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## CEU LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ROMA STUDENT ACCESS TO GRADUATE EDUCATION

On March 8, CEU welcomed 15 new students. Not an unusual occurrence in itself, but these students are the first cohort in a new initiative funded by the Ford Foundation, and organized by the Special Projects Office of CEU's Special and Extension Programs (SEP). They are here to spend ten months on a "Graduate Access" course conducted by an alliance of academic departments, as well as CEU's language and academic writing specialists. The new project aims to help students in gaining a place to study in a graduate-level program either at CEU or another prominent university.

### Why Graduate Access?

The 15 students, chosen from over 100 of their peers in nine countries, are Roma who have shown exceptional intellectual promise and determination, but who do not yet have the language or polished academic skills required to take the next step. The idea for the program originated in the "Roundtable on Roma Education" held in 2000 at CEU. At that time, CEU faculty, Roma faculty and students, and other interested academics discussed the challenges facing Roma who wished to develop their qualifications or enter academia. It was clear that even while increasing numbers of Roma were trying to enter undergraduate education, few were able to access the international scholarly arena or gain the skills required to help "kickstart" the development of the Roma elite. The challenge was made clear: how is access to graduate education improved, without compromising quality? The "Graduate Access" program was CEU's answer. With the collaboration of CEU faculty, key NGOs and the various OSI programs who have done so much to bring Roma

student issues to the fore, a proposal was formulated and generously supported by the Ford Foundation for a three-cycle pilot series.

The course includes language and academic writing preparation, and discipline-specific tutoring in the students' fields of interest, including Human Rights, Sociology, IRES, Political Science, Gender and Economics.

Academic tutoring will be conducted by CEU's PhD students under the supervision of an academic advisor from the CEU faculty. To help with the tutoring, the Access pilot will utilize another CEU "first," the Curriculum Resource Center, which will be providing a series of three training workshops called "Teaching in Higher Education." These special sessions will cover key topics such as teaching techniques, course design, student assessment, and evaluation. If successful, the workshops will also be offered to CEU

PhD students in order to prepare them for their future careers in academia.

To date, the feedback from Roma organizations in Central and Eastern Europe on the initiative has been wholly positive, and the CEU community has already welcomed the new students. SEP hopes that for Roma who want to pursue their studies, this new project will provide inspiration, and instill a belief that "Access" is achievable and available. Furthermore, the initiative may be used as a potential model by sister institutions for similar instances of graduate access elsewhere.



*Participants and instructors of the "Graduate Access" course, organized by the Special Projects Office of SEP, gather for a group welcoming photo on March 8, outside the Popper Room. Center: CEU Executive Vice-President, István Teplán; far right: Dean, Special and Extension Programs, Sophia Howlett.*

## SUMMARY OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, CEU PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

MARCH 17, 2004

### Visit of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) accreditation team

The final step in the accreditation process with the MSCHE will occur when a team appointed by the Commission visits CEU between April 3-6, 2004.

### Recent Senate decisions

- ❖ The Senate approved the proposal to create the title of CEU Professor Emerita/Emeritus. This title will be awarded in recognition of significant contribution made to CEU by a full professor or recurring visiting professor who is retiring. Emeriti will be allowed to use CEU facilities and receive certain benefits and may, if invited by a department, teach a limited number of courses (maximum six credits) and supervise up to three theses.
- ❖ The Senate approved the Rector's proposal to extend the mandate of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees. Accordingly, the Committee, consisting of all resident CEU University Professors will also make proposals for Emeriti and for new University Professors (until now, the Rector made proposals for University Professors). The Rector expressed that this would represent another act of transferring more functions pertaining to academic governance to the faculty.
- ❖ An Ad-Hoc Committee was established to draft a CEU Policy on Social and Environmental Responsibility. Members of the Committee are Alex Antypas (Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy), John Harbord (Center for Academic Writing), Elissa Helms (Department of Gender Studies), Miklós Sükösd (Department of Political Science), and Diana Ürge-Vorsatz (Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy).
- ❖ The Senate approved the proposal that CEU should sign the *Magna Charta Universitatum*.
- ❖ An assessment was conducted regarding the current situation of the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program, which will begin in fall 2004. Given that at present sufficient funding (from non-CEU sources) is firmly secured for only two years, the Senate agreed that the program is considered approved only for this period. The program will work on a pilot-basis, connected to the Center for Policy Studies. Any continuation of the program will depend on the availability of funding. The Senate will review the MPP's state of affairs before the end of the initial two-year period.
- ❖ The Senate approved the revised policy on doctoral studies. The new policy can be accessed by faculty, staff, and students on the O:/Common drive.
- ❖ The Senate approved clarifying expectations regarding the length of courses taught by short-term visiting faculty. The *Faculty Compendium* is currently being revised to include these expectations and will be circulated as soon as the Senate has a chance to confirm the revisions.
- ❖ The Senate adopted the calendar for the academic year 2004/2005 in a unified version, based on the principle that stipends for Master's students will be available for a maximum of ten months (for all departments) and teaching will begin at approximately the same time (in all departments). The calendar will be made accessible on the university Intranet in a short while.

### New degree program

In January 2004, the Graduate School of Business launched a Master of Science program in IT Management. The program is registered with the Board of Regents of the New York Education Department and enrolls 20 students, all fee-paying. [See right column, this page.]

### Fundraising

The amount of 240,000 USD was pledged by a Romanian entrepreneur to support the activities of CEU Pasts, Inc., Center for Historical Studies for 12 months beginning on January 1, 2004. The first two installments (40,000 USD total) have already been transferred to CEU's account. It is envisioned that the donation could be extended beyond the initial one-year period.

## MS IN IT MANAGEMENT RECOGNIZED



*In a letter dated January 22, 2004, the New York State Education Department affirmed that the MS in IT Management program offered by the CEU Graduate School of Business has been officially registered.*

### APPOINTMENTS



**va Fodor** has been appointed acting Head of the Department of Gender Studies, effective January 1, 2004.



**Flemming Splidsboel Hansen** has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations and European Studies, effective January 1, 2004.



**Elissa Helms** has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Gender Studies, effective January 1, 2004.



**Ferenc P rτος** has been appointed Dean of the CEU Graduate School of Business, effective March 1, 2004.



**Bal zs Vedres** has been appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, effective January 1, 2004.

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## AN INFORMATIVE REPORT ON THE GENEVA ACCORDS

On February 16, the CEU Auditorium was filled to capacity for "an informative report on the Geneva Accords," presented by four individuals involved in Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. CEU President and Rector Yehuda Elkana opened the report with remarks on the overall Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and András Bozóki (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science) introduced the panel, which consisted of two Israeli and two Palestinian signees of the Accords.



*Left to Right: Radi Jarai, Nazmi Amin Al-Jubeh, David Kimche, Menachem Klein, András Bozóki, and István Szent-Iványi*

Menachem Klein (Lecturer, Bar Ilan University) spoke first and gave an overview of the Accords themselves and the process which led to their signing. He told the audience that the Accords are similar to a legal agreement between two states, with each side granting legitimacy to the "other" based upon how the "other" defines itself. Klein went on to say the Accords serve as an alternative to current policies, and though they are not official, he personally hopes they will become so, because the Accords offer a "win-win" situation for Israelis and Palestinians.

Nazmi Amin Al-Jubeh (Assistant Professor, Birzeit University) followed with a description of how the two sides came to their agreement. He noted that the Accords were really the end result of a cumulative process that had begun in 1991, and represented "the maximum both sides can get through negotiation." Al-Jubeh also said that the Accords were an initiative of civil society, attempting to affect policy from a "down-up" direction, and, although a compromise, when taken as a whole, the document is worth defending.

David Kimche (former General Director, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs) described the signing of the Geneva Accords as a "turning point in the history of the [Israeli-Palestinian] conflict." He pointed out that "peace had become almost a dirty word," contrasting with the new buzzwords politicians have been using, such as force, violence, terrorism, and occupation. Kimche stressed that although it is "very difficult to compromise on dreams," the "compromise creates a fabric from which peace is woven." "The value of the Geneva Accords is that peace can be achieved," he concluded.

Finally, Radi Jarai (Deputy Minister, Ministry of Detainees, Palestine) emphasized the negotiators tried "to learn from the experiences of former negotiations," meaning that previous attempts were boxed in by outside pressure, such as a limited time frame, or elections. Jarai found the Geneva Accords process to be unencumbered by those artificial limits, and that when sitting down, "both sides were willing to help each other."

Following remarks by the negotiators, István Szent-Iványi (Chairman, Hungarian Parliamentary Committee for European Accession) briefly noted that because of its connections to the Middle East, both politically and socially, the EU, and Hungary specifically, have a role to play in future Israeli-Palestinian efforts for peace.

The Swiss Ambassador to Hungary, Rudolf Weiersmüller, was present and was publicly thanked for the Swiss government's role in the negotiating of the Geneva Accords. Representatives of several Middle Eastern embassies also attended the presentation, which was followed by intensive audience questioning.

## "TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUES" SERIES CONTINUES

The most recent event within the "Transatlantic Dialogues" series, entitled "The Political Economy of EU Enlargement: Challenges and Potentials," was held on February 27 at the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto. Introducing the event were co-hosts Marta Moszczenska (Director, Baltic, Central European and Eastern Mediterranean Division, Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) and István Teplán (Executive Vice-President, CEU). The discussion chair was Oleh Havrylyshyn (Deputy Director, International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC); keynote speaker was László Csaba (Professor, Department of International Relations and European Studies, CEU), and discussants were Gregorz W. Kolodko (former Polish Deputy Premier and Finance Minister) and Nicole Lindstrom (Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and European Studies, CEU). In his keynote address, Csaba highlighted issues that EU-accession countries still face as the enlargement date approaches, in particular with areas such as harmonization and convergence. He also pointed out that development and investment opportunities would expand considerably with EU enlargement. The event, which was held as part of a two-day conference on "Canadian Business in the



New Europe: Opportunities and Challenges," strengthened CEU's longstanding and valuable relationship with the University of Toronto.

Previously, on January 20, the third event within the series, "The New Balkan Question: NATO or the European Union," was held in Washington, DC. Co-host for the event, which was held at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (WWICS), was Martin Sletzinger (Director, East European Studies, WWICS), who welcomed the large Washington audience among whom were several ambassadors and dignitaries. Chairing the discussion was John R. Lampe (Professor of History, University of Maryland/WWICS) and the keynote speech was given by Sorin Antohi (CEU University Professor).

The discussants were Halil Bertkay (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University, Istanbul), and Vladimir Tismaneanu (Professor of Government and Politics, University of Maryland). Antohi, in his keynote speech, addressed the main topic of the evening, including the dramatically changing transatlantic symbolic geographies, geopolitical configurations, military and security arrangements, cultural and ideological debates, and political and economic tensions.

## RECENT PUBLIC ACADEMIC EVENTS AT CEU

To help give an indication of the variety of academic happenings at CEU, each *Gazette* offers a list of recent public lectures, workshops, conferences, and seminar series which have taken place at the university. The list is meant to be as comprehensive as possible.

### PUBLIC LECTURES

Department of Medieval Studies  
**"The Mythologikon Syntipa from the Byzantine-Islamic Frontier to the Modern Balkans"**

Johannes Niehoff-Panagiotidis (Princeton University)  
 December 1, 2003

Humanities Center  
**"Can Kibbutzim Survive in Today's Israel?"**  
 Jo-Ann Mort and Gary Brenner (Givat Haviva Institute, Israel)  
 December 3, 2003

CEU Rectorate  
**"The Paradoxes of Globalization and Hegemony in the Contemporary Era"**  
 Shmuel Noah Eisenstadt (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)  
 December 5, 2003

Open Society Archives/Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy/Pasts, Inc.  
**"Industrial Deserts: The Destruction of Nature in the USSR"**  
 Paul R. Josephson (Colby College, US)  
 December 8, 2003

Department of International Relations and European Studies/Humanities Center/CEU Rectorate  
**"The Development of International Justice in the Ad-Hoc Tribunals—Grand Experiments"**  
 Michael Johnson (Chief Prosecutor, ICTY)  
 December 9, 2003

Department of Philosophy  
**"Parthood"**  
 Ted Sider (Rutgers University)  
 December 9, 2003

Department of Medieval Studies  
**"The Medieval Town and its Memory: Urban Historiography and Historical Tradition in Germany during the Middle Ages"**  
 Peter Johanek (University of Münster)  
 December 9, 2003

Department of International Relations and European Studies  
**"Economic (Dis)Integration Matters—The Soviet Collapse Revisited"**  
 Johannes Linn (World Bank)  
 December 11, 2003

CEU Special Projects Office/HESP  
**"Closing the Divide Between Russian Higher Education and Research: Efforts at Reform"**  
 Loren Graham (MIT), Irina Dezhina (Institute for the Economy in Transition, Moscow)  
 December 11, 2003

Humanities Center  
**"Israel's Arabs: Potential Peacemakers in the Middle East"**  
 Wadle Abunassar (University of Haifa)  
 December 12, 2003

Department of History  
**"Knowledge, Power, and Politics: The Role of an Intellectual in an Age of Transition"**  
 Immanuel Wallerstein (Yale University)  
 December 16, 2003

Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy  
**"What Do We Want for the Aral Sea? A Desirable Direction to Abate the Aral Sea's Problems."**  
 Ariyoshi Kusumi (Chukyo University, Japan)  
 January 19, 2004

Department of Philosophy/CEU Rectorate  
**"Moral Cognitivism—Two Objections, Two Responses"**  
 David Wiggins (Oxford University)  
 January 21, 2004

Pasts, Inc./Humanities Center  
**"Ancient Egyptian Imperialism"**  
 Hans-Ulrich Luft (ELTE, Budapest)  
 January 22, 2004

Nationalism Studies Program  
**"Turkey and Europe: Uninvited Guests or Sharers of a Common Destiny?"**  
 Selim Deringil (Bosphorous University, Istanbul)  
 January 22, 2004

Humanities Center  
**"Intifada Depression: Israeli Society and the Israeli Media in the Second Palestinian Uprising"**  
 Daniel Dor (Tel Aviv University)  
 January 22, 2004

Department of Political Science/Department of International Relations and European Studies/Center for Policy Studies/Freedom House Budapest  
**"Ukrainian Political Reform and Elections: Fair Game or Profitable Business?"**  
 Serhiy Soboliev (Member, Ukrainian Parliament), Rostyslav Pavlenko (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine)  
 January 23, 2004

Nationalism Studies Program/Jewish Studies Project  
**"Jews as Germans? Nationalism and the Jews in Austria-Hungary"**  
 Marsha Rozenblit (University of Maryland)  
 January 27, 2004

Department of Philosophy  
**"Sentientism and Berkeley's Master Argument"**  
 Zoltán Gendler Szabó (Cornell University)  
 January 29, 2004

Nationalism Studies Program  
**"The Use of Referendums in Plurinational States"**  
 Stephen Tierney (University of Edinburgh)  
 January 29, 2004

Department of Political Science  
**"Partisan Realignment and Dealignment in Canada"**  
 Lawrence LeDuc (University of Toronto)  
 February 3, 2004

Department of Sociology  
**"From Exile to Diaspora: Transnational Islam in Europe"**  
 Werner Schiffauer (*Europa-Universität Viadrina*, Frankfurt [Oder])  
 February 5, 2004

CEU Rectorate  
**"Does Science Need Religion?"**  
 Gesine Schwan (*Europa-Universität Viadrina*, Frankfurt [Oder])  
 February 6, 2004

Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy  
**"Wanderings of a UN Inspector Looking for Water"**  
 Edward G. Bellinger (Manchester University, UK)  
 February 9, 2004

Department of Medieval Studies  
**"Directions in Medieval Historiography as Seen from the Pacific Rim"**  
 Patrick Geary (UCLA)  
 February 10, 2004

Nationalism Studies Program  
**"National Cultural Autonomy: Historical and Contemporary Application in Europe"**  
 Walter Kemp (Office of the Secretary General, OSCE)  
 February 11, 2004

Department of Philosophy  
**"Subjectivity, Objectivity, Intersubjectivity: Phenomenology and Analytical Philosophy"**  
 Sándor Sajó (SEP Fellow)  
 February 12, 2004

Pasts, Inc./Department of History  
**"Archives Relief: A Platonic Perspective"**  
 Catalin Partenie (National School of Political Studies and Administration, Bucharest)  
 February 13, 2004

Department of Environmental Studies and Policy  
**"Socially Responsible Investing (SRI)"**  
 Vesela Veleva (Citizens for Socially Responsible Mutual Funds, Portsmouth, US)  
 February 16, 2004

Jewish Studies Project  
**"The Orthodox Churches in Dialogue with Judaism"**  
 Nicholas de Lange (University of Cambridge)  
 February 17, 2004

Center for Arts and Culture  
**"The Legacy of Genghis Khan: Mongol Influence on the Arts and Culture of China, Iran, and Europe"**  
 Morris Rossabi (Columbia University)  
 February 17, 2004

Department of Gender Studies  
**"Among Feminisms, or This Bridge Called Our Back"**  
 Michaela Mudure (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania)  
 February 18, 2004

Department of Philosophy  
**"Cartesian Psychophysics"**  
 Hong Yu Wong (University of Miskolc, Hungary)  
 February 19, 2004

Nationalism Studies Program  
**"Multilevel Citizenship: Political Boundaries in a Post-Westphalian Order"**  
 Rainer Bauböck (Austrian Academy of Science)  
 February 19, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"New Jerusalem or Holy Russia?"**  
 Daniel Rowland (University of Kentucky)  
 February 19, 2004

Department of International Relations and European Studies/Department of Legal Studies/HRSI  
**"Property Restitution and Refugee Return: Lessons from Bosnian Peace-Building for the International Standard-Setting Process"**  
 Rhodri Williams (OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina)  
 February 20, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"The American Empire—History, Myth and Politics"**  
 Wolfgang Bialas (Scientific Center of North Rhine Westfalia)  
 February 20, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"National Literature in the Age of Globalization"**  
Mihály Szegedy-Maszák (Indiana University/ELTE, Budapest)  
February 22, 2004

CEU Special and Extension Programs/HESP  
**"Beyond Knowledge Management: A Neo-Classical Defense of the University for the 21st Century"**  
Steve William Fuller (University of Warwick, UK)  
February 23, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"Early Ideological Censorship of Utopian Thinking"**  
Corin Braga (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania)  
February 24, 2004

Humanities Center  
**"Saudi Arabia's Radical Opposition: The Dialectics of State-Formation in a Tribal Society"**  
Joseph Kostiner (Tel Aviv University)  
February 24, 2004

Jewish Studies Project  
**"The Legacy of Modern East European Jewry: Creativity, Conflict and Catastrophe"**  
Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan)  
February 24, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"A Dark Vilayet? Historical Writing in Bosnia and Herzegovina after the End of Yugoslavia"**  
Christian Promitzer (University of Graz)  
February 25, 2004

Department of Philosophy  
**"A Critique of Obligation Ethics"**  
Alan Watt (CEU)  
February 26, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"The Integration of Elites in the Napoleonic Empire, c.1800-1815"**  
Michael Rowe (Queen's University of Belfast)  
February 27, 2004

Pasts, Inc./Department of Gender Studies/Department of History  
**Series: "Ren Wellek Lectures on Literature"**  
Virgil Nemoianu (Catholic University of America)  
February 28-29, 2004

## WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

CEU Rectorate/Pasts, Inc.  
**"Empires, Globalization, Hegemony"**  
December 5-6, 2003

Department of Legal Studies  
**"Individual vs. the State: Conference on Militant Democracy"**  
December 5-6, 2003

Center for Policy Studies  
**"Learning Lessons from Cross National Comparisons"**  
December 11, 2003

CEU Rectorate  
**"Workshop in Honor of Tom Lantos"**  
December 15, 2003

Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Turkey/CEU Rectorate/Pasts, Inc.  
**"Turkey in Europe"**  
December 20, 2003

Department of Medieval Studies  
**"The Papal Curia and the Eastern Peripheries of Christendom in the Later Middle Ages"**  
January 23-24, 2004

CEU Rectorate  
**"An Informative Report on the Geneva Accords"**  
February 16, 2004

Department of Medieval Studies  
**"Irruption, Interruption and Interaction: The Latin Conquest of Constantinople 1204"**  
February 26-28, 2004

## SEMINAR SERIES/ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"The Argentine Currency Board and the Search for Macroeconomic Stability, 1880-1935"**  
Gerardo della Paolera (American University of Paris)  
December 3, 2003

Pasts, Inc.  
**"Holy Roman Empire and German Nation 1488-1806"**  
Robert von Friedeburg (Erasmus University, the Netherlands)  
December 4, 2003

Department of History  
**"Think Less about Foundations': The Creation of a Socialist Realist Canon for Theoretical Physics"**  
Karl Hall (CEU)  
December 9, 2003

Pasts, Inc.  
**"King of the Four Quarters (of the World): The Assyrian Empire (IX-VII Century BC)"**  
Géza Komoróczy (ELTE, Budapest)  
December 11, 2003

Department of History  
**"The History of Global Communication Networks: The Telegraph, Empires, and Twentieth-Century Legacies"**  
Marsha Siefert (University of Pennsylvania/CEU)  
December 16, 2003

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"Endogenizing Velocity: Four Applications"**  
Max Gillman (CEU)  
January 9, 2004

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"Antitrust Enforcement with Asymmetric Information and Cournot Strategies"**  
Andrzej Baniak (CEU)  
January 16, 2004

Department of Political Science  
**"No Partner for Peace: Israeli Politics in the Second Intifada"**  
Daniel Dor (Tel Aviv University)  
January 20, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"Baroque in East-Central Europe: Culture of Diversity"**  
Maciej Janowski (Polish Academy of Sciences)  
January 28, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"Complex Frontier Regions—A Comparative Ecology"**  
Alfred J. Rieber (CEU)  
January 29, 2004

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"The Employment Effects of Nearly Doubling the Minimum Wage"**  
János Kollo (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)  
January 30, 2004

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"Economic Fluctuations in Central and Eastern Europe: The Facts"**  
Péter Benczúr (NBH, Hungary)  
February 5, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"Russian Nationalism and the Romanov Empire: A Comparative Perspective"**  
Alexei Miller (Russian Academy of Sciences)  
February 5, 2004

Pasts Inc./Humanities Center  
**"English Concepts and Understandings of Empire in the 17th-18th Centuries"**  
Glenn Burgess (University of Hull, UK)  
February 12, 2004

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"A Computationally Practical Simulation Algorithm for Dynamic Panel Data Models with Unobserved Endogenous State Variables"**  
Robert Sauer (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)  
February 13, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**Series: "Puzzles of Proto-National Discourses in Muscovite Russia"**  
Mikhail Dmitriev (Moscow State University)  
February 18, 2004

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"Location Determinants of Multinational Firms"**  
Andrzej Cieslik (Warsaw University)  
February 20, 2004

Pasts, Inc.  
**"Can We Still Speak of Decline in Relation to the Later Roman Empire?"**  
Averil Cameron (Oxford University)  
February 23, 2004

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"Intergovernmental Bargaining between Two Three-Party Parliamentary Governments"**  
Maria Gallego (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada)  
February 24, 2004

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
**"Export Pricing in New Open Macroeconomics: An Empirical Investigation"**  
János Vincze (BUES, Hungary)  
February 27, 2004

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS UPDATE

### NEW PROGRAMS

The CEU Graduate School of Business (GSB) successfully launched two new programs this January: the MS in IT Management and the new Weekend MBA. The latter is a modular part-time version of the traditional full-time program, designed with no career interruption. This new program has an enrollment of 35 students, who are primarily from Hungary and countries within commuting distance, such as Serbia and Montenegro and Romania (but many nationalities are represented). They are a more mature cohort, with an average age of 31 (compared to the full-timers' average age of 27). Due to changing demands in the marketplace, the GSB's flagship full-time MBA has been re-designed into a one-year program, so that a candidate's time away from his/her career is significantly reduced. The program also ensures the same academic quality, therefore making it more rigorous and demanding.

### NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Two new exchange partners have been added to the ever-increasing list of universities accepting GSB students for semesters abroad: EM Lyon, and ENPC in Paris. In addition, two new dual degree programs have been finalized with two prestigious institutions in the US: a dual MBA with Case Western University and one with Emory University.

### NEW INITIATIVES

The Center for the Social Foundations of Business began a series of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) workshops/round-table discussions. The topic of the initial discussion last November was Measurement, with panelists participating from BAT, Danone, and EastWest Management Institute. The second one will be on March 24 on the topic of CSR Reporting. The Center will also be launching a Seminar Series on Industry Self-Regulation in a Global Economy, sponsored by BAT. The opening guest speaker for the series in early April will be Helena Ward, the Director of the International Institute for Environment & Development—a UN-affiliated body.

### NEW EXECUTIVE EDUCATION (EEP) SERIES

The EEP division of the GSB formed a strategic alliance with the American Chamber of Commerce in the form of the AmCham-CEU Academy, with the goal of delivering timely, market-driven courses. The first was a 12-part series on Strategic Marketing, given by Paul Garrison, former European Marketing Director for Coca Cola. Currently, a six-part lecture series on Monetary Policy and the Economy is in progress, featuring prominent members of the financial community, such as Zsigmond Járαι and György Surányi, as guest speakers.

## DELEGATIONS FROM RUSSIAN UNIVERSITIES VISIT CEU

In early December 2003, the Special Projects Office of SEP organized a series of administrative introductions between CEU, and the Smolny College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. Petersburg, as well as the European University of St. Petersburg (EUSP). The five-day program was designed to give the Russian delegations a broad overview of CEU's administrative and oper-



ational procedures, with a strong focus on student services, including admissions, recruitment, alumni work, and financial aid, as well as on library development, PR, finance and fundraising operations. Currently, both Smolny College and EUSP (HESP-supported institutions) are developing a joint plan for longer-term administrative cooperation with CEU.

## DOES SCIENCE NEED RELIGION?

On Friday, February 6, the President of Viadrina University in Frankfurt (Oder), Gesine Schwan, delivered a public lecture which asked "Does Science Need Religion?" Schwan first contended that the practice of science—with the pressures of public and private financing, global competition, and increased specialization—currently does not fulfill its obligation to speak on the nature of truth. She then argued that there is, however, a place for



a reconciliation between God and science, whereby humans are both responsible for the construction of reality, and also welcomed to assist in that construction. She finally posited that "reality," as a pre-concept, is "not in contradiction to the epistemological approach of the natural sciences."

*Gesine Schwan is a candidate for President in the next German elections.*

## FINAL RESULTS OF THE CPS "BLUE BIRD" PROJECT PRESENTED

The final policy paper of the "Agenda for Civil Society in Southeast Europe (SEE)" project was presented during a workshop held on January 15, 2004 at the *Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik* in Berlin. The paper, entitled "In Search of Responsive Government. State Building and Economic Growth in the Balkans," offers recommendations for policy-makers on major issues such as the integration of the regional economies into the global economy and the future of the nation states in SEE.

The work is the culmination of a three-year research project, nicknamed Blue Bird, that gathered 25 top researchers and academics from several SEE countries. The project was coordinated by the CEU Center for Policy Studies, and also involved the Center for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, the *Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin*, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the Center

for Advanced Studies in Sofia, among others. The project organized ten workshops and international conferences and published works of interest to policy-makers throughout its three years of activity. Blue Bird's final policy paper now presented to the public is the collective product of the project.

The research done within the framework of the "Blue Bird Agenda for Civil Society in Southeast Europe" project was sponsored by CEU, the Volkswagen Foundation, the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation, the Matra Program of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations Development Program, the *Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft*, and the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research. For more information about the project and the downloadable version of the policy paper please visit: <http://www.ceu.hu/cps/bluebird>.

### CPS PUBLICATIONS



#### CODES AND LAWS IN THE GENETIC ERA

The beginning of the twenty-first century will be marked in human history for collecting, classifying, and interpreting genetic data, including the human genome. This book addresses the social, ethical, and legal implications of collecting, storing, analyzing, and commercializing genetic information in a multidisciplinary perspective. Prominent biologists, medical

doctors, lawyers, anthropologists, philosophers, sociologists, and theologians from different countries provide their views on the complex biological and social impacts of the imminent proliferation of genetic information. The authors explore the various uses and applications of genetic information in the biomedical sciences and in various non-medical domains, and discuss the current dilemmas of making laws in the field of genetics.

Judit Sándor, editor. *Society and Genetic Information: Codes and Laws in the Genetic Era* (Budapest/New York: CPS Books, CEU Press, 2003)



#### NATIONALISM AFTER COMMUNISM

What if a policymaker charged with crafting a peace arrangement in an ethnic conflict situation would ask an academic what practical wisdom can theory of ethnic conflict and nationalism offer in support? Can a bridge be thrown between the world of academia, suffocated with political correctness and driven by the empty intellectual ambition of system-paradigms, and the world of those who have to craft policies of interethnic peace and cooperation with little knowledge of theory,

scarce time to order proper research, and limited resources of money to invest? This book tries to analyze in this context what the postcommunist experience of ethnic revival and conflict has in common with other nationalisms and nation-related conflicts of our world, and what, if anything, is special about it; what the best practices are of managing different ethnic conflicts within a state or in neighboring states; and what institutions work and under what circumstances?

Alina Mungiu-Pippidi and Ivan Krastev, editors. *Nationalism after Communism: Lessons Learned* (Budapest/New York: CPS Books, CEU Press, 2004)



#### STATE BUILDING AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE BALKANS

Why is economic growth not generating support for market capitalism and why is state weakness reproduced in the Balkans? These two questions are at the center of this policy document, which challenges two assumptions at the heart of the present policy paradigm. It shows that economic growth

is not sufficient to create a social base for a market society and that state building in the Balkans can not and should not be simply reduced to an EU-guided reform of public administrations. State building should be viewed primarily as a constituency building. The document is the collective product of the "Agenda for Civil Society in Southeast Europe" project, nicknamed Blue Bird [See article, top of this page.], and it aims to serve as a vision paper for development of the region, addressing both governments and publics and trying to offer coherent policy strategies.

Policy Studies Series 2003/Ivan Krastev, editor. *In Search of Responsive Government. State Building and Economic Growth in the Balkans* (Budapest: Center for Policy Studies, 2003)

## OSA EXHIBIT ON "SEPARATION BARRIER" BETWEEN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Open Society Archives (OSA) is organizing an exhibition on the complex defense system that is being built in Israel, commonly referred to as the separation wall or barrier or fence, which will focus on all possible social, legal and human rights aspects of its construction. Using original documents, publications, maps, photos, satellite imagery and videos offered by human rights NGOs, photographers, filmmakers, concerned individuals,



and—hopefully—governments, OSA will attempt to objectively present each side of those involved: both Israelis and Palestinians, including opponents and proponents of the barrier. The exhibition will run from June 12 to July 31, 2004.

*Photo: PENGON/Anti-Apartheid Wall Campaign  
Playing in the Wall's Shadow - Qaqiliya District, April 2003*

## RECENT EXHIBITIONS



*János Kis and Gábor Follinus*

Two art exhibitions have recently been displayed in the CEU exhibition hall. The first was a collection of prints and paintings, entitled "At the Door," by the Hungarian artist Gábor Follinus. It was opened on February 13 with remarks given by Hungarian actor and theater director András Bálint. Follinus used Chinese ink and paper on wooden panels to help create images meant to serve as a pictorial rumination on transience and eternity. The second exhibition, a col-

lection of paintings entitled "For (Yet) Another Middle Ages" by CEU student Ana-Maria Gruia (Department of Medieval Studies) opened on March 11. The artist used images and texts that for her best express the spirit of the Middle Ages, in a statement favoring imagination and creativity over the scientific method.



*Ana-Maria Gruia*

## MORE NEWS

### CEU OPEN SOCIETY PRIZE

*On January 21 in Washington, DC, US Congressman Tom Lantos received CEU's Open Society Prize. Vice President for External Relations Ildiko Moran was joined by CEU's NY-based liaison Nóra Fehér, as she handed over the prize on behalf of the university in a brief ceremony. Also present was the Ambassador of Hungary to the United States, András Simonyi.*



### J NOS KIS Festschrift

*On September 18, 2003, at a dinner held by CEU President and Rector Yehuda Elkana, and on behalf of the CEU community, a Festschrift was presented to János Kis celebrating the occasion of his 60th birthday.*

## CEU COMMUNITY NEWS

### SKATING IN THE PARK

*On February 13, the skating rink in Budapest's City Park was reserved for the CEU and OSI communities, including students, faculty, administrators, and invited guests. The event attracted an attendance of some 250 participants, several of whom received prizes of paprika wreaths from the organizers. An enjoyable time was had during the snowy and festive evening.*



### BLOOD DRIVE

*The sixth annual CEU Blood Drive was a success with a total of 95 people donating. In years past, several hundred people have generously given blood at these CEU blood drives.*