

**1<sup>ST</sup> UNDERSTANDING EAST CENTRAL EUROPEAN POLITICS CONFERENCE**  
**10-11 May, 2018, Budapest**  
**Programme**

**10 May 2018 (Thursday)**

Venue: Faculty Club, Central Building, Corvinus University of Budapest (8. Fővám square)

**4.20pm – 4.50pm Registration.**

**5.00pm – 5.15pm Welcome address. Prof András Láncki, Rector of the Corvinus University of Budapest**

**5.15pm – 6.00pm Keynote lecture: Dancing towards the Precipice – The Western View of the World and ECE. Prof Andreas Kinneging (University of Leiden)**

**6.00pm – 8.00pm Welcome dinner. (RVSP)**

**11 May 2018 (Friday)**

Venue: New Building, Corvinus University of Budapest (4-6. Közraktár street)

**8.30am – 9.00am Registration. (at room 510)**

**9.00am – 10.30am Session 1**

***Panel 1: Hungarian Politics (Room 429). Chair: Éva Ványi***

Zsófia Papp: Policy responsiveness under mixed-member electoral rules. The substantive representation of rural interests in the Hungarian Parliament

Eszter Galgóczi: Does hate speech influence people's attitude?

Adrienn Vajda: Female candidates and the 2018 parliamentary election in Hungary

Dániel Róna: Economic voting in Hungary

Éva Ványi: Understanding the politicization of bureaucrats in Hungary. The background of the highly politicized senior civil service in Hungary

***Panel 2: Public Policy and Public Administration (Room 510). Chair: Miroslav Barták***

Miroslav Barták: Analysis of social services planning in the Ústí Region

Márton Ugrósy: Policy transfer in the Hungarian public administration context: what makes it work and what doesn't?

Iga Kender-Jeziorska: How to trigger an epidemic: Local politicians and harm reduction services in Budapest

Beáta Gavurová: The implementation of health policy at the regional level

**10.30am – 11.00am Coffee break**

**11.00am – 12.30pm Session 2**

***Panel 1: Visegrad Cooperation (Room 429) Chair: Sándor Gallai***

Katalin Miklóssy: Regional strategic culture in the Visegrad-countries: Poland and Hungary

Sándor Gallai: The Political Importance of the Visegrad Cooperation

Nóra Sokolowski-Lázár: V4 Connects - The Hungarian Presidency 2017/2018 of the Visegrad Group.

József Dúró: Becoming Mainstream? Euroscepticism among Established Parties in Visegrad Countries

**Panel 2: EU, Populism (Room 510). Chair: Zoltán Kántor**

András Tóth: Crisis of Globalization and Economic Nationalism: Understanding the Rise of Populist Nationalist Right and Moving away from the European Model in the European periphery

Milan Kurucz: Comparison of impact of political and economic conditions in Slovakia and Hungary on their relations to the EU

Péter Balogh: Understanding Hungarian and East Central European politics through national narratives

Zoltán Kántor: Kin-state politics from an electoral perspective: kin-votes at kin-state elections

**12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch break**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm Session 3**

**Panel 1: European Union and ECE Countries (Room 429) Chair: Zoltán Török**

Michał Dulák: How much left do we have from “honest brokers” in the EU? Effectiveness of the EU presidency under the Lisbon Treaty regime. Case of the Central and Eastern European Member States

Besnik Pula: Configuring globalized capitalisms: assembly platforms, intermediate producers, and combined roles in Central and Eastern Europe

Gábor Molnár – Károly Mike – István Boza: Do Business Associations Support Rent-Seeking? The Case of EU Funds in Hungary

Zoltán Török: Unintended Outcomes. Effects of the EU and the IMF on Hungary’s public sector and administrative reforms

**Panel 2: Populism, Nationalism (Room 510). Chair: Heino Nyysönen**

Veronica Anghel: The Road to Illiberalism: Informality and Personalized Politics in New Democracies

Heino Nyysönen: “Bold Nations” and their prestige: recent Poland and Hungary in comparison

Arzuu Sheranova: Why populism and nationalism are a successful combination in Hungary: a theoretical explanation

Csaba Molnár: Have the Jobbik’s policy proposals become more moderate?

**3.00pm – 3.30pm Coffee break**

**3.30pm – 5.00pm Session 4**

**Panel 1: Leadership (Room 429). Chair: András Körösényi**

András Körösényi – Gábor Illés: Selective responsiveness and niche policy-making: Orbán’s executive leadership in a comparative perspective

Rudolf Metz – Dániel Oross: Strong personalities’ impact on Hungarian party politics. Comparing Viktor Orbán’s and Gábor Vona’s leadership through party transformation

Ameni Mehrez: Understanding European Foreign Policy and Political Behavior: Angela Merkel and Viktor Orbán

Réka Várnagy: Using parliamentary resources for party building – the role of PPG leaders

**Panel 2: Theory of Democracy and Sovereignty (Room 510). Chair: Hana Formanková**

Astrid Lorenz – Hana Formanková: The puzzling democratisation in Czechia. Empirical findings and the need for theoretical rearrangements

András Szántó: Schumpeterian and epistemic democracy in ECE countries

Gergely Rajnai: Consolidation of power in post-socialist Central European countries

Vilmos Nagy: Does financial sovereignty pay? Weighing national sovereignty against financial conditionality

Zoltán Balázs: FIDESZ: A Case Study in Political Ontology

**5.00pm – 5.30pm Conference closing and farewell drink. Farewell address, Sándor Gallai (Director, Institute for Political Science, CUB)**