

MATERIAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
*SECRET TREATIES OF SOVIET UNION AND GERMANY IN 1939 AND THEIR IMPACT
ON THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE*

The International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania, Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania, Lithuanian History Institute and Vilnius University organised International Conference *Secret Treaties of Soviet Union and Germany in 1939 and Their Impact on the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe* on 30 August 1999. The Conference addressed the below issues:

- Historiography of the security of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe on the eve of the Second World War and the prospects of new research;
- Background and premises for the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact; military, political and diplomatic cooperation of the Soviet Union and Germany in the interwar period;
- the consequences of the Pact on the security and statehood of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, demographic and territorial changes, etc.;
- the analysis and evaluation of the USSR-German non-aggression pact and its secret treaties in terms of international law; and
- the reversal of the secret treaties of the pact in the period of 1989-1994.

The following German, Russian, Estonian, Swedish, Latvian and Lithuanian scientists took part in the Conference: Doc. Z. Butkus (Vilnius University) read the speech *Diplomatic cooperation of Germany and the USSR in the Baltic States in 1920-1940*, Doc. A. Kasparavičius (Vilnius Pedagogical University) with the speech *Background of Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in 1922-1936*, Dr. J. Tauber (North-East German Cultural Institute) with the speech *Towards Stalin-Hitler Pact*, Dr. M. Ilmjäru (History Institute of the Estonian Academy of Science) with the speech *Estonian external policy in 1939-1940*, Dr. N. Lebedeva (General History Institute of the Russian Academy of Science) with the speech *Central Committee Political Bureau of All-Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks) and the Sovietisation of territories annexed the USSR in 1939-1940*, Dr. K. Kanger (Baltic Study Centre of Stockholm University) with the speech *Repatriation of the Baltic Germans after the signature of the Pact: new demographic policy of the Nazis or the implementation of plans prepared beforehand?*, Prof. V. Kašauskienė (Lithuanian History Institute) with the speech *The efforts of Lithuanian society to declare Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact void in 1987-1990*, and Prof. D. A. Loeber (Kiel University) with the speech *International Law Aspects of Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact*.