

This Wednesday in Pärnu, the President's Academic Advisory Board, the Open Estonia Foundation, and Pärnu Conferences will organize a day of debates with the goal of finding answers to questions regarding the future of Estonia and Europe.

The first part of the day will be devoted to the first public event of the President's Academic Advisory Board, which was founded in the fall, entitled "The President's Clamorings", in which Professor Marju Lauristin, academician Peeter Tulviste, Professor of Law Lauri Mälksoo and Tiit Ojasoo, Director of the NO99 Theater will lead a discussion on the cohesion and tolerance of the Estonian society.

In the afternoon, the program will continue with the Open Estonia Foundation's traditional 12th successive Open Society Forum, where topics regarding the future of Europe will be discussed by President Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Mark Leonard, Executive Director of the European Foreign Relations Council, and Ivan Krastev, Chairman of the Board of the Liberal Strategies Center located in Sofia.

The day of debates will end with a public debate between President Ilves and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anne Applebaum on the interpretation of history, on Europe and Russia. This will be followed by a reception for the guests of the day of debates and the Pärnu Management Conference taking place on Thursday and Friday at the same location.

The organizers have set a goal of assembling the leaders of public authority, enterprise, and civil society in a common discussion space today and in the future, since the objective of defending the development and welfare of Estonia is common to all.

The day of debates will start at 11 am on October 10th, by invitation only.

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