



Russia, Ukraine, Poland and Belarus from the Lithuanian perspective

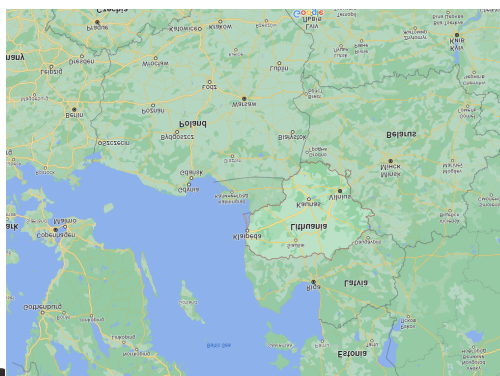
A talk by Rūstis Kamuntavičius, Director of the Institute of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania

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This talk commemorates the 105th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuanian independence (16 Feb 1918). Lithuania is at the heart of East-Central Europe. Although it is considered a Baltic country and is usually associated with Latvia and Estonia, culturally and historically, it is much more closely linked to Poland and Belarus. In addition, it has specific and long-standing relations with Russia and Ukraine. The small country has always been sensitive to major shocks in the region. This talk will address how the region's political and cultural landscape is perceived from a Lithuanian perspective. Anyone who is used to looking at Central-Eastern Europe from the outside might find it interesting to see the region from the inside. A different perspective would help better understand the current conflicts and the possible future of this part of the World.



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All are welcome, refreshments will be served.