (unable to present), "Fragile friendships?: Associational life and conflict in the post-communist space." 2015 Midwest Slavic Conference, Midwest Slavic Association and Center for Slavic and East European Studies, The Ohio State University, March 13-15, 2015.

Presenter, "Hostland or homeland?: Interethnic society and the security implications of integration." International Studies Association. Pasadena, CA, September 26, 2014.

Abstract accepted (unable to present), "Judging the book by its cover?: The story of Latvian integration behind the headlines." Association for the Study of Nationalities. Columbia University, April 23-26, 2014.

Presenter, "Countering conflict with the mundane: Civil society and trust building in post-communist Europe." REECAS Northwest. Portland State University, April 26, 2014.

Presenter, "Countering conflict with the mundane: Civil society and trust building in post-communist Europe." Joint Conference for the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies and the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies. Yale University, March 14, 2014.

Presenter, "Countering conflict with the mundane: Ethnic interaction and civil society in Latvia." Scholars' Studio, "Worlds Collide Research @the Commons." University of Washington, November 21, 2013.

Presenter, "Judging the book by its cover?: The story of Latvian integration behind the headlines." 19<sup>th</sup> Annual REECAS Northwest Conference, "From symbolism to security: Politics, literature & imagery in Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia." University of Washington, April 27, 2013.

Presenter, "Reviving the nation: Politics and Latvia's nationalistic youth." 23rd Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, "The Global Baltics: The Next Twenty Years." University of Illinois at Chicago, April 26-28, 2012.

Featured presenter, "Stoking the fire: Is Latvia's youth doomed by extreme nationalism?" Baltic Studies Roundtable, Dept. of Scandinavian Studies. University of Washington, April 6, 2012.

## **TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Teaching Assistant, "Cultural Interactions in an Interdependent World," Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Spring 2016.

Assistant Researcher, Habitus, Latvian Academy of Culture, Riga, Latvia, 2015 - present.

Intensive Latvian Language Instructor, Baltic Studies Summer Institute at the Slavic, East European, and Near Eastern Summer Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh, June 6 - July 17, 2015.

Honors Student Instructor, Barrett Summer Scholars, Barrett, The Honors College, Arizona State University, June, 2009.

### **Guest Lecturing**

Guest Lecturer, "Soli pa solim: latviešu tautas tradīcijas gaitas Sietlā, ASV," Humanitārās akadēmijas jauniešiem, University of Daugavpils, Daugavpils, Latvia, Feb. 13, 2016.

Guest Lecture, "Notes from the Field," Baltic Cultures, University of Washington, January 6, 2016.

Guest Lecturer, "Who Are Ethnic Minorities?" The Baltic Since 1991, University of Washington, May 20, 2015.

Visiting Expert, "Russia After Putin," AP Comparative Government, Sammamish High School, Bellevue, WA, January 16, 2015.

Guest Lecturer, "Writing a Dissertation Prospectus," JSIS PhD Research Tutorial, University of Washington, October 16, 2014.

Guest Lecturer, "Ethnic Integration in the Baltics," The Baltic Since 1991, University of Washington, May 21, 2014.

Guest TA, Section AE, The Making of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, University of Washington, February 13, 2014.

Graduate Student Lecturer, "On Olga Zondberg's 'Have Mercy, Your Majesty Fish,'" Post-Soviet Literature and Culture, University of Washington, December 7, 2012.

Guest Lecturer, "The Sound of Protest." Draudzīgais Aicinājums. Latvian Association of the State of Washington, Seattle, WA, January 29, 2012.

Guest Lecturer, "The Chronicle of Henry of Livonia and the Livonian Rhymed Chronicle," The Baltic States and Scandinavia, University of Washington, January 10, 2012.

Presenter, "Ārzemju latvieši." Meeting with Latvian President Valdis Zatlers and American Latvian Youth Association. Embassy of the Republic of Latvia, Washington, D.C., April 1, 2011.

### **Field Research**

Riga, Latvia, 2016-2017. Doctoral dissertation fieldwork on interpersonal banal integration among Latvian titular and minority populations.

Daugavpils & Riga, Latvia, 2015-2016. Doctoral dissertation research with university and high school folk dance collectives and choirs in Riga, Daugavpils and Špoģi. Participant observation of rehearsals, performances, and general social activities in Riga, Daugavpils, Limbaži, Sigulda, etc.

Daugavpils & Riga, Latvia, 2014. Preliminary doctoral dissertation research with folk dance collectives in Riga, and University of Daugavpils students and professors. Participant observation of "Gaudeamus," the Baltic student song and dance festival in Daugavpils.

Riga, Latvia, 2012. Master's research, including interviews with University of Latvia students and professors, and former Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty researchers.

Riga, Latvia, 2010. Bachelor's research, including personal interviews with former President Vaira Vīke-Freiberga and resistance activists/singers Ieva Akuratere and Lori Wood.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Student member, Association for the Study of Nationalities, 2016 - present.

Student member, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, 2013 – present.

Student member, International Studies Association, 2013 – present.

Founding co-chair, The Bridge Lab, Jackson School of International Studies, U. Washington, 2013 – 2014.

Student representative, Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, 2012 – 2014, current member.

Mentor, President Barack Obama Scholars, Arizona State University, 2009 – 2010.

Mentor, Talent Match, Barrett Honors College, Arizona State University, 2008.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

English, native.

Latvian, fluent.

German, proficient.

Russian, beginning.

## **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Director, Kursa Latvian Summer High School, West Coast Latvian Education Center, Shelton, WA, Nov. 2015 - present.

Editor, AABS Newsletter, Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, 2011 & October 2013 – present.

Marketing & Communications Assistant/Interim Director, Office of Global Affairs, University of Washington, October 2014 – December 2015.

Digital Content Editor, Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, University of Washington, June 2012 – October 2014.

Intern, Department of Public Relations and Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, June 2010 – Aug. 2010.

Managing Editor, *The State Press*, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Aug. 2010 – May 2011.

Emeritus Press Intern, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Jan. 2009 – May 2011.