

Europeanisation of geographical education curriculum and policy

An international HERODOT conference

Friday 25th June to Monday 28th June, 2004
Tartu, Estonia

Programme

Friday 25th June, 2004

afternoon Arrival in Tartu
Registration at the hotel London (for your interest <http://www.londonhotel.ee/eng/index.php>)

19:00...21:00 Supper (buffet)

Saturday 26th June, 2004

09:00-09:15 Ülo Mander: Welcome!

Session on the European Dimension in geography

09:15–09:40 Mark Wise: Integrating a European dimension in British geography degree programmes

09:40–10:05 Rob van der Vaart: National standards for academic geography: stepping stones for European geography standards? Examples from some European countries.

10:05–10:30 Kostas Kuotsopoulos: What's European about European Geography? – The Case of Information Technology in Europeanisation of Geography

10:30-10:50 Stelian Dimitrov: Impact of Europeanisation on Bulgarian Geography in Higher Education

10:50-11:20 *Coffee break*



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- 11.20:11.45 Discussion: European Dimension in geography – an EU project?
- Paper session on TUNING pilot survey
- 11:45-12:15 Maria Villeneuve i Margalef and Mireia Baylina: Methodology and findings of the TUNING pilot survey carried out in Spain during the course 2003-2004
- 12:15-12:45 Paul Rooney and Kevin Crawford: Results of the Pilot Survey in the UK
- 12:45-14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00-14:30 Seminar: Results of the Pilot Survey in other countries
- 14:30-15:00 Discussion: Results of the Pilot Survey
- 15:00-15:30 *Coffee break*
- 15:30-16:30 Workshop: Organisation of Main Survey
- 17:00-19:00 Walking excursion in the town centre (guided by prof. Tõnu Oja)
- 19:30 *Reception Dinner* (restaurant Werner)

Sunday 27th June, 2004

Session on curriculum development

- 09:00-09:20 Martin Haigh: Greening European Geography Curricula
- 09:20-09:40 Arild Holt-Jensen: The role of geography in planning education
- 09:40-10:00 Nikos Lambrinos and Maria Rellou: The School Geography Curriculum in European Geography Education. Similarities and differences in the United Europe.
- 10:00-10:30 Discussion on curriculum change
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

Session on geography and employability of graduates

- 11:00-11:30 Jose Somoza-Medina: Geography and employability of graduates in Spain
- 11:30-12:00 Paul Redmond: Dancing with Gorillas! Graduates, Employability and the Future of Work
- 12:00-12:15 Jüri Roosaare: Geography education and employability: the case of Estonia
- 12:15-12:30 Magnfridour Juliusdottir: Changing employment situation and professional identity of geographers in Iceland
- 12:45-14:00 *Lunch break*



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Session on Benchmarking and Geographical Education

14:00-14:30 Daniela Schmeicnk: Benchmarking in teacher education in Germany

14:30-15:00 Kevin Crawford: Benchmarking Geography in UK

15:00-15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30-16:30 Discussion on employability and benchmarking

Session: Making Networks work for you

16:30-17:00 EEGECS – Network in Cartography and Surveying

17:00-17:30 Karl Donert: European bids and funding opportunities

19:30 *Dinner* (Hansatall Pub)

Monday 28th June, 2004

07:30 Start of **excursion** (Tartu - Lake Peipsi - Vooremaa drumlins field - Lahemaa national park - Viru raised bog)

11:30 *Lunch* (in Viitna)

☛ **participants having their plane departures 15:20...18:00 will be transported to airport (to arrive in airport 14:00).**

ca 17:00 arrival in **Tallinn**

VENUE and ACCOMMODATION

Conference Centre of the Hotel “London” (located in central part of Tartu).

It is good time to visit Estonia in the end of June. In that time twilight turns to dawnlight without real darkness between them. To get more information on Estonia, please visit <http://www.estonica.org>.

Tartu, a marvellous town of 100,000 inhabitants in South of Estonia is located 190 kilometres southeast from Tallinn. Simultaneously with our conference (25 –27 June) the **Hansa Days** are taking place in the centre of Tartu.

EXPENSES

HERODOT network will pay accommodation and conference expenses. **Travelling expenses** should be paid by the participants themselves and then will be refunded from HERODOT after the event.

JOURNEY from TALLINN AIRPORT to TARTU (HOTEL LONDON)

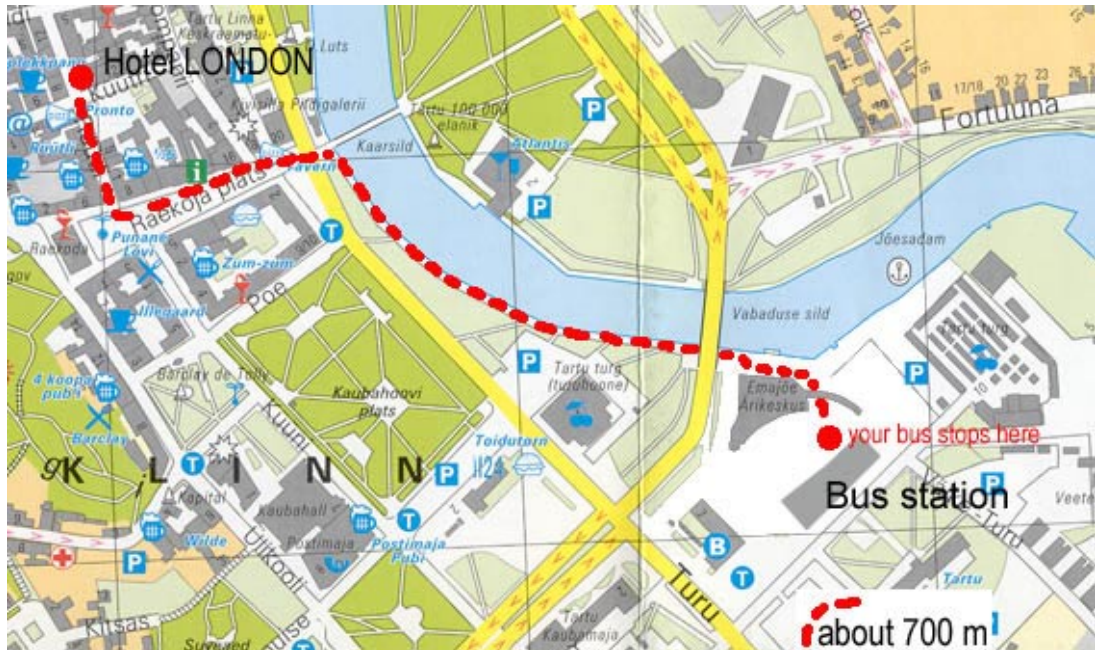
From Tallinn airport you should go by taxi to the intercity bus terminal (distance ca 2 km, it will cost 3...5 Euro) and take an express bus to Tartu. There are several buses per hour.



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The trip takes 2 hour 25 min and will cost ca 6 Euro. Your hotel is close to the bus station in Tartu:



PRACTICAL ADVICE

EESTI KROON (EEK) is the currency used in Estonia. One EEK equals 1/15.64 EUR. There are currency exchange offices in the airport and bus station but with not very good rate. If you need to exchange bigger sums, then it is better to do it in Tartu.

If you have an ITIC (**I**nternational **T**eacher/**P**rofessor **I**dentify **C**ard) you will get a discount of 5...10% in many cases, even ca 30% for intercity bus ticket.

WEATHER

Although the long-term mean temperature in Tartu in the end of June is approximately 15°C in the night time and 25°C in the daytime, this year we have so far quit chilly and rainy weather (8°C in the night time and 16°C in the daytime). We hope for better but take your umbrella and pullover with you.



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Excursion (guide Tõnu Oja).

June 28, 2004. Full guide will be provided in the bus.

7.30 AM Starting from the „London“ hotel, **Tartu**. Tartu was first mentioned in written history in 1030 (the oldest town in Estonia). University town since 1632.

The excursion starts at **South-East Estonian Plain** – a sandstone plateau, covered with noncalcareous glacial till, intersected by deep primeval valleys (incl that of River Emajõgi). Altitudes 45 .. 88 m, max 123 m, mires 21 (23)%, cultivated lands 35(40)%.

We cross **Vooremaa – the Saadjärve Drumlin Field** where elongated landforms usually 2.5-5 km long and 0.5-0.8 km wide (numbering ca 100) hold amassed glacial calcareous till. In the valleys between them mires and lakes (Lake Saadjärv being the biggest). Altitudes 50 .. 80m, max 144 m (Laiuse drumlin), mires 22%, cultivated lands 40 (45)%.

Pay a visit to **lake Peipsi** – the fourth largest lake in Europe 3555 km² that lies on the border of Estonia and Russia. Its average depth is 8 m and maximum depth reaches 15.3 m

Climb the tower on **Emumägi** – the highest top in **Pandivere Upland** (166 m) and see the Pandivere upland – an undulating plateau with isolated glacial hills supporting the most fertile soils in Estonia, highly cultivated. Owing to karst, an area of ca 1375 km² of the central part is without brooks or rivers. Altitudes 80 .. 110 m, max 166 m, mires 4 (5)%, cultivated lands 45(50)%.

By 11.30 we reach the Viitna Tavern for lunch ☺

After lunch people hurrying to the plane will be taken to the Tallinn Airport. The rest of us will visit the **Lahemaa National Park** – with total area 64 915 ha plus marine areas, founded in 1971 to protect wildlife in the area between the two major industrial areas in the north of Estonia, is the oldest national park in Estonia and, while founded, it was the first national park in the Soviet Union. The park is situated 50 km east from Tallinn and is facing the Gulf of Finland. The territory of the park is 0-115 meters above the sea level; lying on the coastal lowland and the Viru Plateau, the relief is moderately undulating, descending northwards. We walk around in the **Viru Bog**, visit the **Palmse manor** and see the nice bays in **gulf of Finland** that have given the name to Lahemaa – *Bayland*. The Viru bog – a typical Estonian oligotrophic peatland with nice open water ponds in it has a special constructed walking trail and comfortable shoes that allow you to walk around for some hours are enough.

We reach Tallinn at about 5 PM

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Emajõgi River – <http://turism.tartumaa.ee/j6eriik.php?lang=eng>

Vooremaa – <http://www.vooremaatour.ee/vooremaatutvustus.html>

Lake Peipsi – <http://www.livinglakes.org/vpeipsi/> <http://lepo.it.da.ut.ee/~even/Lake.html>

Pandivere and Emumägi - <http://www.l-virumv.ee/olulist.htm>

Viitna tavern –

<http://www.travel2baltics.com/default.asp/ac/toitlustus/subac/restolist/country/16/asum/L%C3%A4%C3%A4ne-Virumaa/id/111/lan/en>

Lahemaa - <http://www.lahemaa.ee/?id=670>

Viru Bog - <http://www.secapl.com/eesti-web/020713-1/020713-1.html>