

Call for Papers

Rainis and Aspazija Among Contemporaries in the European Cultural Context

Date: September 26-27, 2024

Hosted by: The Rainis and Aspazija Museum & The Institute of Literature, Folklore, and Art, University of Latvia

Location: The Rainis and Aspazija Summer House, Jāņa Pliekšāna Street 5/7, Majori

About the Conference:

This international gathering aims to shed light on the profound influence and intersections of [Rainis](#) and [Aspazija](#) with their European counterparts during a transformative period in European culture and literature. Delve into their intertwined ideologies, collaborations, and the broader socio-cultural themes of their epoch.

Conference Languages:

Proceedings and discussions will be held in Latvian and English.

Invitation for Papers:

We welcome contributions from scholars in the humanities, social sciences, and museum studies on the following themes:

- The intellectual and artistic contributions of Rainis and Aspazija, and their associations with eminent European personalities of their era.
- The ebb and flow of ideological movements in Latvia and across Europe during the time of Rainis and Aspazija.
- Celebrating women writers of the period and delving into the evolving narrative of women's rights.
- The changing self-representation of iconic figures and their societal impact over decades.
- The pivotal role of contemporary museums in bridging the past with the present, especially in portraying the legacies of influential individuals.
- A comparative analysis of European artistic collaborations, highlighting couples like Rainis and Aspazija, Arne and Hulda Garborg (Norway), Marie Under and Artur Adson (Estonia), etc.

Fee:

There are no charges for attending or participating in the conference.

Upcoming Publication:

Selected papers from the conference will be curated into a peer-reviewed volume, scheduled for release in the fall of 2025.

Submission Guidelines:

Submit your paper proposals to rainis.maja@memorialiemuzeji.lv by December 20, 2023. Successful applicants will receive confirmation and further details by January 20, 2024.