Research Field Trip: Latvia and Estonia, February 2019

This field trip, designed for upper-level undergraduate students in the Social Sciences, provides students with an opportunity to consider how to conduct research ‘in the field’. Up to EIGHT successful applicants from BEAR network universities will join approximately 12 third-year undergraduate students from the University of Glasgow. The BEAR network will pay round-trip economy airfare as well as local room and board expenses during the research field trip for successful applicants.

The trip takes place across three cities: Riga (Latvia), Narva and Tallinn (Estonia) where we will experience a rich programme of cultural and research-based activities.

The research activities will include reflexive observations of the spaces we visit (focusing on public monuments and museums), meetings with local experts, and reflexive discussion of how our experience of being in the field challenges, or modifies, our pre-conceived ideas.

Participants will be expected to compose short, reflexive research diaries based on their time on the field trip. Additionally, each student will write a research proposal. This will set out a hypothetical (but feasible) research project that the student could conduct in the region. The aim of the field trip is to force students to engage with the complexities of studying a foreign country, and to reflect on how we can produce high-quality research despite these complexities.

**Provisional Schedule:**

10 February: Arrive in Riga


Visit to Žanis Lipke Memorial and discussion with staff [http://www.lipke.lv/en](http://www.lipke.lv/en)


13 February: Travel to Narva

14 February: Discussion with Kristina Kallas (Director of Narva College, Leader of Political Party Estonia 200, and Head of the Supervisory Board of the Estonian Integration Foundation)

Observation exercises in Narva

15 February: Travel to Tallinn


17 February: Depart from Tallinn airport

**To apply:**

Please send a resume and short personal statement outlining your interest in the field trip to ammon.cheskin@Glasgow.ac.uk by DECEMBER 10, 2018.