



Uncertain Times: The Future of Trans-Atlantic Relations from the Perspective of NGOs and Think Tanks in Central Europe and Hungary

Online international conference

Monday, 27 September 2021

The Hungarian Europe Society has provided a platform for political analysts, policy experts, intellectuals, civil society activists and citizens from the Central European region, the European Union and the United States of America in order to analyse new global trends and seek solutions to current political, cultural and economic dilemmas. At our forthcoming event we intend to discuss with our guests the growing challenges of great power politics and their security implications, inequality in all its forms and the need of economic recovery, climate change as well as the pressure of anti-liberal, populist forces in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. This conference is also a closing event of our webinar series held in 2020-21 under the same title.

Program (CET)

10.30-10.45

Welcome address

István Hegedűs (Chairman, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest)

10.45-12.15

I. Morning session: The future of the international order (first part)

Veronica Anghel (Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies; Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute, Florence): The Future of the Trans-Atlantic Relations

Roland Freudenstein (Policy Director, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels; from 1 October 2021: Vice President of GLOBSEC and Head of GLOBSEC Brussels): Trans-Atlantic Relations, Values and Great Power Politics in Central Europe

Thibault Muzergues (Author of the forthcoming book “War in Europe?”): The Future of the International Order, and Europe’s Place in It

Moderator: **István Hegedűs** (Chairman, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest)



12.15-13.30 Online lunch break

13.30-14.45

II. Afternoon session: The Future of the International Order (second part)

Julie Smith - Baroness Smith of Newnham (Fellow in Politics and Graduate Tutor at Robinson College, Cambridge, Member of the House of Lords, London): Global Europe, Global Britain

Oana Popescu-Zamfir (Director, GlobalFocus Center, Bucharest, Europe's Futures Fellow, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna): Global Order and Geopolitics

Jacek Kucharczyk (President of the Executive Board, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw): The Future of Central Europe Inside the European Union and Globally

Moderator: **István Hegedűs** (Chairman, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest)

III. Presentations

14.45-15.15 **Benjamin de Cleen**: (Associate Professor at the Department of Communication Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel): When Populism Meets Nationalism: Understanding the Limited and Specific Role of Populism

15.15-15.45 **Petra Bárd** (Visiting Professor, Researcher, Central European University, Research Affiliate, CEU Democracy Institute, Budapest/Frankfurt am Main): The Future of the Rule of Law and Its Current Challenges in Hungary

Moderator: **Erik Uszkiewicz** (Vice-chairperson, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest)

Short Break



16.00-16.30 **Louisa Slavkova** (Co-founder & Managing Partner, The CIVICS Innovation Hub, Sofia): The Future of the European Union and the Participation of Citizens

16.30-17.00 **Zsolt Darvas** (Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels, Senior Research Fellow, Corvinus University of Budapest): The Future of Sustainable Economic Development

17.00-17.30 **Daniel C. Hallin** (Distinguished Professor, Department of Communication, University of California, San Diego): The Future of Media Freedom

17.30-18.00 **Naja Bentzen** (Policy analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service Liaison at European Parliament Office in Washington D.C., fellow, the German Marshall Fund of the United States): The Future of Truth and Facts

Moderator: **Erik Uszkiewicz** (Vice-chairperson, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest)

Short Break

18.15-18.45 **Jan-Werner Müller** (Professor of Politics, Princeton University): The Critical Infrastructure of Democracy

18.45-19.15 **Ákos Róna-Tas** (Professor at the Sociology Department at the University of California, San Diego): Globalization, Democracy and the Nation States

19.15-19.45 **Andrew Arato** (Dorothy Hart Hirshon Professor in Political and Social Theory in the Sociology Department at the New School for Social Research, New York City): The Future of Liberal Democracy - Challenges in the Era of Old and New Identities

Moderator: **István Hegedűs** (Chairman, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest)

19.45 Farewell Remarks

István Hegedűs (Chairman, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest)



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