

Curriculum Vitae

Name, Family Name: Gints APALS

EDUCATION

1995 – 1996 Certificate in Diplomatic Studies
Oxford University

1990 - 1994 Doctoral degree in history (Dr. hist.)
The Institute of History of Latvia, University of Latvia

1983 - 1990 Diploma cum laude (M.A. equivalent)
Department of History and Philosophy, University of Latvia

POSITIONS

2017 – present Ambassador at Large
Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

2013 – 2017 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Embassy of the Republic of Latvia in Ireland

2010 – 2013 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
Permanent Representation of Latvia to the OSCE and UN agencies in Vienna

2005 – 2010 Political Advisor to EU Special Representative to Central Asia
EU Council Secretariat General

2004 – 2005 Member of the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit
EU Council Secretariat General

2003 – 2004 Counsellor, European Correspondent
EU Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

2002 – 2003 Head of Unit
Unit for Western Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

PUBLICATIONS

Apals, G. Likumotie valstiskuma ceļi. – Domuzīme 2018/2

Apals, G. Euroscepticism in Latvian Politics: Twenty-Five Years of Change. – In: Euroscepticism in the Baltic States. – 2017

Apals, G. Pēterburgas Avīzes: Latviešu pirmā saskare ar Eiropas politiskajām idejām. – 2011

Apals, G. Latviešu nacionālā kustība. – In: Latvija 19.gadsimtā. Vēstures apceres. – 2000

Apals, G. The Influence of Western Liberal Thought on the 19th Century Baltic Nationalist Movements. – In: “Liberalism” – Seminars on Historical and Political Keywords in Northern Europe. – 1995

Apals, G. Die Nationale Unabhängigkeitsbewegung Lettlands. – Acta Baltica 29/30 - 1992

OTHER INFORMATION

In addition to my responsibilities with the diplomatic service, I have lectured in Riga Stradiņš University and Business University “Turība” on international relations and the history of diplomacy. Work experience with the Secretariat General of the EU Council (2004 – 2010) provided direct knowledge of European integration processes, institutional aspects and the Common Foreign and Security Policy in particular. In addition, the responsibilities of political adviser to EU Special Representative for Central Asia increased the knowledge of political, social and economic processes in post-Soviet countries. Ambassadorial posting to the OSCE and UN agencies in Vienna (2010 – 2013) gave valuable insights into functioning of other pan-European and global structures, which helps to put the concept of Europeanisation into wider geographical, institutional and political context.