



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS
SAEIMA

Conference

Ethics in Contemporary Parliamentarism

Tuesday, 21 April 2026, 14:00-17:00

Venue: Baltic Hall, Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, Jēkaba Street 6/8, Riga

Organised by: Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

13:30 Arrival and registration (coffee break)

14:00 Opening addresses

Antoņina Nenaševa, Deputy Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Gunārs Kusiņš, representative of the Working group for developing the Code of Ethics for Members of the Saeima

Dr. Jānis Vucāns, Chair of the Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

14:15 Introductory presentation

“Ethics in Contemporary Parliamentarism”

Dr. Vija Sīle, Rīga Stradiņš University

14:55 Ethical issues in Latvian public administration from the perspective of the Council of Europe’s GRECO (Group of States against Corruption)

David Meyer, President of GRECO

15:15 Coffee Break

15:30 Presentations

Solutions to parliamentary ethics issues in the Baltic States, including:

- How to balance freedom of expression with responsibility and the protection of others from offence?
- Should Members of Parliament apply the same ethical standards to communication on social media as to their public activities?
- What sanctions are envisaged for MPs for ethical violations, and are they efficient?

Moderator: **Dr. Vija Sīle**, Rīga Stradiņš University

Experience from the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Lilija Vaitiekūnienė, Deputy Chair of the Commission for Ethics and Procedures of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Experience from the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia

Dr. Margit Sutrop, Member of Cultural Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu of the Republic of Estonia (online)

Experience from the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Dr. Jānis Vucāns, Chairman of the Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

16:15 Questions to the speakers and discussion on desirable improvements in resolving ethics issues in Baltic parliaments

Moderator: Dr. Vija Sīle, Rīga Stradiņš University

Participants: Representatives of Baltic parliaments and the representative of GRECO

16:50 Closing of the Conference

Dr. Jānis Vucāns, Chairman of the Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia