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Located at Central European University in Budapest, the new 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. The center brings together a network of scholars and PhD students from CEU, as well as from other universities across Europe. This network involves a growing number of research institutes, NGOs, individuals, professional federations, and regional and local bodies around the EU.

Research is directed by Péter Balázs. 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 direct neighbors into the territorially-bound integration functions of the EU.



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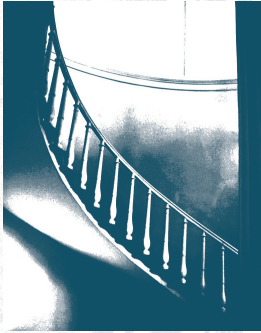
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FEBRUARY 9, 2006 — BUDAPEST

CEU, NÁDOR U. 9, AUDITORIUM

The conference deals with one of the fundamental aspects of EU enlargement: How far can integration be extended on a more-or-less homogeneous basis? Enlargement remains a cornerstone in the EU agenda, even though further extensions may well go beyond the limits of homogeneity and would require new ideas and approaches. Participants in the conference will highlight various aspects of a larger and less homogeneous economic area and integration model. Discussed and outlined will be the limits of the homogeneous integration model, and alternative ways of integration.

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PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. OPENING SESSION

Opening address

Péter BALÁZS • Director, CENS and Professor, CEU

Keynote address

Olli REHN • European Commissioner for Enlargement

10:15 a.m. *Coffee break*

10:30 a.m. LIMITS TO THE “FOUR FREEDOMS”

Chair

Lajos BOKROS • COO and Professor, CEU

Keynote address

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

Discussants

Éva PALÓCZ • Deputy Director, Kopint-Datorg, Budapest
Irina RAMNICEANU • Researcher, European Institute of Romania, Bucharest

Comments

Meglana KUNEVA • Minister of European Affairs, Bulgaria
György SCHÖPFLIN • Member of the European Parliament

2:00 p.m. SOLIDARITY TOWARDS NEW MEMBERS

Chair

Tibor PALÁNKAI • Professor, Corvinus University

Keynote address

Lenka ROVNA • Professor, Charles University, Prague

Discussants

Irena MLADENOVA • Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia
Neven MIMICA • Chairman, Parliamentary Committee for European Integration, Zagreb

Comments

István SZENT-IVÁNYI • Member of the European Parliament
Erhard BUSEK • Special Coordinator, Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe

3:30 p.m. *Coffee break*

4:00 p.m. THE EFFECTS OF FURTHER ENLARGEMENTS

Chair

László CSABA • Professor, CEU

Keynote address

Meltem Sadiye MUFTULER BAC • Professor, Sabanci University, Istanbul

Discussants

Anne WEYEMBERGH • Professor, Université Libre de Bruxelles
Uwe PUETTER • Assistant Professor, CEU

Comments

Ahmet EVIN • Professor, Sabanci University, Istanbul
Elmar BROK • Member of the European Parliament

6:00 p.m. CLOSING SESSION

Summary of the conference and further actions
Péter BALÁZS

6:30 p.m. **RECEPTION**