

Program

Inclusion completed, adaptation successful? - What divides new and old members in the European Union, 6 years on?

Time: 14th May 2010 (Friday)

Venue: Central European University, Auditorium

8.30-9.00 *Registration*

9.00-9.10 *Welcome speech*

John Shattuck, CEU President and Rector

Heinz Albert Huthmacher, Head of Office, FES Budapest

9.10-9.30 *Keynote Speaker*

Péter Balázs, Foreign Minister, Hungary

9.30-11.10 *Approaching the 7 year itch - Expectations and explanations: What do
old and new members think about each other?*

This panel considers the mutual expectations between old and new member states in light of the experiences of the first 6 years of membership. What do old and new members think about each other 6 years after the accession, and how has that changed during the past years? Have new member states succeeded in carving out particular policy niches and styles, and is there a clear dividing line between old and new members?

Chair: Jürgen Dieringer, Professor, Andrassy University

Enikő Győri, MEP, Group of the European People's Party

Thomas Christiansen, Professor, University of Maastricht

Anton Pelinka, Professor, CEU Department of Political Science

Kai-Olaf Lang, Research Fellow, SWP

11.10-11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30-13.10 *Changing Brussels' chemistry – new members, new agendas, new reactions?*

The panel considers the impact of new members on the EU decision-making along the following questions: Have new member states adopted the normative notions that underpin EU decision-making? Have they found their particular voices in debate, and how has the decision process changed as a result of enlargement?

Chair: Gergely Romsics, Research Fellow, HIIA

Thomas König, Department of Political Science, University of Mannheim
Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, Center for European Policy Studies, Brussels
Tamás Szűcs, Head of EU Delegation in Hungary
Sabina Kajnč, EIPA

13.10-14.00 *Buffet lunch*

14.00-15.40 *Development and catching up: is the periphery integrated?*

This panel considers the results of European integration from a structural economic perspective: Has the periphery been integrated into the center? Have transition economies been able to adopt and compete in a wider Europe? What unexpected challenges have occurred? Does a closer European market add to political and societal integration of the Union?

Chair: Tamás Réti, Senior Research Fellow, HAS Institute of Economics

Marek Dąbrowski, CASE, Poland
Ádám Török, Professor of Economics, University of Pannonia and BME,
Member of the Fiscal Council of Hungary
Lothar Funk, Fachhochschule, Dusseldorf
Julius Horvath, CEU, Department of Economics

15.40-16.00 *Coffee Break*

16.00-17.40 *A new leviathan, a heartless compromise, a remote bureaucracy? – Differences in 'euroscepticism' in new and old member states*

This panel considers the various notions of euroscepticism in Europe. Are there difference in euroscepticism between new and old member states, or is that even the right division? What are the favoured expressions of skepticism across Europe? What role does euroscepticism play in political extremism?

Chair: András Deák, Research Director, CEU CENS

Leonard F. M. Besselink, Faculty of Law, University of Utrecht

Vít Benes, Research fellow, IIR, Czech Republic

István Hegedűs, President, Hungarian Europe Society

Nick Sitter, Professor, CEU, Department of Public Policy

17.40-18.00 Closing speech: Tibor Kiss, State Secretary, European Union Affairs