

Nation, Community, Politics

Hungary and its surroundings in the 21st century

International conference

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Location: Hotel Hungaria, Conference Room I.

1074 Budapest, Rákóczi Street 90

The language of the conference will be Hungarian with English translation

Program

9.00 Panel I

NATIONAL SELF-IMAGES AND MEMORY

Chair: **Péter Balázs**, Professor and Director CEU/CENS

What is the self-image of the Hungarians and how do the neighbouring nations perceive her? How does historical memory and identity determine Hungarian societies in Hungary and in the neighbouring seven states? How can memory and self-image be formed in the case of a “mosaic nation”? The ethnic components of the national self-image, the undigested history of the 20th century, the separate histories of the minorities.

Participants:

- **Ferenc Laczó**, FSU-Jena
European Memory, East-Central European history and the contemporary role of Hungary
- **Zoltán Gábor Szűcs**, editor, Political Science Review, MTA Center for Social Sciences Research, The Institute of Political History

The influence of the past. The role of history in politics

- **Máté Zombory**, researcher, MTA Center for Social Sciences Research, Sociological Institute
Motherlands and homes
- **Péter Hunčík**, researcher, Forum Institute for Minority Research, Šamorín (Slovakia)
The formation of the national self-image in minority communities

11.00 Panel II

HUNGARIAN AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES: VALUES, STRUCTURES, LIFE STRATEGIES

Chair: **Margit Feischmidt**, Cultural anthropologist, Head Researcher, MTA Center for Social Sciences Research, Institute for Minority Research

The evaluation of the various Hungarian minorities, their perceptions of one another, the possible differences of values, the relationship toward the non-Hungarian world. In which fields and how much are the Hungarian communities integrated in the lives of countries (education, workforce, consumption of culture, migration, civil society etc.)? The characteristics and types of identities, values, “liminal cases” (mixed marriages, linguistic mixes etc.)

Participants:

- **Tamás Kiss**, sociologist, The National Institute of Minority Research, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)
The system of ethnic stratification in Transylvania (the markers of various ethnic communities)
- **László Öllős**, president, Forum Institute for Minority Research, Šamorín (Slovakia)
Hungarian-Slovak Liminal cases
- **Valér Veres**, sociologist, associate professor, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)
The ethnic components of the national image: the identity of the Hungarian communities abroad

13.00 Buffet Lunch

14.00 Panel III

THE POLITICS OF THE NATION AND THE RELATION TO THE HUNGARIAN COMMUNITIES

Round table discussion

The relations of the Hungarian minorities with the kin state and with Hungarian diaspora. The building of minority institutions, struggles for rights, slights, autonomies. The sources of material support, their logic of their breakdown and its goals. Community support for minorities, citizenship, institutional integration in Hungary.

Participants:

- **Gordon Bajnai**, Founder, Patriotism and Progress Foundation
- **Hunor Kelemen**, President, RMSDZ, (Romania)(TBC)
- **László Szigeti**
- **László Józsa**, presidency member, VMSZ (Serbia)
- ... **HID-MOST** representative (Slovakia)
-**VMSZ** representative (Serbia)

15.30 Panel IV

INTEGRATIONS: RIGHTS, INSTITUTIONS, NETWORKS

Chair: **Balázs Vízi**, Jurist specializing in international law, MTA Center for Social Sciences Research, Institute for Minority Research

The relationship of Hungary and its minorities in the neighboring countries, legal and institutional frameworks, economic, cultural and informal networks, specialized and sponsorship policies. Citizenship and political community, free movement and national culture, the regime of languages and the use of language, education and the job market, the production of knowledge and canonization.

Participants:

- **Nándor Bárdi**, researcher, MTA Center for Social Sciences Research, Institute for Minority Research
Hungarian National policy, as specialized policy. The possible consensus points
- **Szabolcs Pogonyi**, guest lecturer, CEU, Nationalism Studies Program
Citizenship and European integration
- **Gizella Szabó Mihály**, linguist, Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra, Gramma Language Office, (Slovakia)
Minority use and management of language in the context of majority politics of language

- **Irén Gábrity Molnár**, professor, Novi Sad University, Department of Economics, Subotica (Serbia)
The cross-border existence of the Hungarian minority of Serbia