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**Forum of Northern countries at Vytautas Magnus University**  
**Studies and languages of Northern countries:**  
**Perspectives for corporate and personal success**

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This event, organized within the framework of a newly implemented BA programme on Scandinavian studies at VMU to be launched this fall, aims at consolidating the strategic partnership between the University and the business enterprises of Northern countries located in Kaunas as well as other institutions. Moreover, it seeks to identify the needs of business enterprises and the potential of the University to educate the experts demanded in Northern countries and discuss the most effective forms of cooperation in developing students' cultural, linguistic and entrepreneurial skills as well as to promote the good image and welfare of Kaunas through joint projects.



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**May 16th, 2016**

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**Museum of S. and S. Lozoraičiai, K. Donelaičio g. 58.**

- 13:00-13:10**    **Introductory note by Ineta Dabašinskienė, Vice-Rector for International Relations, VMU.**  
Welcome speech by Juozas Augutis, Rector of VMU.  
Welcome speech by Simonas Kairys, Vice-Mayor of Kaunas.
- 13:10-13:30**    **Welcome speeches**  
H.E. Cecilia Ruthström-Ruin, Ambassador of Sweden to Lithuania.  
Maria Ågren, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Finland.
- 13:30-14:15**    **Panel – Northern countries and Lithuania: the potential for cooperation**
- Perspectives of cooperation between Northern countries and Lithuania**  
Šarūnas Radvilavičius, Deputy Director of the Nordic Council of Ministers.
- Business relations between Northern countries and Lithuania**  
Lukas Inokaitis, representative of Invest Lithuania.
- Academic cooperation between Northern countries and Lithuania**  
Ineta Dabašinskienė, Vice-Rector for International Relations, Vytautas Magnus University.
- 14:15-14:45**    **Coffee break.**
- 14:45-15:45**    **Roundtable discussion**  
**Expanding cooperation between Northern countries and Lithuania: contribution of business enterprises and the University**  
Lukas Inokaitis, representative of *Invest Lithuania*;  
Lina Maroščikienė, representative of *OpusCapita Accounting*;  
Eglė Skardžiukienė, representative of *Malmberg Water Kaunas*;  
Vilma Stankuvienė, representative of *Runway*;  
Simonas Kairys, representative of *Kaunas Municipality*;  
Rūta Eidukevičienė, representative of *VMU*;  
Moderated by Mindaugas Jurkynas, *Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, VMU*.
- 15:45-16:15**    **Concluding discussion and closing of the forum.**



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### **Norway's National day: Festive parade of Kaunas schoolchildren and students**

The events of May 17th are intended to show solidarity with the citizens of Norway, while commemorating perhaps the biggest and most popular celebration of the year in this country, the National Day, also known as the Constitution Day. A festive parade, survival Norwegian and Finnish lessons and tasting of national dishes are intended to encourage interest in this country, and to introduce the Lithuanians to the country's culture and traditions.

**10:00-11:00 Festive parade of Kaunas schoolchildren and students for the Norwegian Independence Day**  
(from Historical Presidential Palace to VMU).

**11:00-12:30 Introductory lesson about Norwegian culture in English**  
(Lars Gjendemsjo, *North Light Corporate Training Centre*);  
**Online lesson on Scandinavian mythology in English**  
(Ugnius Mikučionis, *VMU, Bergen University*);  
**Survival Norwegian and Finnish language lessons**  
(Jolita Ančlauskaitė and VMU Baltic Region students).  
(VMU Great Hall foyer)

**12:30-13:00 Nordic cuisine tastings** (VMU Great Hall foyer).

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### **Day of the Nordic Culture**

**12:00-13:00** Opening of the exhibition **Scenes from Swedish Detectives** at the foyer of the second floor, Faculty of Humanities (K. Donelaičio str. 52). Participants: Jurgita Grigienė, Honorary Consul of Sweden in Kaunas, Rūta Eidukevičienė, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Asta Gustaitienė, Lecturer. The exhibition will run until June 18.

**13:15-14:30** Lecture **The impact of information in the creation and destruction of the Baltic region** and discussion with journalist, translator and film director Jonas Ohman (Moderated by Auksė Balčytienė, Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Vytautas Magnus University), S. Daukanto str. 28, Room 404.

**14:30-15:45** Lecture and discussion **Sweden: literature, cinema, and the way of living** (Moderated by Asta Gustaitienė, participants Ramūnas Aušrotas, and Gintarė Leškevičienė), VMU Small Hall.

**15:45-16:00 Break**

**16:00-18:15 Film Shed No Tears (Erik Sohlström, film director)**, introduction by Ramūnas Aušrotas, VMU Small Hall.