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ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AMBITIONS

CEU Begins Its Tenth Academic Year

Central European University celebrated the official opening of its tenth academic year on October 10, 2000, in Budapest's Vigadó Concert Hall. Following a welcome from Vice President for Student Services Rositza Bateson and remarks by Academic Pro-Rector Stefan Messmann, US Ambassador to Hungary Peter F. Tufo delivered the opening address. The incoming students were also welcomed by doctoral student Irene Barbiera (Medieval Studies) and by one of their own, incoming Legal Studies student Volodimir Shkred. An interlude of flute music was provided by Political Science doctoral student Annamária Orbán.

In his opening remarks, printed below, Academic Pro-Rector Stefan Messmann spoke about developments at CEU during the past year and outlined new directions in the university's development.

Dear Students, Dear Faculty and Staff Members, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests:

I welcome you to the Opening Ceremony of the 2000/2001 Academic Year.

A year ago, I stood at this same podium and addressed the 1999/2000 class. At that time I announced changes at CEU and I was sure that we would introduce them.

What I was not sure of, however, was what exactly we could accomplish in one year. Now I can confidently claim that we have achieved a lot.

Some of you are here for your second or third year of study, and some of you may already be aware of what has been different in this past year. Still, let me present to you all the directions in which our university is going.

Some changes are rather visible: CEU is literally expanding. We have obtained new space in some surrounding buildings and this will help us to accommodate the newly-established and planned programs.

In addition, there are several less visible but very tangible changes.

First, CEU is growing academically in order to raise its profile. The present number and composition of departments

and programs does not amount to a critical mass that would turn CEU into a "university proper," as some would say. And, while for the time being we cannot reasonably expect to concentrate in the area of natural sciences, humanities will be our priority, with one important exception: we are in the process of establishing a PhD in Mathematics, together with the Renyi Mathematical Institute of Budapest, one of the Centers of Excellence designated by the European Union.



Already this year a new doctoral program in Philosophy has been established at CEU, and some old programs have been redesigned or reconsidered. Southeast European Studies, for instance, was closed down last year. The History Department is in the process of orienting itself towards a study of communism and fascism, areas where our position and faculty composition could really make a difference. The Environmental Sciences and Policy Department is concentrating its efforts towards policy issues.

Another aspect of important new developments is the strengthening of the existing faculty body. New faculty members have been appointed in the Environmental Sciences and Policy Department, in the International Relations and European Studies Department, as well as in the History Department. The Program on Gender and Culture is undergoing a period of reconstruction—a new program head has been appointed, and we are looking into ways to strengthen faculty composition as well. We remain

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DEPARTMENT HEADS AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Academic Year 2000/2001

On October 22, 1999, the CEU Senate adopted a new set of guidelines concerning the appointment of Department Heads and Directors of Programs, based on a rotation principle. At present the heads and directors are as follows:



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

László Mityás
Head of Department
effective January 1, 2000



DEPARTMENT OF MIEVEAL STUDIES

József Laszlovszky
Head of Department
effective January 1, 1999



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND POLICY

Ruben Mnatsakanian
Head of Department
effective August 1, 2000



NATIONALISM STUDIES PROGRAM

Petr Lom
Acting Director of Program
September 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000



PROGRAM ON GENDER AND CULTURE

Susan Zimmermann
Director of Program
effective September 28, 2000



Mária Kovács
Director of Program
on sabbatical until December 31, 2000



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

László Kontler
Head of Department
effective April 1, 2000



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Nenad Dimitrijević
Head of Department
effective August 1, 2000



DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN STUDIES

Béla Greskovits
Head of Department
effective August 1, 1999



PHILOSOPHY PHD PROGRAM

Ferenc Huoranszki
Director of Program
effective August 1, 2000



DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES

András Sajó
Head of Department
effective August 1, 2000



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Andrzej Richard
Head of Department
effective August 1, 2000

TWO VICE PRESIDENTS APPOINTED



Rositza Bateson, formerly Director of Student Services, was promoted to Vice President, for Student Services, effective October 1, 2000.



Péter Fehér, formerly Budget and Finance Director, was promoted to Vice President for Budget and Finance, effective October 1, 2000.

SECOND CEU SENATE ELECTION

(for the period October 1, 2000 - September 30, 2002)



According to the By-Laws of CEU, the highest body of academic governance of the university is the Senate. Therefore, the Senate Elections—held every two years—are of great importance for the community. In order to

ensure a fair election procedure, a careful and systematic series of steps are taken. This year the procedure was as follows:

1. At the May meeting of the Senate, Executive Vice-President (EVP) István Teplán was appointed to lead the election procedure, and the Vote Counting Committee was also established: Csilla Kollonay Lehoczky, Alfred Rieber and László Csirmaz.
2. In early September the "Principles of Voting" and the lists of the eligible Senior/Junior, Candidate/Voter faculty members were distributed by the EVP Office.
3. The deadline for candidacy acceptance was announced as September 15, 2000.
4. The candidates' names and photos were immediately posted on noticeboards and on the CEU website.
5. The voting materials were sent out from the EVP Office to all eligible voters by September 20, 2000. Voters were requested to return their votes to the office by noon on September 29, 2000, at the latest.

6. At noon on September 29, in the presence of the Vote Counting Committee, the Hungarian Legal Counsel and a Hungarian Notary Public, the ballot box was opened and the votes were counted.

According to the election rules, 40 percent plus one of the eligible voters needed to cast votes in order for the election to be valid. Seventy-seven percent of the Senior voters and 80 percent of the Junior voters participated in the election, and all ballots casts were valid. The Committee therefore declared the election valid.

The newly elected members of the Senate for 2000/2002 are:

SENIOR FACULTY MEMBERS:

Béla Greskovits • International Relations and European Studies Department
János Kis • Political Science Department
József Laszlovszky • Medieval Studies Department
Andrzej Rychard • Sociology Department
Tibor Várady • Legal Studies Department

JUNIOR FACULTY MEMBERS:

Petr Lom • Nationalism Studies Program
Diana Úrge-Vorsatz • Environmental Sciences and Policy Department

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES, ELECTED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL:

Bojana Pecenic • Legal Studies, SJD
Claudiu Tufis • Sociology, MA

For those interested in details of the procedure, documents are available for inspection in the EVP Office.

CONFERENCE ON HUMAN DIGNITY HONORS PRESIDENT ÁRPÁD GÖNCZ



Pictured (left to right): CEU President and Rector Yehuda Elkana, President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Ferenc Glatz, President Árpád Göncz

Central European University, together with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Faculty of Law and Political Science of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, held a small international conference on June 23 and 24, at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in honor of outgoing Hungarian President Árpád Göncz. The organizers felt that the main theme of the conference, "Human Dignity," was an appropriate and symbolically fitting topic for reflection—at the beginning of the new Millennium and ten years after the major political changes in the region—marking the end of a courageous political career.

Invited guest speakers came from among well known public figures who have had political and intellectual impact on shaping the direction of the world, and intellectuals whose views have had a major influence on the way we think about human digni-

ty today. The opening lecture was delivered by Nigerian writer Wole Soyinka, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986. Other participants included: Shlomo Avineri, Veena Das, Yehuda Elkana, György Enyedi, Lajos Ficzer, Ferenc Glatz, Katalin Gönczöl, János Kornai, Avishai Margalit, Aryeh Neier, Andrei Pleșu, Thomas Scanlon, Mario Soares, Cornelio Sommaruga, George Soros and Asztrik Várszegi.



Wole Soyinka, President and Mrs Árpád Göncz

PUBLIC ART AT CEU



This year 2000 marks the 400th anniversary of the death of Giordano Bruno (1548–1600), the brilliant and iconoclastic thinker whose writings can still invoke passionate debate at the beginning of the 21st century. His death at the hands of the Inquisition, when he refused to recant his beliefs and was burned at the stake, remains a stunning reminder of immovable intellectual conviction, on the one hand, and of how a society which is not an open society reacts, on the other.

In the artist's studio, an abandoned factory in an industrial area of East Berlin, visitors, and members of a CEU inspection group, look at the wooden model.

This is a theme and a topic worthy of artistic rendering, particularly at a university. However, while there has been a tradition of exhibited art at CEU (the Exhibition Room alongside the Gellner

Room has seen many temporary exhibitions in the past five years), in the university's still short history there has been little time to make long-term commitments to public art. Still, such art can be an important statement and so, on the occasion of the founder, George Soros's 70th birthday this year, CEU commissioned the young Berlin artist Alexander Polzin (b. 1973) to create a work for the university. Polzin, who is already making an international reputation with shows in Berlin, Vienna, Switzerland, Israel and the Getty Center in Los Angeles, took on the challenging task.

It is hardly surprising therefore that he chose Giordano Bruno as his theme when he imagined a work for Central European University, a place he had visited several times. Its founding concept as a supranational institution of higher learning, with a mission of an open society was a further inspiration for him.

The final work is monumental in every way, a statue nearly 7.5 m high, cast in bronze and depicting a powerful figure agonizingly birthed from the earth itself. Its form is virtually ungendered, its long and fragile limbs are at once delicate and powerful. The work is sure to provoke lively debate and intense feelings. Giordano Bruno would have approved.

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Ambassador Peter F. Tisfo

very committed to the Gender and Culture program, given that it is a unique graduate program of its kind in the region. We also hope that the Center for Policy Studies, established in December 1999, and the planned Humanities Center, will help us broaden and diversify the profile of courses and research work at CEU.

Secondly, a fundamental change in our orientation is taking place this year. CEU will shift its focus from attracting its students purely from this region and will open up to students from all over the world. After the first ten years of transition, we have to accept the fact that our rules on fellowship eligibility make less and less sense. The pace of the economic recovery in some of the countries of Central Europe, for instance, has brought them close to some of the poorer EU members. Even beyond that, an "all-or-nothing" scheme did not differentiate between applicants of various levels of caliber. We, therefore, decided to abolish all the previously used eligibility criteria and to design a very flexible admission process.



Student Speaker Volodimir Shkred

We still expect that the overwhelming majority of our students will come from the region. It is reasonable to assume, however, that the years ahead will see a rise in the proportion of non-regional students. This may happen because, among other factors, students from outside the region will be eligible for receiving financial aid from our benefactor. We will still

keep our original mission, but hope to have a more balanced and diverse student body and greater visibility and prestige for CEU.

Alumni Speaker Irene Barbiera

At the same time, we are pleased that certain things remain the same. For instance, our student application and enrollment numbers continue to grow steadily. This year, we received almost 6,000 applications from 57 countries and we accepted 542 new students from 34 countries. Altogether, we have around 750 students in the present academic year. This is, however, no reason for complacency although with the new globalization process, there is every reason to expect even greater growth.



I hope that you share our enthusiasm regarding these developments. However, your full involvement in this process will also be an important part of our success. After all, every university (and this one is no exception) exists because of its students. The changes we are introducing have one common goal—to enhance and to enrich the learning process at CEU. No matter how highly we regard our plans, the final judgment on their success and adequacy has to come from you. We hope that this judgment will turn out to be positive.

GRADUATION 2000

June 22, 2000, Budapest's Vigadó, Concert Hall

On June 22, 2000, CEU held its annual graduation ceremony in the Budapest's Vigadó Concert Hall. In addition to the conferring of degrees upon the Class of 2000, the ceremony featured a Commencement Address by Nobel Prize-winning author Wole Soyinka as well as the presentation of the Central European University Open Society Prize to outgoing Hungarian President Árpád Göncz by CEU Founder George Soros.



In his Commencement Address, **Wole Soyinka** exhorted CEU's new crop of graduates to "have fun." He reminded his exuberant young audience that they had earned the right to their "day of celebration, the culmination of certain rites of passage that [we] must all undergo." He continued: "For to have fun is to live for truth, to remain tenacious to the basic values that define our humanity, our richest sense of being and meaningful existence, to abide by a credo of conviction, and to fasten onto it no matter the circumstance or consequence."



CEU Founder George Soros and **President Árpád Göncz**. Upon receiving the Open Society Prize, President Göncz noted that he was "truly honored to be in such good company: in the company of both Sir Karl Popper and Václav Havel," the previous recipients of the prize, and, at the same time, "in the good company of the community of Central European University." He also said that he felt "privileged that my friend, the next president of the Hungarian Republic, Professor Ferenc Mádl [is] also present," and he paid further tribute to Wole Soyinka, whose "masterpiece," *The Dance of the Forests*, he had translated. Continuing, President Göncz commented that "it is not enough to contemplate and speak about freedom, human rights and an open society: one must act, otherwise democracy cannot be defended. And I have also learned, together with all of you here, that one should act even after dictatorship has gone. Democracy is not just the rule of law, but should also be the rule of moral principles."

THE DALAI LAMA VISITS CEU

At the invitation of CEU and the Open Society Institute (OSI), His Holiness the Dalai Lama visited CEU in Budapest on October 12. Following a morning roundtable discussion with senior officials of CEU and OSI, the Dalai Lama held a press conference during which he answered questions from Hungarian and international reporters. That afternoon, he delivered a lecture to the CEU/OSI/IMC Community entitled "Ethics for the New Millennium."



CEU Warsaw Pro-Rector Edmund Mokrzycki introduces the Dalai Lama. Seated at left is Katalin E. Konec, Executive Director of OSI-Budapest.



The overflow crowd watched the Dalai Lama's speech on video screens located throughout the Budapest teaching site.



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND POLICY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT

In spring 2000, the CEU Environmental Sciences and Policy Department, in partnership with the Hungarian NGO *Varangy Akciócsoport Egyesület*, was awarded a grant to initiate an amphibian-monitoring program in Hungary called "Monitor 2000." The grant of £5000 was awarded through BP Amoco, BirdLife International and Fauna & Flora International under the BP Conservation Program in the United Kingdom. "Monitor 2000," one of six selected from around the world, will

involve CEU students and school children throughout Hungary. It is aimed at strengthening ties among the Environmental Sciences and Policy Department, local NGOs and local schools. Through this project, the participants hope to enhance environmental education in Hungary and to gain valuable data on an important animal group. Moreover, the project will be utilized by the Hungarian Ministry of Environment in its National Biodiversity Monitoring Project.

COMMEMORATING 25 YEARS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT

On July 19, 2000, "25 Years Helsinki," an exhibition of material from the Open Society Archives at CEU (OSA) opened in the Austrian National Library. The exhibition was organized within the framework of a commemorative meeting of the Permanent Council of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, more commonly known as the Helsinki Final Act. Consisting of documents and photographs portraying the development of the human rights movement in the OSCE region, the exhibition highlighted the work of the individual Helsinki Committees and the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights. "25 Years Helsinki," which remained on display for two months, was opened by Dr. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and Austrian Foreign Minister, and Aaron Rhodes, Executive Director of the International Helsinki Federation.



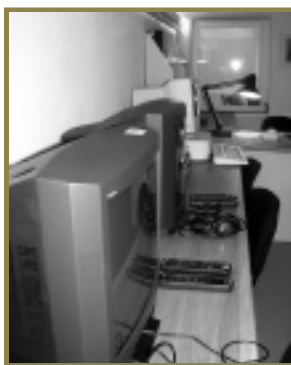
Benita Ferrero-Waldner, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, speaks at the opening of the Open Society Archives exhibition in the Austrian National Library.

ISTVÁN TEPLÁN ELECTED TO IAU BOARD

The International Association of Universities (IAU) held its 50th Anniversary Conference in Durban on August 22-26, 2000. CEU was represented by Executive Vice-President István Teplán, who was elect-

ed to the IAU Board as Deputy Representative for East-Central Europe for a four-year term. IAU is the world's largest international organization of universities, with more than 650 active member institutions.

MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY OPENS IN BUDAPEST



At the beginning of the 2000/2001 academic year, a new Multimedia Library opened in CEU's Budapest teaching site. A joint project of the CEU Library and the Language Teaching Center, the Multimedia Library provides the resources and environment for students to study languages independently. It is equipped with four video workstations, four audio workstations and six multimedia

PCs, for use on a walk-in or advance sign-up basis. In addition to books, its resources include a wide variety of audio, video and CD-ROM material, all of which are searchable through the CEU Library's online catalogue. The materials are constantly being updated to address the specific English language needs and objectives of CEU students. The Multimedia Library also offers materials in a variety of other languages, including French, German, Hungarian, Italian and Russian.

