

## XXIV INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC POLICY – FOR THE FOURTH TIME AT JÄNEDA (2013–2016)

**2016 – was also the year of the world-famous Estonian chess player Paul Keres**

The 24th International Scientific Conference on Economic Policy held at Jäneda last year, in 2016, took place in the year of commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Estonian chess genius Paul Keres (7 January 1916 Narva – 5 June 1975 Helsinki), in so to say the **Year of Paul Keres**.<sup>1</sup> This was remembered also at our conference at Jäneda (30.06–02.07.2016).

The conference was opened and all participants were greeted by the initiator of this series of conferences and the main organizer/coordinator of the XXIV Conference, **Matti Raudjärv** (University of Tartu (UT)). The visiting lecturers Marina Metreveli from the Georgian Technical University (engaged in tourism policy and also Member of the Georgian Parliament) and Irina Gogorishvili from the Tbilisi State University (engaged in economic policy) participated in the conference for the first time.

The opening address was followed by the plenary meeting (chaired by M. Raudjärv) at which **Uno Silberg** (Estonian Academy of Security Sciences and Kose Rural Municipality Council) made an interesting presentation based on his experience on the subject – On the Estonian Administrative Reform Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. This was followed by the *Round Table on the Estonian state reform and administrative-territorial reform and discussions on the general subject: Will It Work This Time or ... Camouflage Instead of Changes?* **Väino Kivirüüt** (Chairman of the Vara Rural Municipality Council), **Sulev Mäeltseemes** (Tallinn University of Technology), **Matti Raudjärv** (UT), **Janno Reiljan** (UT), **Uno Silberg** (Kose Rural Municipality) and many participants in the conference, including colleagues from Germany, participated actively in the Round Table.

Four sessions with presentations and discussions were held on the second day of the conference.

**Session I:** *Chaired by **Claus-Friedrich Laaser, Klaus Schrader** (both from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy of the Kiel University /Kiel IfW/, Federal Republic of Germany).*

*Presentations:*

1. **Detlev Ehrig** (University of Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany) – A new role for the European Central Bank? Remarks on a special German conflict.
2. **Armin Rohde, Bettina Günther** (both from the University of Greifswald, Federal Republic of Germany) – Wrong Tracks of the Eurosystem's Recent Monetary Policy

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<sup>1</sup> **FIDE** (Fédération internationale des échecs; World Chess Federation – founded in Paris on 20 July 1924) **declared 2016 the Year of Paul Keres.**

**3. Indrek Saar, Kerly Randlane** (both: Estonian Academy of Security Sciences) – Effectiveness of Enforcement of Public Claims in Estonia

**Session II:** *Chaired by Üllas Ehrlich* (Tallinn University of Technology).

*Presentations:*

1. **Sirje Pädam, Üllas Ehrlich** (both Tallinn University of Technology), Purposes of Estonian Environmental Taxes

2. **Tiina Kaart** (Tallinn University of Technology) – Economic Value of the Estonian Flying Squirrel (*Pteromys volans L.*) Population

3. **Janno Reiljan** (UT) – Formation of the Comprehensive Public Innovation System

**Session III:**

*Chaired by Detlev Ehrig* (University of Bremen) and **Armin Rohde** (University of Greifswald).

*Presentations:*

1. **Klaus Schrader, Claus-Friedrich Laaser** (Kiel IfW, Federal Republic of Germany) – How Structural Deficiencies Hamper Estonia's Competitiveness

2. **Viljar Veebel** (Estonian National Defence College) – Trade Relations between the Baltic States and Russia in the Last Decade, and Prospects for the Improvement of the Relations in the Future

3. **Ulrika Hurt** (Tallinn University of Technology) – Role of Stakeholders in the Digitalisation of Information on International Cargo Transport: Case of Estonian Single Window

**Session IV:**

*Chaired by Wolfgang Eibner* (Ernst-Abbe University of Applied Sciences in Jena, Saksamaa LV) and **Janno Reiljan** (UT)

*Presentations:*

1. **Irina Gogorishvili** (Tbilisi State University, Georgia) – Foreign Economic Policy of Georgia since Gaining the Independence

2. **Marina Metreveli** (Georgian Technical University, Tbilisi, Georgia; Georgian Parliament), **Irina Gogorishvili** – Major Trends of the Tourism Development State Policy of Georgia

3. **Karin Lindroos** (Tallinn University of Technology) – Participation of the General Public in the Process of Environmental Impact Assessment and Planning: the Case of Estonian Offshore Wind Farms

The conference was closed by Matti Raudjärv who thanked all speakers, participants, authors of papers, peer reviewers, interpreters and other contributors to the organisation and conduction of the conference. The participants were also reminded that the conference that will be held in 2017 will be a jubilee conference taking place for the 25th time.

Also traditional cultural, sports and health, and nature programmes were conducted.

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Sincerely, Matti Raudjärv