



Andrassy University Budapest
is pleased to welcome you at the

WORKSHOP & BOOK LAUNCH 16 OCTOBER 2020

The Visegrad Four and the Western Balkans: Framing Regional Identity

Venue: Andrassy University Budapest, Mirror Hall
Time: Freitag, 16. Oktober 2020, 08:45-17:00
Anmeldung: [Live and Online](#)
Sprache: Englisch

Do we live in a region in the same way as we live in a country? Do Europeans have a regional sense of belonging alongside their national identities? The Visegrad Four and the Western Balkans are two macro-regions within the larger Eastern European area, with rather contrasting approaches to these questions. Geographically and historically close, both regions share comparable characteristics on the macroregional level, yet represent two different categories of regions in the European patchwork.

The freshly published book, a collection of studies on identity issues, shows how national identity has been reinforced for political purposes in the two regions. The workshop will address the current situation in the V4 and the WB countries, with a special focus on the Slovak national identity and its connections with the broader Central European region. The aim of the book launch is to take stock of the work in progress on identity and regionalism, and to clear new perspectives for European integration through a critical discussion of the book's multiple standpoints.





Workshop & Book Launch

The Visegrad Four and the Western Balkans. Framing Regional Identities

16 October 2020 (Friday)

Live Event

Andrassy University Budapest - Mirror Hall

Live Stream:

https://youtu.be/N_wN_bwmEto (from 9:15 am)

08:45 – 09:15

Coffee and Welcome

09:15 – 09:30

Welcome

Vice-Rector Ellen Bos

Representative of the Andrassy University Budapest

09:30 – 10:00

Background of the Book Project

Christina Griessler (Workshop Organiser)

10:00 – 10:45

New Perspectives on Regional Identities

Adam Bence Balazs (Workshop Organiser)

Q&A and Discussion

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee

11:15 – 12:00

Slovak Identity and Regional Cooperation

Aliaksei Kazharski, Comenius University in Bratislava

Q&A and Discussion

12:00 – 12:45

Book Discussion: "The Visegrad Four and the Western Balkans.
Framing Regional Identities"

Zoltan Pogatsa, University of West Hungary, Sopron

Q&A and Discussion

End of Live Event

Zoom Event

Online Stream: <https://youtu.be/LalqzhF6kCg>

14:30 – 16:30

Response by the Authors (Zoom Discussion)

Adam Bence Balazs, LCSP (Centre for Social and Political Change),
Université de Paris; Graduate Institute of International and
Development Studies in Geneva

Ladislav Cabada, Metropolitan University Prague

Ondřej Daniel, Charles University, Faculty of Arts

Kinga Anna Gajda, Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian
University

Kamil Glinka, University of Wrocław

Christina Griessler, International Network for Political Communication,
Andrássy University Budapest

Jovana Mihajlović Trbovc, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy
of Sciences and Arts (ZRC SAZU)

Tamara Trošt, University of Ljubljana

Ešref Kenan Rašidagić, University of Sarajevo

Andrea Schmidt, University of Pécs

Robert Wiszniowski (tbc), University of Wrocław

Nikola Zečević (tbc), University of Donja Gorica in Podgorica

16:30 – 17:00

Closing Comments

Adam Bence Balazs and *Christina Griessler* (Workshop Organisers)