

International Conference

## **Sacred Landscapes in the Baltic Sea Region**

May 16-20, 2012

Kaliningrad, Russia

Organized by Kaliningrad Museum of History and Art

### **Conference outline**

Following the successful series of conferences in Tartu (2007), Kernavė (2008), Turaida (2009), Seili (2010) and Kętrzyn (2011) we invite you to the 6th international conference on natural holy places in the Baltic Sea region in Kaliningrad, Russia.

Throughout five previous conferences different aspects of natural holy places have been discussed: after the introductory meeting in Tartu devoted to holy groves, folklore related topics were presented in Kernavė, definitions and categories in Turaida. There were connections of natural holy places with water bodies discussed in the Seili Island, relations between natural holy places and dwelling, burial and manufacturing places in Kętrzyn.

Conference in Kaliningrad will focus on sacred landscapes in the Baltic Sea region. Universal and local patterns of sacred landscape will be discussed in terms of geography, archaeology, linguistics, folklore, and history. What is the character of the sacred landscape among the hunters, farmers, and fishermen? How many chronological and ideological layers we are able to distinguish while dealing with the sacred landscapes around the Baltic Sea?

Three basic aspects in this research field are proposed for the discussion:

- Formation and transformations of sacred landscape;
- Archaeological approaches to sacred landscape;
- Protection and conservation of sacred landscape.

Presentations on other aspects as well as cases studies are also expected.

The main language of the conference is English.

Both presentation types oral (20 min) and posters are accepted.

### **Preliminary programme**

Wednesday, May 16 – arrival

Thursday, May 17 – presentations

Friday, May 18 – presentations and excursion

Saturday, May 19 – full day excursion

Sunday, May 20 – departure

There is no registration fee however participants might be asked to cover expenses for excursion (additional information will be sent later).

### **Deadline and contacts**

Registration form, including the title of presentation and abstract (no more than 500 words) should be sent by **March 1**, 2012. Please contact Roman Shirouchov by e-mail: [ramans@prusai.org](mailto:ramans@prusai.org).