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Located at Central European University in Budapest, the Center for EU Enlargement Studies is dedicated to making recent and upcoming enlargements work, by contributing to the debate on the future of the EU and by exploring the results and lessons of previous EU enlargements. Research activities, however, are not limited only to the analysis of previous enlargements, but also to the potential effects that a wider extension of the EU's sphere of influence may have on bordering regions.

Fields of research include the impacts of the EU's eastern enlargement on the new member states and the Union itself; the newly-acceded EU states and their relation to the core of Europe, to their immediate neighbors, and to each other; and the inclusion of the direct neighbors into the territorially bound integration functions of the EU.

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EVER-EXPANDING UNION?

RE-THINKING ENLARGEMENT STRATEGY
AND THE EUROPEAN
NEIGHBORHOOD POLICY

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2006 — BUDAPEST

CEU, NÁDOR U. 9.

The conference is dealing with a topic that featured high on the EU agenda throughout the year 2006 and will remain to dominate discussions in 2007 as well. January 1, 2007 brought the accession of Romania and Bulgaria, increased the number of EU member states to 27 and meant the completion of the fifth round of EU enlargement. Participants of the conference will discuss the EU's integration capacity, political and economic aspects of enlargement and neighborhood policy and analyze the new geopolitical circumstance rendered by the newest enlargement. The purpose of the conference is to examine the dilemma about the limits of Europe, and to assess the need for re-evaluating enlargement as well as neighborhood policy.

German and English interpretation is provided.

February 23, 2007

9:30 a.m. OPENING SESSION (Auditorium)

Opening address

Kinga GÖNCZ • Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary TBC

Michael EHRKE • Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Budapest

Péter BALÁZS • Director, CENS and Professor, CEU

Keynote address

Angelika SCHWALL-DÜREN • SPD, Deputy Faction leader, Germany

10:15 a.m. Coffee break

10:30 a.m. 'ALL EUROPEAN STATES' (Auditorium)

Chair

Lajos BOKROS • COO and Professor, CEU

Discussants

Antonio MISSIROLI • Chief Policy Analyst, European Policy Center

Michael EMERSON • Associate Senior Research Fellow, CEPS

Christoph ZÖPEL • Former Minister, Germany

Comments

Pál DUNAY • Director, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs

Mátyás EÖRSI • Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs, Hungary

Lunch

2:00 p.m. WG 1 • POLITICAL ASPECTS: CONDITIONALITY AND EFFECTS OF EU ACCESSION (Auditorium)

Chair

László CSABA • Professor, CEU

Discussants

Ognyan MINCHEV • Executive Director, Institute for Regional and International Studies, Bulgaria

Andreas HERDINA • Head of Unit, European Neighbourhood Policy, European Commission

Zlatko ŠABIČ • Professor, Ljubljana University

Comments

Marcus MECKEL • Member of Parliament, Germany

2:00 p.m. WG 2 • ECONOMIC ASPECTS: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PERIPHERIES (Popper Room)

Chair

Gábor IVÁN • State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

Discussants

Michael LANDESMANN • Director of Research, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

Alexander DULEBA • Director, Research Center of the SFP, Slovakia

Kai-Olaf LANG • Researcher, German Institute for International and Security Studies

Comments

Pál GÁSPÁR • Director, International Center for Economic Growth, Hungary

Etelka BARSÍ-PATAKY • Member of the European Parliament, Hungary

6:00 p.m. The Frontiers of Europe

Open meeting at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Péter BALÁZS, Pál DUNAY, Dan DUNGACIU, Andreas HERDINA, András INOTAI, Marcus MECKEL

February 24, 2007

9:00 a.m. GEOPOLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF EU ENLARGEMENT (Auditorium)

Chair

Péter BALÁZS • Director, CENS, Professor, CEU

WG Progress Reports

Discussants

Dan DUNGACIU • Expert, Studii de Securitate, Romania

Atila ERALP • Center for European Studies, Turkey

András INOTAI • Director, Institute for World Economics, Hungary

Comments

Kinga GÁL • Member of the European Parliament, Hungary

Gyula HEGYI • Member of the European Parliament, Hungary

Summary of the conference and further actions

Lunch