

## 1. Fellows and Associate Fellows analysis:

- Raimonds Rublovskis gives an analysis and detailed feedback after participation in Global Security Forum - GLOBSEC 2012 in his blog - [Bratislava GLOBSEC Forum Addresses Key Security Challenges](#);
- In his second article - [Reducing the Role of Nuclear Weapons in European Security](#) – Raimonds Rublovskis analyses a correlation between nuclear weapons and European Security;
- LIIA Fellows Amb. Imants Lieģis and Kārlis Bukovskis give their views on [budget discipline for Europe and Latvia](#) (in Latvian);
- Paul Pryce compares different engagement of the Baltic States in the NATO Centres of Excellence in his article [Keeping the Baltic Balance: Participation in NATO Centres of Excellence](#);
- Ambassador Gints Jegermanis provides Denmark example how to consider and develop country's energy potential in the 21st century in article - [Denmark Free of Fossil Fuels by 2050](#) (in Latvian)

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- Andris Spruds has participated in a seminar on US-Nordic-Baltic cooperation in Washington DC and contributed an article "Transatlantic Dimension of Energy Security in the Baltic Sea Region" to a publication Nordic-Baltic-American Cooperation: Shaping the US-European Agenda (ed. by Kurt Volker and Ieva Kupce) published by the Center for Transatlantic Relations of Johns Hopkins University; available: <http://transatlantic.sais-jhu.edu/publications/books/Nordic-Baltic-American%20Cooperation%201/Nordic-Baltic> (see Energy Security section);
- Andris Sprūds has published an article "U.S. Policy Toward Central and East Europe Under the Obama Administration" in Ivars Indans (ed.) Latvia and the United States: A New Chapter in the Partnership, published by the Center for East European Policy Studies; available: [http://eng.appc.lv/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Latvia\\_USA\\_2012.pdf](http://eng.appc.lv/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Latvia_USA_2012.pdf).

2. **LIIA Fellows and Associate Fellows have expressed their views** in mass media as well as participated in several international venues. The respective information is available at [LIIA home page's section News](#).

3. **LIIA continues to work on several projects** including conferences and publications planned for this year. A number of events organized and co-organized by LIIA are coming in May. We kindly ask you take a part in the following discussions and conferences:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and LIIA welcome you to the international workshop "[Transformation of NDN into a Commercial Continental Transit Route – a Regional Comeback for Afghanistan](#)" on 8 May 2012 in Riga, Latvia.
- On May 10 LIIA in cooperation with Latvian Transatlantic Treaty Organization and Centre for East European Policy Studies organizes [Discussion about Influence of Mass Media on National Security in Latvia](#) (in Latvian).
- The LIIA organizes a **conference** related to the recent elections, prospective political and economic developments in **Russia** and its relations with the EU and Latvia is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at Hotel Bergs.

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