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## CEU RECEIVES TWO NEW FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

CEU is the recipient of two new major faculty development projects which are fully funded by OSI's Higher Education Support Program (HESP), as announced by Special and Extension Programs (SEP). The "CEU-HESP Comparative History Project" will be run jointly by CEU's Pasts Inc., and the Special Projects Office (SPO) of SEP. It will aim to develop comparative history as a stream within a set of target departments of history in universities in Central and Eastern Europe, with CEU acting as the core and the coordinator of the group. The project will place the teaching and research of comparative history firmly on the agenda and into the curriculum utilizing SEP's considerable expertise and resources in the area.

The second faculty development project is a "Cross-Border PhD Consortium in Political Science," which will be run jointly by CEU's Department of Political Science and SPO. The consortium will work together to provide joint coursework, research methodology, supervision and examination of degrees and while doing so prepare for sustainable, independent, innovative doctoral programs in each of the consortium locations, with the aim of enhancing the quality of PhD programs in Central and Eastern Europe. Both projects involve over 15 partner

institutions and departments in Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, Croatia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Russia.

### Additional Funding for the Roma Access Course (RAP)

RAP has just entered its third year, with 11 students from five countries arriving at CEU in mid-March for a Master's-level preparatory 10-month training course. The aim is to "kick-start" the emergence of Roma leadership with the intellectual and practical skills necessary in this time of social need. Most importantly, the program's organizers hope—and have already succeeded—in helping program graduates enter relevant post-graduate programs on an equal competitive basis with other applicants. SPO, which is managing RAP, was able to obtain additional funding from three different donors: Peter Felcsuti, Managing Director of Raiffeisen Hungary, Csaba Barta, a prominent investment banker, and Sigrid Rausing, through the Sigrid Rausing Trust. The Special Projects Office thanks Michael Stewart, Professor at UCL, for his help in obtaining these additional funds, and welcomes the new students into the CEU community.

## "EGYETEMI TANÁR" APPOINTMENTS

Upon the recommendation of CEU President and Rector Yehuda Elkana, the President of the Hungarian Republic appointed eight faculty as Hungarian "egyetemi tanár" for a four-year period starting from January 1, 2006. The official document was awarded on March 22 by Elkana to the following: Leif Danziger, John Earle, Ferenc Huoranszki, Jacek Kochanowicz, Gheorghe Morosanu, Ugo Pagano, and Susan Zimmermann. Istvan Toth was also awarded the title Hungarian "egyetemi tanár" posthumously, accepted by Andrea Peto.



*Peto, Huoranszki, Zimmermann, Danziger, Morosanu*

## APPOINTMENTS



**Gabor Gyani** has been appointed part-time Professor in the Department of History, effective January 1, 2006.



**Gyorgy Szonyi** has been appointed part-time Professor in the Department of History, effective January 1, 2006.



**Lajos Racz** has been appointed part-time Professor in the Department of History, effective January 1, 2006.

## CEU RECEIVES ERASMUS UNIVERSITY CHARTER

Central European University has recently received the Erasmus University Charter (EUC), making it eligible to participate in Socrates/Erasmus mobility activities, a Higher Education Program of the European Commission. The program offers study abroad opportunities for students—exchanges last between three months and one academic year depending on the subject.

In addition to participation in student exchanges, receiving the EUC means that CEU is eligible to receive funding for the joint preparation of courses, for intensive courses

(i.e., as part of summer university programs), and for the establishment of thematic networks with other universities.

The Higher Education Program seeks to enhance the quality and reinforce the European dimension of higher education by encouraging transnational cooperation between universities, boosting European mobility and improving the transparency and full academic recognition of studies and qualifications throughout the EU. Currently 2200 higher education institutions in 31 countries are participating in Erasmus.

## PRIZE RECIPIENTS

Recent awards and distinctions received by members of the CEU community include:

### February

**Yehuda Elkana**, President and Rector of CEU received the state badge of honor.

### March

**Grand Cross Order of Merit of The Republic of Hungary (civil division):**

**Gyorgy Kurtag** (CEU University Professor), Composer; two-time recipient of the Kossuth Prize

### Jozsef Attila Prize:

**Endre Bojtar** (former board member of CEU Budapest Foundation), Literary Historian at the MTA Institute of Literary Scholarship; Baltics expert; Translator; Critic; Editor of the periodical "2000"

### Knight's Cross Order of Merit of The Republic of Hungary:

**Laszlo Bruszt** (former Professor, Department of Political Science, CEU), Sociologist; member of the MTA Institute of Sociology

**Peter Inkei** (Executive Manager of CEU Press), Cultural Manager; Head of the Budapest Cultural Observatory

**Andras Kovacs** (Professor, Department of History/Nationalism Studies Program, Director of Jewish Studies Project)

**Boldizsar Nagy** (Visiting Faculty, Department of International Relations and European Studies/Department of Legal Studies)

### Officer's Cross Order of Merit of The Republic of Hungary (civil division):

**Istvan Teplan** (CEU Senior-Vice-President), Executive Vice-President, member of the CEU establishing group

### Scheiber Sandor Prize:

**Viktor Karady** (Recurrent Visiting Professor, Department of History)

### Szechenyi Prize:

**Gyorgy Litvan** (former board member of CEU Budapest Foundation), Historian; Doctor of History, a Professor Emeritus of the Sociology Institute of ELTE

**Ivan Szelenyi** (CEU Distinguished Research Professor), Sociologist; Academician; Department Head, Yale University

## TWO NEW ONLINE RESOURCES

Two new online resources are in the implementation stage. The first, the Blue Book of Experts, a web-accessed database to be launched this spring, initially plans to contain some 30-40 faculty members to serve as university "experts" in their chosen field of study. The website would primarily be geared toward members of the media, but in principle will also be of great use for individuals from many sectors looking for insight from CEU's experts.

The second development concerns the future placement of all CEU theses and dissertations online (the project is known as Electronic Theses and Dissertations, or ETD). Beginning with the 2006/2007 Academic Year intake, students will have to submit their final work in .pdf format, in addition to the print format currently required. The resulting ETDs will be made available on the Library website.

## BEYOND HOMOGENEITY CONFERENCE DISCUSSES AN EXPANDING EUROPEAN UNION

On February 9, Olli Rehn, European Commissioner for Enlargement delivered the keynote address of the "Beyond Homogeneity" conference, presented by the CEU Center for EU Enlargement Studies (CENS). Peter Balazs, CENS Director/Professor, introduced the Commissioner.

The conference brought together a balanced ratio of EU policy-makers, government officials, representatives of think tanks, and academia from both Member States and candidate countries. Among others, participants included members of the European Parliament: Elmar Brok (Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs), Gyorgy Schopflin, and Istvan Szent-Ivanyi, Meglena Kuneva (Bulgarian Minister of European Affairs), Neven Mimica

(Chairman, Parliamentary Committee for European Integration, Croatia), Erhard Busek (Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe), and Irena Mladenova (Economic Policy Institute, Sofia).

In his speech, Olli Rehn endorsed Turkish membership into the EU although he emphasized that the road ahead preceding full membership is a long one. Regarding the accession of Romania and Bulgaria, he underlined that the date of accession is still open—whether a delay occurs depends on the performance of the two countries. He concluded that enlargement, and the deepening of integration, must be carried out in parallel. After his speech the Commissioner stayed on to answer some questions from the audience, which included members of the diplomatic and press corps, students, and faculty.

## MAREK BELKA SPEAKS ON FISCAL REFORM IN POLAND

On February 17, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and former Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Poland, Marek Belka, gave a candid and lively lecture on fiscal reform in Poland. Before his lecture, presented jointly by the Department of Economics/Public Policy Program, CEU COO and Professor, Department of Economics/Public Policy Program, Lajos Bokros provided some context by giving a brief overview of the fiscal situation in some of the neighbouring countries.

Belka's primary theme was that major fiscal reforms in the areas of tax, pensions, deficit and debt that were the hallmark of EU five to ten years ago, have slowed down. When problems have arisen, such as fiscal deficits far exceeding the 3% allowed by the EU Stability

Pact, local political leaders have concentrated more on re-election and coalition-building and seem to fear few consequences from either their voters or the EU. On the other hand, more incremental and smaller scale reforms seem to be going ahead full force, such as health care reform and improvements in local government management and financing in Poland. These will continue to serve as practical policy lessons for countries of the region still outside the EU.

The lecture was followed by a provoking question and answer period with the audience, which consisted of students, faculty, and members of the press and diplomatic corps.

Belka came to CEU on the personal invitation of Lajos Bokros.

## APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION FOR TIM RIX

Central European University would like to recognize and thank Tim Rix for his valuable assistance as a member of the Advisory Board of the Central European University Press, a position he had held for several years and from which he retired in 2005.

Tim Rix has had a distinguished career in publishing; he was Chairman and Chief Executive of the Longman Group from 1976 until he retired in 1990. He has been President of the Publishers' Association, Chairman of Book Trust, a director of B.H. Blackwell Ltd and a member of the Finance Committee of Oxford University Press, as well as a member of the boards of the British Council and the British

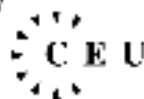


Library. Currently he is Chairman of Edinburgh University Press and of Book Aid International, a Trustee of Yale University Press, London and a director of Jessica Kingsley Publishers Ltd and Frances Lincoln Publishers Ltd. He also chairs the Advisory Board for the Center for Publishing Studies at Stirling University.

The fact that the CEU Press within a few years after its foundation gained wide renown in the community and market of university presses must be attributed to a great extent to Tim Rix, who generously shared with the Press the enormous experience he accumulated in academic publishing.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ICRC

On March 14, Laszlo Matyas, Provost/Pro-Rector of CEU and Patrick Zahnd, Head of Delegation at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC; Regional Delegation for Central Europe) officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding, indicating the intent of the two institutions to work together more closely in the future. Also in attendance were Stefan Messman, Head, Department of Legal Studies and Karoly Bard, Chair, Human Rights Program, Department of Legal Studies. The Memorandum of Understanding incorpo-



rates the development of courses on International Humanitarian Law: to promote, teach and implement research in this field.

The ICRC is a neutral and independent organization that protects the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence in more than 80 countries around the world. It endeavors to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles.

## REPRESENTATIVE FROM HUNGARIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SPEAKS ABOUT BOLOGNA PROCESS

On December 15, Gabor Meszaros (Head, National Academic Recognition and Information Center, Hungarian Ministry of Education) gave an informative lecture on "The Bologna Process and the Changes in the European Higher Education System" and afterward took questions on the subject. He began by briefly summarizing the history of the Bologna agreement and the efforts to establish a European Higher Education Area, and followed that with a description of the Hungarian system, detailing its strengths and weaknesses. Meszaros continued by outlining the differences between "Central European University" and "Közep-európai Egyetem," the former a legal US institution,



with no European accreditation, and the latter a foundation, which is a recognized Hungarian (thus European) private university.

An important aspect of the presentation was the question and answer period that followed the talk, where CEU faculty and staff were able to ask specific questions about the standing of their programs in the context of the current educational reform at the Hungarian (European) level.

Meszaros was invited by CEU Senior Vice-President, Istvan Teplan, who also introduced the speaker and the topic.

## TWO CEU ALUMNAE IN THE NEWS

**Monica Macovei** LEGS '93  
*Minister of Justice, Romania*

Monica Macovei was appointed Romania's Minister of Justice in 2005 and has since that time received international recognition for her groundbreaking initiatives. According to an article in the *Economist* (February 4, 2006) the "impressive non-party justice minister" has pushed through changes in the justice system including "random" allocation of cases, so that well-connected defendants can no longer rely on finding a friendly judge or prosecutor. Next she wants computerized courtrooms, quicker trials and better bailiffs. Furthermore, says the *Economist*, she is one of two figures symbolizing the new mood in Romania, "facing down tycoons and politicians used to a minister who takes orders rather than gives them" (the other figure is Traian Basescu, former mayor of Bucharest, who is now addressing the problem of 16 years of missed reforms).



**Livia Jaroka** SOCI '93  
*Member, European Parliament, Hungary; Member, The Forum of Young Global Leaders*

Livia Jaroka has been selected to be a member of Young Global Leaders, according to an announcement made by The Forum of Young Global Leaders. She was among the 175 young leaders from 50 countries chosen this January. The Forum is a

newly formed, unique, multi-stakeholder community of 1111 exceptional young leaders who share a commitment to shaping the global future, bringing together young leaders who are currently internationally prominent and those who are destined for future greatness.

Read these articles in their entirety on the CEU News and Events website at: [http://www.ceu.hu/news\\_events.jsp](http://www.ceu.hu/news_events.jsp).

## OPEN SOCIETY ARCHIVES AT CEU NEWS

### **Galeria Centralis**

Since moving to its new premises Open Society Archives at CEU (OSA) opened its first exhibition in *Galeria Centralis*. The exhibition, entitled "The Holocaust against the Sinti and Roma and Present-day Racism in Europe," opened on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27, and was organized by the Documentation and Cultural Center of German Sinti and Roma (Heidelberg), and the Holocaust Documentation Center and Memorial Collectiona Public Foundation (Budapest). This traveling exhibition seeks to confront visitors with a horrible chapter of the World War II that has received very little public attention: the attempt by the Nazis to deport and eliminate the Roma people. The exhibition ran at *Galeria Centralis* until March 12.

### **Upcoming Exhibition: Atom**

OSA's upcoming exhibition, entitled "Atom," will open on the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe, on April 26. The exhibition focuses retrospectively on the history of nuclear

research and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, primarily in the USSR and the other former communist countries. This topic was one of the most crucial, and painfully sensitive, issues of the past century and the Cold War period.

### **OSA Launches a New Association**

In the fall of 2005, after nearly a year of discussion, planning and work by various individuals and institutions worldwide, the launch of a new association called International Samizdat [Research] Association (ISRA) was announced at its inaugural meeting at OSA. The association is an informal network of archives, museums, research centers and other institutions and individuals from all around world, who preserve, research, teach or study the *samizdat* phenomenon. The ISRA concept was originated in 2004 by OSA, and the Memorial Foundation. Today its membership is open to institutions and individuals who are actively engaged in *samizdat*-related activities, and who are willing to collaborate in archival, research, publishing and educational projects. For more information visit the website of ISRA: <http://www.samizdatportal.org>.

## RECENT PUBLIC ACADEMIC EVENTS

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.

### LECTURES

Department of International Relations and European Studies  
**"The Central Banking Revolution: Transnational Networks and Post-communist Transformation"**  
 Juliet Johnson (McGill University, Canada)  
 January 16, 2006

Department of History  
**"Heroes and Scapegoats in Modern Hungary"**  
 Attila Pok (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)  
 January 18, 2006

Department of International Relations and European Studies  
**"The Consequences of Outsourcing and Privatizing the Provision of Security: Discussed Through the Case of Iraq"**  
 Anna Leander (Copenhagen Business School/University of Southern Denmark)  
 January 19, 2006

Department of International Relations and European Studies  
**"UN Reform: An Impossible Mission?"**  
 Yves Beigbeder (Academic Council on the United Nations System, US)  
 January 19, 2006

Humanities Center, US Embassy in Budapest  
*Distinguished Speakers Series*  
**"Outlook for Peace in the Middle East"**  
 Tom Lantos (US Congressman)  
 January 20, 2006

Center for EU Enlargement Studies  
**"EU Cohesion Policy—The Hungarian Experience"**  
 Peter Heil (Office of the National Development Plan and EU Support, Hungary)  
 January 20, 2006

Humanities Center  
**"Loving an Author, Loving a Text: Restoring Love to the Humanities"**  
 Catharine R. Stimpson (New York University, US)  
 January 23, 2006

Department of International Relations and European Studies, EU CPS Anti-Americanism Program  
**"Taming American Power; The Global Response to US Primacy"**  
 Stephen M. Walt (Harvard University, US)  
 January 23, 2006

Jewish Studies Project  
**"The Question of Identity in the Novels and Essays of Imre Kertész"**  
 Ivan Sanders (Columbia University/Suffolk College, SUNY, US)  
 January 24, 2006

Humanities Center  
**"Diversity: Managing the Open Corporation"**  
 Carsten Herrmann-Pillath (Witten/Herdecke University/Sino-German School of Governance, Germany)  
 January 25, 2006

Center for Hellenic Traditions  
**"Hellenistic Nubia"**  
 Laszlo Torok (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)  
 January 25, 2006

Department of Gender Studies  
**"Gender and Knowledge at the Semi-periphery"**  
 Marina Blagojevic (Institute for Criminological and Sociological Research, Serbia and Montenegro)  
 January 25, 2006

Department of History  
**"Hungary and the Cold War, 1945-1991"**  
 Csaba Bekes (1956 Revolution Research Institute, Hungary)  
 February 1, 2006

Department of History  
**"Social Order and the Jesuits of Kolozsvár, 1693-1773"**  
 Paul Shore (Saint Louis University, US)  
 February 8, 2006

Department of Gender Studies  
**"Ethnic Panic: Responses to the Muslim Headscarf/Hijab in Britain and France"**  
 Claudia Koonz (Duke University, US)  
 February 10, 2006

Department of Medieval Studies  
**"Dialectics of Medicine and Law in Late-Medieval England: Hemorrhoids and Equity"**  
 DeLloyd Guth (University of Manitoba, Canada)  
 February 14, 2006

Department of History  
**"Fingerprint Identification and European Police in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries"**  
 Peter Becker (Johannes Kepler University, Austria)  
 February 14, 2006

Jewish Studies Project  
**"The Myth of the Jewish-Bolshevik Conspiracy: Its Origins, Bases and Consequences"**  
 Zvi Gitelman (University of Michigan, US)  
 February 14, 2006

Nationalism Studies Program  
**"Career Conversions: Hungarians, Poles and Others: 'Turning Turk' in the Nineteenth Century"**  
 Selim Deringil (Bosphorous University, Turkey/CEU)  
 February 15, 2006

Department of International Relations and European Studies  
**"Islam and Democracy: A Discussion on the Compatibility of Islam and Democracy"**  
 Omer Caha (Fatih University, Turkey)  
 February 16, 2006

Department of International Relations and European Studies  
**"America or Europe? Turkey's Inescapable Dilemma"**  
 Gokhan Bacik (Fatih University, Turkey)  
 February 16, 2006

Department of Political Science  
**"Stealth Seeds: Bioproperty, Biosafety, Biopolitics"**  
 Ronald Herring (Cornell University, US)  
 February 16, 2006

Center for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine  
**"Bioethics and Law Around the World I: Scandinavia"**  
 Mette Hartlev (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)  
 Teresa Kulawik (University College of South Stockholm, Sweden)  
 Knut Ruyter (National Committee for Medical Research Ethics/University of Oslo, Norway)  
 February 17, 2006

Department of Economics, Public Policy Program  
**"Reform Enthusiasm or Reform Fatigue? The Cyclical Nature of Reform Orientation in Poland"**  
 Marek Belka (Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe/former Prime Minister of Poland)  
 February 17, 2006

Center for Human Rights, US Embassy in Budapest, Summer University  
**"Moving Beyond 'Separate and Unequal,' Striving Toward Educational Equity: Lessons from the History of Desegregation in the United States"**  
 Deborah L. Michaels (University of Michigan, US)  
 February 21, 2006

Religious Studies Program  
**"White Letters in the Bible: The Spaces Between the Black Letters, from Medieval Kabbalah to Mallarmé and Derrida"**  
 Moshe Idel (Hebrew University, Israel)  
 February 21, 2006

Department of History  
**"Hungarian Social History after 1945"**  
 Jozsef O. Kovacs (University of Miskolc, Hungary)  
 February 22, 2006

Nationalism Studies Program  
**"Citizenship in the European Union"**  
 Rainer Baubock (Austrian Academy of Sciences/University of Vienna/University of Innsbruck, Austria)  
 February 22, 2006

Center for Hellenic Traditions  
**"The Protevangelium Jacobi. Theological Identity and Polemics in the Second Century"**  
 Gyorgy Gereby (CEU)  
 February 22, 2006

Jewish Studies Project  
**"Power Without Land: Jews and the Military in Modern Europe"**  
 Derek Penslar (University of Toronto, Canada)  
 February 23, 2006

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Humanities Center  
"Architecture, Politics, and Metaphors"  
Joseph Rykwert (University of Pennsylvania, US)  
February 24, 2006

Department of Philosophy  
"Public Reason and Animal Rights"  
Elvio Baccarini (University of Rijeka, Croatia)  
February 27, 2006

Humanities Center  
"Einstein and Oppenheimer:  
Intersections"  
Silvan S. Schweber (Brandeis University, US)  
February 27, 2006

Department of Sociology and Social  
Anthropology  
"Crypto-colonial Consequences: The  
Construction of Historical Necessity in  
Bangkok, Thailand"  
Michael Herzfeld (Harvard University, US)  
February 27, 2006

Department of Philosophy  
"Evidentialism and Trust"  
Snjezana Prijic-Samarzija (University of Rijeka,  
Croatia)  
February 28, 2006

Department of International Relations and  
European Studies  
"Why You Can't Trust a Constructivist:  
Constructivist Treatment of Material  
Structures in International Relations"  
George Welton (Center for Social Sciences in  
Tbilisi, Georgia)  
February 28, 2006

Department of Sociology and Social  
Anthropology, Humanities Center  
"Visualizing Race in the Eighteenth  
Century"  
Snait Gissis (Cohn Institute/Tel Aviv University,  
Israel)  
February 28, 2006

Department of Sociology and Social  
Anthropology, Humanities Center  
"Interactions between Social and  
Biological Thinking: The Case of  
Lamarck"  
Snait Gissis (Cohn Institute/Tel Aviv University,  
Israel)  
March 1, 2006

Department of Sociology and Social  
Anthropology, Humanities Center  
"Race: A Prodigal Concept?"  
Snait Gissis (Cohn Institute/Tel Aviv University,  
Israel)  
March 2, 2006

United Nations Information Service Vienna,  
Hungarian Europe Society  
"Nuclear Non-proliferation and  
Disarmament: Dream or Reality?"  
Tibor Toth (Preparatory Commission for the  
Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty  
Organization, Austria)  
Erzsebet N. Rozsa (Teleki Laszlo Institute,  
Hungary)  
Tamas Lattman (Zrinyi Miklos University of  
National Defense/ELTE, Hungary)  
March 6, 2006

Jewish Studies Project  
"Hungarian-Jewish Responses to  
Persecution During the Holocaust"  
Gabor Kadar (ELTE, Hungary)  
March 7, 2006

Department of History  
"Trends in Social Transformation of the  
Hungarian Intelligentsia Prior to World  
War I"  
Janos Mazsu (University of Debrecen,  
Hungary)  
March 8, 2006

Center for Hellenic Traditions  
"The Magic City: Architectural  
Descriptions of Constantinople"  
Paolo Odorico (*Centre d'Etudes Byzantines,  
Neo-Helleniques et Sud-Est Europeennes,  
EHES, France*)  
March 9, 2006

Jewish Studies Program, Open Society  
Archives at CEU  
"Mengele and the Seven Dwarfs"  
Eilat Negev (senior literary correspondent for  
the *Israeli Daily*)  
Yehuda Koren (freelance journalist)  
March 10, 2006

Department of International Relations and  
European Studies, Department of History  
"The Rise and Fall of the Bush Doctrine  
of Preemption and Unilateral Action"  
David Holloway (Stanford University, US)  
March 14, 2006

Jewish Studies Project  
"Four Paths to Emancipation for Jewish  
Women in Modern Europe (Zionism,  
Communism, the Bund, Assimilation)"  
Deborah Hertz (University of California, San  
Diego, US)  
March 14, 2006

Department of Philosophy  
"Anselm's Metaphysical 'Ontological'  
Argument"  
David Smith (University of Sussex, UK)  
March 16, 2006

Humanities Center, Center for Ethics and Law  
in Biomedicine  
"Trusts in the Family: Property, Law and  
Reproduction in the Arab Southeast Asian  
Diaspora since 1880"  
Michael Gilson (New York University, US)  
March 20, 2006

Department of History  
"Europeanness: Connecting East and  
West"  
Pia Brinzeu (University of Timisoara, Romania)  
March 21, 2006

Department of Mathematics and its  
Applications  
"Certain Aspects Concerning  
Subsemigroups of Lie Groups"  
Brigitte Breckner (Babes-Bolyai University,  
Romania)  
March 21, 2006

Open Society Archives at CEU, Department  
of History, Department of Gender Studies,  
Pasts, Inc.  
"Cold-War Politics of the Kitchen.  
Comparative Perspectives on European  
Consumer Society in the Twentieth  
Century"  
Ruth Oldenziel (Technical University  
Eindhoven/University of Amsterdam,  
Netherlands)  
Karin Zachmann (Technical University  
Munich/Deutsches Museum, Germany)  
March 22, 2006

Department of History  
"Hungary in the Twentieth Century: The  
Dilemmas of Writing a Synthesis"  
Ignac Romsics (ELTE, Hungary)  
March 22, 2006

Department of International Relations and  
European Studies  
"Globalization and National Economic  
Interest"  
Katalin Ferber (Waseda University, Japan)  
March 22, 2006

Department of Philosophy  
"Phenomenal Intentionality"  
Istvan Aranyosi (Center for Consciousness,  
Australia/CEU)  
March 22, 2006

## SEMINAR SERIES

Department of Economics, Hungarian National  
Bank  
"Optimal and Simple Monetary Policy  
Rules with Zero Floor on the Nominal  
Interest Rate"  
Anton Nakov (*Universitat Pompeu Fabra*, Spain)  
January 19, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
"Inter-firm Worker Mobility,  
Displacement and Foreign Direct  
Investment Spillovers"  
Pedro Martins (University of London, UK)  
January 20, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
"Executive Performance under Direct and  
Hierarchical Accountability Structures:  
Theory and Evidence"  
Razvan Vlaicu (Northwestern University, US)  
January 25, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
"Can Miracles Lead to Crises? An  
Informational Frictions Explanation of  
Emerging Markets Crises"  
Emine Boz (University of Maryland, US)  
January 26, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
"The Impact of State Aid for  
Restructuring on the Allocation of  
Resources"  
Helena Schweiger (University of Maryland,  
US)  
January 27, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series  
"Public Educational Subsidies and  
Migratory Flows: Theory and Evidence"  
Biagio Speciale (ECARES, *Universite Libre de  
Bruxelles*, Belgium)  
February 1, 2006

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### CEU MBA Program offered in Bucharest, Romania

CEU Business School launched its Weekend MBA program in Bucharest, in January, with an enrollment of 16 students. The average student age is 30 and all are working professionals from companies such as RomTelecom, Oracle and the Hayes Group, to name just several. Romania has traditionally been a good market for the Business School and it is a natural progression within the Business School's strategic policy of expanding east of the European Union. Preparations are already underway to launch the 11-month MS in IT Management Program this September, also in Bucharest.

### CEU Media Program Expands

The popular Media certificate program that began in February of 2005, has now added two new specializations to the

series: Advertising and Creativity and Electronic Media Sales Management. The courses were developed based on the needs of the marketplace and in response to the demand from those who had completed the general program. Both courses begin in early March and are three months in duration.

### New Professors

Two new full-time professors have just come on board: Roderick Martin and Jan Nowak. Martin comes to the Business School from the UK, where he has been Director of two Business Schools during his career. He has considerable knowledge and experience in this region, and several of his 12 published books focus on transforming economies. Nowak is a Polish-Canadian, who prior to taking this post was MBA Director at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. He will be teaching International Marketing.

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Budapest Economic Seminar Series

#### **"The Competitiveness of Mobile Telephony Across the European Union"**

Lukasz Grzybowski (University of Munich, Germany)  
February 6, 2006

Pasts Inc., Religious Studies Program

#### **"Sacred Lands and Chosen Peoples. Religious Roots of Nationalisms in Europe?—Discussion on A. Smith's Book *Chosen Peoples*"**

February 6, 2006

Department of History

#### **"The Lure of the Occult: The Hermetic and Esoteric Traditions in Early Modern Intellectual History"**

Gyorgy E. Szonyi (CEU/University of Szeged, Hungary)  
February 7, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series

#### **"Credit Market and Macroeconomic Volatility"**

Caterina Mendicino (Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden)  
February 8, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series

#### **"Tax Overpayments, Tax Evasion, and Book-tax Differences"**

Johannes Gutenberg (University Mainz, Germany)  
February 10, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series

#### **"Short-run Variations in Households' Financial Market Expectations"**

Joachim Winter (University of Munich, Germany)  
February 17, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series

#### **"Endogenous Political Party Platforms"**

Francisco Marhuenda (*Universidad Carlos III de Madrid*, Spain)  
March 3, 2006

History Department Faculty Seminar

#### **"Interchange and Entanglement in Variable Spaces: Towards a Conception of European History"**

Arnd Bauerkemper (*Freie Universitat*, Berlin, Germany)  
March 7, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series

#### **"Children of the Transition: Schooling Outcomes and Age at the Parents' Job Loss"**

Gabor Kezdi (CEU)  
March 10, 2006

Department of History, Religious Studies

#### **"Doctrine, Method and Text: Lessons from the Christian Apocrypha"**

Gyorgy Gereby (ELTE, Hungary/CEU)  
March 16, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series

#### **"Stationary Auctions: The Private Values Case"**

Gabor Virag (University of Rochester, US)  
March 17, 2006

Budapest Economic Seminar Series

#### **"Dissecting FDI"**

Farid Toubal (University of Paris I, France)  
March 21, 2006

### WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy

#### **"White Certificate Trading Systems for Energy Savings in the European Union"**

January 27, 2006

Department of Gender Studies, European Journal of Women's Studies

#### **"Migrating Feminisms"**

January 27, 2006

Center for EU Enlargement Studies

#### **"Beyond Homogeneity"**

February 9, 2006

Center for Arts and Culture, Center for EU Enlargement Studies

#### **"The Heart of the Matter—The Role of the Arts and Cultural Cooperation in the EU Integration of the Balkans"**

February 10, 2006

Department of History

#### **"From the Balkans to Europe: Refocusing Southeastern European Studies"**

February 10-12, 2006

Department of History

#### **"In Memoriam Istvan Gyorgy Toth (1956-2005)"**

March 4, 2006

Department of Medieval Studies

#### **"Religion and State Formation: Medieval Europe in Comparative Perspective"**

March 6-7, 2006

Department of Gender Studies, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

#### **"Refugees in Central Europe and the Gender Aspect"**

March 7, 2006

Center for Media and Communication Studies, Hungarian Communication Studies Association, Students' Media Society

#### **"Who Cares About Television? George Gerbner and the Enduring Legacy of Twentieth Century Communication Research"**

March 9, 2006

Pasts, Inc., Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, State Self-administration of the Ukrainian Minority in Hungary

#### **"Chernobyl, etc.: Coping with Disasters"**

March 16-18, 2006

Department of Gender Studies

#### **"Jewish Intellectual Women in Europe: Gender, Politics and Culture"**

March 17-18, 2006

Department of Philosophy

#### **"First Philosophy Graduate Conference"**

March 18-19, 2006

## SUN ANNOUNCES NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

CEU's Summer University (SUN) has announced its course offerings for the summer of 2006. The program will host 15 courses between June 26 and July 28 targeting advanced PhD students, junior researchers, faculty and professionals as well as postdoctoral fellows from all over the world.

The discipline areas represented in the program will include cultural studies, gender, international relations, legal studies, philosophy, public policy and sociology. The policy courses will focus on corruption, sustainable human development and the Millennium Development Goals, urban strategic planning, energy policy and fiscal decentralization.

Several ongoing and new partnerships providing external support for SUN are the Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative of the Open Society Institute, Tiri: A Pro-Integrity Policy Network, the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, the Hamline University School of Law, Minnesota, the Global Public Service Law Project at the New York University School of Law, the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) of the Columbia Law School, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). SUN has also received an INTAS grant for the second time, to support the participation of junior scholars from NIS countries.

More detailed information about this year's course offerings is available at <http://www.ceu.hu/sun/>.

## CEU LIBRARY MOVES TO UPGRADE CAPACITY

In January, the CEU Library completed the partial move of its collection to the former Open Society Archives at CEU (OSA) premises. The enterprise involved moving approximately 250,000 volumes.

The former library space had only been able to house less than two-thirds of the collection, with the rest stored in the stacks and a dormitory annex, while the new Library has ample space to contain the entire collection, along with the capacity to grow.

Most importantly, however, the Library acquired a new two-floor stack, which will be able to hold approximately 200,000 volumes. The facility also incorporates a new legal library with a capacity of 600 shelf meters, which represents a 100 percent increase over the previous level, and in addition contains 14 new research computers and 22 new reader spaces. The environmental collection has moved to a new location within the Library (the former legal collection) and is equipped with eight new PCs.

## CEU GRADUATION CEREMONY MOVES TO NEW VENUE

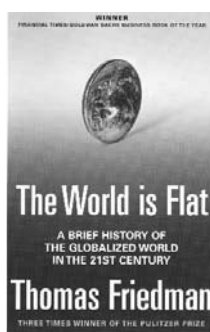
CEU's graduation ceremony, this year held on June 15, is a university-wide event, not only for the graduates, but also for their relatives and friends, their professors, and administrative staff. Annual guests also include Hungarian education and other authorities, members of the diplomatic corps, and leaders of partner institutions and other universities. Together with the CEU Business School there are more than 400 Master's graduates and 30-40 doctoral graduates each year, which has resulted

in the need for a venue of much larger capacity. This year's ceremony will take place in the Budapest Congress and World Trade Center (BCWTC), a venue located on the Buda side, relatively far from the District V teaching site, but with a total of 1,500 seats available for use in the auditorium. Additional areas provide enough space for assembly, catering services, and wardrobe changes. The journey from CEU to the BCWTC takes approximately a half-hour by streetcar or bus.



## THE WORLD IS FLAT?

On May 6, CEU hosts a workshop to discuss Thomas Friedman's theses in his recent book *The World is Flat*. Friedman, the internationally respected *New York Times* columnist and three times Pulitzer Prize winner, will open the workshop with a presentation of the theses. John Gray, University Professor at the London School of Economics, author, among other books, of *False Dawn: The Delusions of Global Capitalism*



will offer a different view on globalization challenging Friedman's theses on the "flat world."

Leading academics from a wide range of perspectives will give their views and thoughts on globalization. Workshop discussants are expected to prepare short arguments on Friedman's theses that will be discussed in two panels.

## HATE SPEECH: CASES AND POLICIES IN CONTEXTS

The CEU Center for Media and Communication Studies (CMCS) is organizing an international conference on "Hate Speech: Cases and Policies in Contexts," on March 31-April 1. The event is convened by CMCS in cooperation with the Cardozo School of Law (New York University), the Annenberg School for Communication (University of Pennsylvania), the Stanhope Center for Communications Policy Research (London); the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE; based in Brussels), the Open Society Justice Initiative (Budapest), and the Hungarian Ministry of Informatics and Telecommunications.

The conference will be predominantly policy-oriented—participating will be academics, official representatives of international organizations, practitioners (writers, broadcasters, etc.) and NGO activists—invited to make suggestions concerning the regulation/non-regulation of hate speech in various contexts, share cases of best practices, and launch ideas for innovative empirical research. The event will benefit from the participation of distinguished speakers such as: Nadine Strossen, President, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Robert Post, Yale Law School; Viktoria Mohacsi, Member of European Parliament; Eli Noam, Columbia Institute for Tele-Information, and Miklos Haraszti, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media.

## IAPSS-CEU IN-HOUSE CONFERENCE

The first in-house student conference of the local chapter of the International Association of Political Science Students (IAPSS-CEU) took place between February 13-17. Such conferences will be organized each semester in order to allow students to present their academic work and to take part in academic debates.

Twenty-six students from eight departments presented papers in the six panels of the conference. The panels were organized on the following themes: Culture and Transforming Societies (moderator: Assistant Professor Alexandra Kowalski); Environmental Policy (moderator: PhD Student Keti Medarova); Gender in Eastern Europe (moderator: Visiting Professor Eva Fodor);

Information Society, Media, and Electronic Communications Policy (moderator: Laura Ranca, CMCS); Political Economy (moderator: Professor Lajos Bokros); and Political Systems and Policy Processes.

IAPSS-CEU's goals are to contribute to the development of a worldwide community of students interested in political science issues and to facilitate the involvement of CEU students in international projects. More information on IAPSS-CEU can be found at <http://www.ceu.hu/iapss> or via email at [iapss\\_ceu@ceu.hu](mailto:iapss_ceu@ceu.hu).

## GLOBAL JUSTICE AND THE BULWARKS OF LOCALISM: HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONTEXT

*Global Justice and the Bulwarks of Localism: Human Rights in Context*

Edited by Christopher L. Eisgruber and Andras Sajó  
(Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2005)

The rise of international human rights during the last half of the twentieth century has transformed traditional notions of sovereignty. No longer is international law concerned almost exclusively with external relations among states and their representatives. Now, it imposes substantial restrictions on the domestic affairs of states and protects ordinary persons against mistreatment by their own government. The change came about in response to the Holocaust and the

century's other great tragedies. Few doubt its value. Nevertheless, power exercised in the name of human rights can be misused or abused. As human rights institutions matured, and as international organizations intervened more vigorously on a global scale, human rights advocates and their critics worried about whether quests to vindicate supposedly universal human rights might sometimes impose western, first-world norms on cultures that did not want them. In this volume, internationally noted scholars collaborate to address issues about human rights and local culture from philosophical, legal, anthropological and sociological perspectives. Their essays focus on topics including self-determination, religion, truth and reconciliation commissions, and sexual mores.

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN 2005 SURPASSES FUNDRAISING GOALS

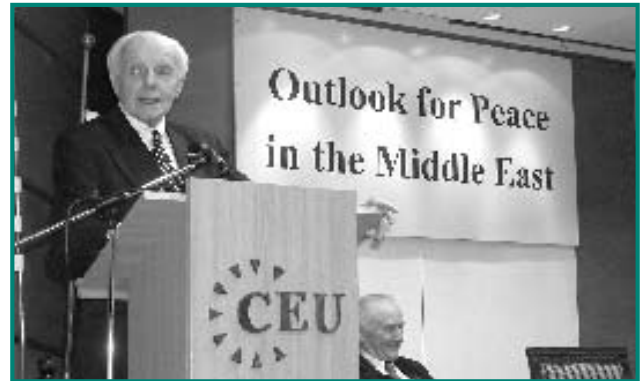
The Alumni Scholarship Campaign 2005 reached its target mark of 15,000 USD within nine months of its outset, in February 2005. The average gift amount has increased (from 47 to 71 USD) and the alumni anniversary classes of 1995 and 2000 have led the campaign. This provides a good basis to hope that the classes of 1991, 1996 and 2001 will be moti-

vated to support the good cause by celebrating their 15th, 10th and 5th anniversaries in a very special way. While increasingly alumni choose to give substantial amounts, the plan for Alumni Scholarship Campaign 2006 is to increase the alumni participation rate and encourage a larger number of graduates to donate small sums.

## THE NEWS IN PICTURES



On January 17, Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament, Katalin Szili (pictured center), visited CEU. President and Rector, Yehuda Elkana (pictured right), greeted Szili upon her arrival, and after an informal chat with him and several members of the university's leadership, she had a guided tour of the main complex, including the library. She then met with a small group of students in order to get an impression of the university from their perspective. The half-hour long, lively discussion with the students was followed by a short visit to a class taught by Lajos Bokros (pictured left), CEU's COO, who is also a professor teaching in Economics and in the Public Policy Program.



On January 20, US Congressman Tom Lantos (pictured left) delivered the second lecture in the CEU/US Embassy Distinguished Speakers Series on the "Outlook for Peace in the Middle East." Lantos was welcomed by CEU COO and Professor, Department of Economics/Public Policy Program, Lajos Bokros, while opening remarks for the lecture, presented by the CEU Humanities Center and the US Embassy, were given by George H. Walker (pictured right), US Ambassador to Hungary. Alexander Astrov, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and European Studies, chaired the question and answer period which followed the lecture.



*Caglar, Steur, Silian, Baubock*

On February 24, CEU presented an open plenary, "The Social Life of Minority Rights," as part of the 7th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights Series. The panel was chaired by Professor Ayse Caglar, head of the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, who introduced the two presenters, CEU PhD candidates Luisa Steur and Alina Silian, and the discussant, Professor Rainer Baubock, political scientist and senior researcher at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for European Integration Research.



On February 26, four students from the CEU Legal Studies Department affronted four students from ELTE in the oral rounds of the national finale of the JESSUP International Law Moot Competition. The CEU team won the oral rounds in front of a Bench composed of Professors Boldizsar Nagy and Tamas Lattmann, and Dianne Post, Legal Director of the European Roma Rights Center.