**We are happy to welcome you to**

 **the Latvian Language and Culture Summer School 2021**

**REGIONAL STUDIES: THE CASE OF LATGALE**

Latvian Language and Culture Summer School “Regional Studies: The Case of Latgale” comprises two parts: Latvian language learning and Regional studies.

**Organizers of the Summer School:** Centre for Latvian Studies of Daugavpils University, which on the basis of the competition has acquired the right to organize this school for the fifth year and is an experienced summer school implementer with a creative, professional and responsive team.

**The languages of instruction**: Latvian and English. All students will be provided with learning materials. Students completing a course will be issued a certificate of attendance (6 ECTS).

**Programme and detailed information are available at our Summer school’s platform:** [**http://summerschool.mozello.lv**](http://summerschool.mozello.lv)**.**

**Dates:** July 23 – August 1, 2021.

**Place:** Daugavpils University, Vienibas Street 13, Daugavpils

Depending on the epidemiological situation we offer 3 forms: **face-to-face**, **online** or **hybrid** form.

**Participants:** Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctoral students, academic and research staff of foreign higher education institutions.

**Application deadline for Latvian government scholarship holders:** April 1, 2021.

**Application procedure:**

Please fill in online application form (<http://summerschool.mozello.lv/2021/application/scholarship/>), add curriculum vitae and motivation letter where the reasons for choice of this Summer School and its programme are indicated (2000 – 3000 characters with spaces).

**Evaluation:**

Selection of candidates will be made by the organizers of the Summer school from Daugavpils University depending on motivation letters, in which the organizers will pay special attention to the reasons why the applicants have been attracted to the programme of our organized Summer School.The final decision on granting scholarships will be made by the evaluation committee of the State Education Development Agency Republic of Latvia. Daugavpils University will inform all applicants on the results.

Scholarships will be granted to **10 students** after having evaluated the application forms, motivation letters and curriculum vitae.

**Students from the following countries only are eligible to apply:**Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium (Federation Wallonia – Brussels), Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Norway, Peru, Poland, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The People’s Republic of China, The United States of America, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam.

**Costs:** Scholarship covers accommodation, catering, lectures, workshops, field studies, study tours, and all cultural activities. Scholarship does not cover travel, visa and insurance costs (participants have to cover travel expenses from the country of origin to the Summer School location in Daugavpils themselves).

If the Summer School is held face-to-face, students will be provided accommodation at Biplan Hotel (18. Novembra Street 50, Daugavpils) situated within 10 min. walk to the University.

**The main aim and objectives:**

1. To give knowledge about the object of regional study and methods of its research;
2. To acquaint the participants with the specificity of Latgale region in the context of Latvia;
3. To do field studies, characterizing the economic, environmental, cultural, entertainment etc. objects of Latgale region using methods of regional study;
4. To learn Latvian language at the basic level, practice its use while doing field studies;
5. To come up with conclusions about the opportunities of using the regional study approach;
6. To do the Latvian language knowledge test.

Summer School “Regional Studies: The Case of Latgale” is an excellent opportunity to focus on the regional studies phenomenon, learn its research tools, do field studies in Latgale region, improve the communicative competence using the basic level (A1) of Latvian language in the field studies.

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