Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to attend a Jean Monnet Network on EU-Canada Relations webinar on Zoom.

Baltic Reactions to Russia's War Against Ukraine Wednesday, May 11th, 11:00-12:30 (EST-Ottawa)

Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine has turned into a war unseen in Europe since World War II. Although Ukraine's brave and determined resistance against Russia's invasion has been the focal point of attention and a source of inspiration for Western political elites and societies, repercussions of the war extend far beyond Ukraine's geographical borders. Thus, it is necessary to look at the role of the Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) in this military confrontation and the war's impact on these four states and their societies. On the one hand, these states have played a major role in providing military assistance to Ukraine. They have also welcomed Ukrainian refugees who have fled the country due to Russia's aggression. On the other hand, however, the Baltic states need support from their key NATO allies and EU partners because they are frontlines states that may become targets of Russia's dissatisfaction with Western support to Ukraine. The event aims to look at the perspectives of the Baltic states on the war in Ukraine and its effects on European security.

Speakers

- Kristina Kallas, Researcher, University of Tartu Narva College (Estonia)
- *Toms Rostoks*, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Latvia; Director, Centre for Security and Strategic Research, Latvian National Defence Academy.
- *Ramūnas Vilpišauskas,* Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University (Lithuania)

Moderator, Joan DeBardeleben, Chancellor's Professor, Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University

Registration is required to receive a Zoom link to attend the webinar. Please complete the registration form.

A separate email will confirm your attendance and provide a room link and further information.

If you have any concerns about the online platform or have questions, please email me (<u>heather.pyman@carleton.ca</u>). I look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Thank you very much for your time.

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