



HISTORY: SOURCES AND PEOPLE

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Interdisciplinary forum for the presentation and discussion of historical source-based research across all geographical, chronological, and thematic fields.

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**Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences
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Since the 1960s, Daugavpils University has cultivated strong traditions in historical research established by Rihards Treijs (1931–2013) and Inta Steprāne (1926–1996), particularly strengthened through the work of professor Joel Veinberg (1922–2011), whose scholarly legacy continues in the annual international conference and peer-reviewed collection of articles with a special emphasis on historical sources, regional history, and interdisciplinary research.

The international scientific conference “History: Sources and People” aims to bring together researchers in history and related disciplines and to provide an open forum for the presentation and discussion of research based on the critical analysis of historical sources across all geographical, chronological, and thematic fields.

The conference welcomes contributions on topics including, but not limited to:

1. **Borderlands as historical laboratories:** Exploring regional identities and cross-cultural interactions in Latgale, Sēlija, and beyond
2. **Natural resources in historical perspective:** Economic practices and cultural landscapes
3. **Military history:** Sociopolitical contexts and personalities
4. **Industries and infrastructure networks:** Innovations and social change
5. **Mobility and migration:** Networks and diasporic identities
6. **School and society:** Social and political dimension of education
7. **Religion, society, and the state:** Institutional and individual dimensions of religious experience
8. **Soviet history and post-Soviet transformations** till 2000s
9. **Public history and commemoration:** Negotiating the meanings of the past in contemporary society
10. **Digital history and artificial intelligence:** New approaches to historical sources, research methods, and knowledge production
11. **Special panel: “Rituals and festive events as part of religious and quasi-religious practices”.** To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Ludwig Deubner (1877–1946), a German classical philologist and historian of religion born in Riga, we invite religious scholars to discuss rituals and festive events as part of religious and quasi-religious practices since the past till nowadays. According to UNESCO, rituals and festive events as part of intangible cultural heritage are closely connected to our worldview and perception of our own memory and history confirming identity and marking the most important events. We propose to explore the origins of rituals and festive events, their transformation and adaptation to changing historical realities, and their significance for religious and secular communities.

The Conference working languages are English and Latvian.

The deadline for paper proposals is **February 1, 2027**. Use the online form to submit your paper proposal ([Submission form](#)).

Authors will be notified on the acceptance by February 17, 2027.

The Conference will take place **online and onsite** at Daugavpils University premises: Vienibas street 13, Daugavpils, Latvia. Certificates of participation will be available.

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Participation fees

- Participation fee for presenting an individual paper (onsite or online): 70,00 EUR.
- Participation fee for PhD students presenting an individual paper (onsite or online): 50,00 EUR.
- Participation fee for co-authors (onsite or online): 35,00 EUR per each co-author.
- Participation fee for presenting a second individual paper (onsite or online): 35,00 EUR.
- Participation without a presentation (certificate provided): 50,00 EUR.
- Members of Conference Program Committee and Organizing Committee of the conference "History: Sources and People": free of charge.
- Students of the Daugavpils University History study programs: free of charge.

The participation fee includes: conference materials, coffee breaks, certificate of participation (electronic), welcome dinner, and social program (partly), as well as editing services for the collection of articles "History: Sources and People".

Publication of the papers

After the Conference, all participants are invited to submit their papers to the peer-reviewed collection of scientific articles "History: Sources and People" (ISSN 1691-9297; <https://doi.org/10.59893/vac>), which is indexed in the EBSCO databases.

Prof. Joel Veinberg Award

Dr. habil. hist., professor Joel Veinberg (1922–2011) worked at the History department from 1962 to 1993 and raised up generations of researchers and teachers of history.

After the Conference, PhD students and PhD candidates are invited to submit their papers for the Prof. Joel Veinberg Award for the best paper by a PhD student in the conference programme.