



## “Engagement or Containment: EU-Russia Relations in Turbulent Times and the Role of Central Europe”

### *List of Speakers*



**Péter BALÁZS** is director of the Center for EU Enlargement Studies which he established in 2005. Research activities of Prof. Balázs are centered on the foreign policy of the EU and problems of the late modernization and European integration of the Eastern part of the continent. He also analyzes the questions of European governance including the future of European institutions. Péter Balázs graduated in Budapest at the Faculty of Economics of the “Karl Marx” University (later: Budapest School of Economics, today Corvinus University). He got his PhD degree and habilitated at the same University. He is a ScD of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In parallel with his government and diplomatic career, he has been teaching and doing research. He was nominated Professor of the Corvinus University in 2000 and joined the Central European University as a full time Professor in 2005. He is regularly teaching at various Hungarian and foreign universities, lecturing in English, French, German and Hungarian.

After the systemic change in 1990, Prof. Balázs joined the Government of Hungary several times. He was State Secretary for Industry and Trade (1992-1993) and State Secretary for European Integration (2002-2003). He was Ambassador of Hungary in Denmark (1994-1996), Germany (1997-2000) and to the EU in Brussels (2003-2004). He was also the Government Representative of Hungary in the European Convention drafting the Constitutional Treaty, which became later, after several modifications, the Lisbon Treaty. In 2004, he was nominated the first Hungarian Member of the European Commission responsible for regional policy. In 2009-2010, he was Foreign Minister of Hungary.

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The main topics of his historical academic research were the democratic processes in Belarus in the turn of 80's and 90's, the Kuropati tragedy, the Chernobyl disaster and its aspects in Belarus, and the history of the Bolshevik press.

In his biggest project up to date Anton travelled to the Chernobyl Zone in April 2011 creating series of articles about the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone nowadays, and the life of the current workers of the Chernobyl Power Plant, and about the inhabitants of the nuclear city of Slavutich, established in 1987, 50 km-s from Chernobyl. In December 2011 together with his colleague Mark Maczelka he has also presented a documentary, "Chernobyl's Heritage: the Zone", which was screened in cinemas in 16 cities of Hungary, and later was aired on all major Hungarian channels, reaching nearly 2 million viewers.



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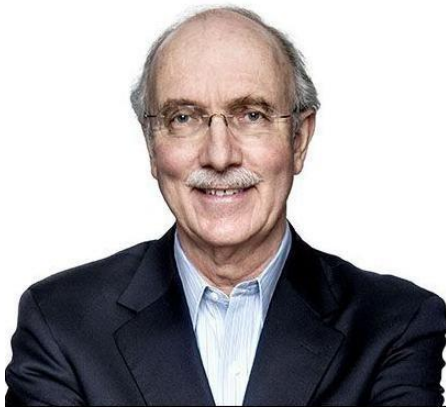


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