

The End of “Freedom” in Central and Eastern Europe?

Addressing the Challenges of an Illiberal Turn

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Andrássy University Budapest

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Keynote lectures by
Andrea Pető & Máté Szabó

09:00

Registration & Coffee

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WELCOME ADDRESS**Zoltán Tibor Pállinger** - Rector of the Andrassy University

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KEYNOTE LECTURES**Andrea Pető:*****Illiberal Science Policy: Lessons and Strategies*****Máté Szabó:*****Freedom between Utopia and Reality:
Civil Society in Hungary 1956, 1989 and 2010***

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POSTCOMMUNIST REGIMES AND THE QUESTION OF QUALITY OF DEMOCRACY*(Chair: Melis G Laebens)***Michael Bernhard:** Post-Communist Democracy and the Problem of Accountability**Evelyn Moser, Galina Selivanova:** Neo-totalitarian Inclusion and Differentiation: Observations on the Elimination of Freedom in Russia**Katarzyna Walecka, Agnieszka Kwiatkowska:** Youth Tells a Different Story: Mobilizing for or Against Democracy?**Stefan Garsztecki:** Republicanism, Communitarianism, or Just Authoritarian Rule? The Case of Poland

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Lunch break

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ILLIBERAL GENDER-BACKLASH IN CEE *(Chair: Szabina Kerényi)***Bianka Vida:** Gender, Populism, and Illiberal Democracy in Times of De-Democratisation: The Case of Hungary**Liliana Popescu, Victor Ciobotaru:** The Struggle Against Freedom of Thought in the Illiberal Era. The Case of "Gender Ideology"**Dorota Szelewa, Dorottya Szikra:** Fighting Gender Equality During the Pandemic. The Case of Polish and Hungarian Anti-Gender Equality and Anti-LGBTQ+ Policies During the COVID-19 Crisis

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PARTY-STATE CAPITALISM IN CEE *(Chair: Rafał Riedel)***Zsófia Schmidt:** Hungary's System of National Cooperation and its New Economic Strategies**Tomasz Kubin:** Economic Policy in Poland after 2015 – a Step Towards Party-State Capitalism?**Jakub Anusik:** (Il)liberal Market Economy? The changing model of capitalism in the V4 countries through the lens of Differentiated Integration theory

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Dinner break

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Public discussion

From Transformation to Counter-Transformation? The State of Democracy in CEE*(host Melis G Laebens)***Andrzej Rychard, Anna Unger, Bálint Magyar, Michael Bernhard**

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POPULIST FOUNDATIONS OF THE ILLIBERAL TURN (Chair: *Katarzyna Walecka*)**Bálint Magyar, Bálint Madlovics:** Poland and Hungary - Two Autocratic Attempts to Overthrow Liberal Democracy**Agnieszka Kwiatkowska, Viktoriia Muliavka, Hubert Plisiecki:** Hollowed out or Redefined? Changing Visions of Democracy in Poland**Domonkos Sik:** Populist Juggling with Fear – the Case of Hungary**Alex Radunz:** Integration vs. Demarcation – Unearthing the Transnational Cleavage in the European Union

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SHRINKING SPACES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY I. (Chair: *Michael Neuber*)**Galia Chimiak:** A new “Escape from Freedom”? The Allure and Pitfalls of the Illiberal Turn for Civil Society in Poland**Michael Dobbins, Rafael Labanino:** I’m Taking my (even better) Business Elsewhere? Exploring how Democratic Backsliding Affects the Responsiveness and Advocacy Strategies of Central and Eastern European Interest Groups**Kristof Nagy:** Ruining or Reshaping? Civil Society of the Orbán-Regime as seen in the Case of the Hungarian Academy of Arts

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SHRINKING SPACES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY II. (Chair: *Rafał Fabianowicz*)**Márton Gerő:** Variations on a Theme? The Impact of Governmental Policies on Civil Society Organizations in Hungary and Poland**Rupert Graf Strachwitz:** The Illiberal Turn – What Role and Challenges for Civic Space?**Szabina Kerényi:** Changing Roles of the Environmental Movement in Closing Spaces

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FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN HYBRID REGIMES (Chair: *Dániel Mikecz*)**Dilara Hekimci:** Opposition Strategies Towards Populism in Hungary: Social Media as an Alternative?**Alex Svetlov:** Censorship and Manipulation Strategies in Authoritarian Hands: „Temniki“ and Beyond**Gábor Polyák:** Illiberal Media Regulation in the European Union

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Independent Media in an Illiberal System - Perspectives of Impacted Journalists(host **Dilara Hekimci**)**Bartosz T. Wieliński****Veronika Munk****Marton Gergely**

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ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN AN ILLIBERAL STATE (Chair: **Piotr Kocyba**)**Viktor Lőrincz, Zsolt Körtvélyesi:** External Constraints of Illiberal Norms? The Cases of NGOs and Academic Freedom**András László Pap:** Academic Freedom: Threats from Illiberalism and Beyond**Reja Wyss:** Populist Politics and Science: the Case of Postdoctoral Researchers in Poland and the Change from a PO to a PiS Government**Judit Gárdos:** Transformations of the Science Sector in Hungary in the Last Two Years

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ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON FREEDOM (Chair: **Stefan Garsztecki**)**Nicolette Makovicky:** Freedom, Górale Style**Marcin Ślarzyński:** Freedom of the Nation: a Local Perspective**Agnieszka Kosiorowska:** "Too bad, hell it is!": Catholic Women, Pro-Choice Protests, and a "Mature Rebellion" against the Catholic Church

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THE SUPPORT FOR ILLIBERALISM - RIGHT-WING PROTESTERS' UNDERSTANDING OF FREEDOM (Chair: **Marcin Ślarzynski**)**Piotr Kocyba, Marta Kołczyńska:** Pro-government Protests in Poland: The Understanding of Democracy and Levels of Political Trust observed in the grassroots Right**Sabine Volk:** Defending Democracy Against Dictatorship? The Far-Right PEGIDA Movement during the COVID-19 Pandemic**Dániel Mikecz:** Social Support for Top-Down, Right-Wing Mobilization: The Case of the Peace March in Hungary**Michael Neuber:** Bridging Contradictions: Discourses on Freedom and Unity at the Corona Protests in Germany

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Closing Remarks

Rafał Riedel and Stefan Garsztecki:*Summing up the Journey through Illiberalism in Central and Eastern Europe*

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