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Programme

Assessing Accession 2nd Annual Research Symposium “Central and Eastern Europe in the EU – Power and Representation”

Monday 11th May 2009, Széchenyi István University, Győr, Hungary

Sunday 10th May

6pm Pre-Symposium reception and dinner

Monday 11th May

9.00-9.30am Registration and Coffee (No. 10, Liszt Ferenc Street, Győr)

9.30-10.00am Welcome Address and Introduction

- Professor János Rechnitzer (Vice-Rector, Széchenyi István University)
- Professor Richard Berry (Director of CRCEES)

10.00-12.00noon Session 1: CEE influence on the EU from below

- Ms Alexandra Lis (CEU Budapest) – A Game of Two Levels: Polish Civil Society Actors Negotiating the EU Climate and Energy Package
- Dr Katarzyna Kosior (Tischner European University, Krakow) - From Simple Bargaining to Deliberative Negotiations: the New EU Member States and the CAP Reforms
- Ms Senka Neuman Stanivukovic (University of Groningen) - Czech Regions Utilizing EU Channels of Regional Representation: a Bottom-up Perspective on the Decentralization Process

12.00-1.00pm Keynote Address:

- Professor János Martonyi (former Hungarian Foreign Minister) – the Next Five Years: Objectives and Responsibilities

1.00-2.00pm Lunch





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2.00-4.00pm

Session 2 – CEE States and EU External Policy

- Dr Nathaniel Copsey (University of Birmingham; CEELBAS) - “Poland’s Power and Influence in the EU: the Case of its Eastern Policy”
- Dr Dimitry Kochenov (University of Groningen) - At Home in the Union New Member States and the Shaping of EU Foreign Policy
- Dr Eamonn Butler (University of Glasgow) – “Representing Whose National Interest? The Internal and External Geopolitics of Energy Security: Central Europe, Russia and the EU”

4.00-4.15pm

Coffee

4.15-6.15pm

Session 3 – member state case-study: Poland

- Dr Urszula Kurczewska (Warsaw School of Economics) - In search of the Polish interests representation pattern in the European Union – the case of sector interest organizations.
- Dr Christian Schweiger (University of Durham) - Poland’s role in the EU-27 – From candidate country towards leading player?
- Dr Bogusia Puchalska (University of Central Lancashire) - Charter of Rights: empowering the people? The case of Poland.

6.15-6.30pm

Closing Remarks and end

7.00pm

Annual Symposium Dinner

This one day symposium is intended to provide a forum for scholars to identify some of the broad strategies CEE member-states use to influence policy making within the EU. In particular, there will be a specific focus on how CEE countries and their respective governments and private actors (e.g. unions, employers, and civil society organisations) organise and manage their position within the EU institutional frameworks. In other words, how have the past five years represented a continuation of integration, from a ‘bottom-up’ perspective, in terms of different CEE agents seeking to integrate and become effective actors in various EU institutional environments?

The symposium will be formatted as a roundtable style workshop and all participants will be requested to have read all papers in advance.

