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# The Damages of "Hate Speech" and Tools for Improved Responses in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania



May 19th, Thursday, 10 am, Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives, Budapest

## 10:00 WELCOMING REMARKS

**Péter Balázs**, Director, CEU, CENS

**Péter Molnár**, CEU, CENS, Research Affiliate on Freedom of Speech

## 10:15 HUNGARY AND POLAND

*Chair:* **Balázs Dénes**, Director, European Civil Liberties Project of the Open Society Foundations

*Speakers:*

**Anna Sledzinska**, CEU Alumna, Assistant Professor, University of Wrocław, Causes and cures for hatred: the case of Poland

**Péter Molnár**, Democracy, public discourse and "hate speech"

**Zuzanna Warso**, Lawyer, Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Violence against women online: the problem of sexist hate-speech and ineffective legal remedies on the example of Poland

**Henriett Dinók**, MA Student, Department of Political Science, CEU; Junior Research Fellow, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies, Hate Crimes in Hungary

## 12:00 LUNCH

## 13:00 THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND SLOVAKIA

*Chair:* **Julius Horvath**, Head of the Department of Economics, CEU

**Petőcz Kálmán**, Chairman of the Slovakian Helsinki Committee, Hate speech as a tool in the hands of "standard" politicians in Slovakia

**Lubica Stanek**, Open Society Foundation, Hate speech and aggressive behaviors online in Slovakia

**Jaroslav Cerman**, Analyst, Hate Free Culture Project, Czech Republic, Hate Free Culture-Countering Anti-Roma Hate Speech in the Czech Social Media

**Max Steuer**, CEU Alumnus, PhD Candidate, Comenius University, Department of Political Science & Research Assistant, UNESCO Chair for Human Rights Education at Comenius University, The International Helping Hand? The Impact of the Council of Europe on Policies vis-à-vis "Hate Speech" in Slovakia

## 14:30 COFFEE BREAK

## 15:00 BULGARIA AND ROMANIA

*Chair:* **Bernard Rorke**, Advocacy Officer, European Roma Rights Center  
**Adrian Szelmenczi**, Project Manager, Active Watch, Antidiscrimination Department, Hate Speech in Romania

**Rumian Russinov**, Director, Public Policy Advocacy Centre, Sofia, The Hate Speech Against Roma in Bulgaria in the Period 1990 - 2015

**Marian Mandache**, Executive Director, Romani CRISS, Romania, Hate speech and hate crime in Romania

**Raluca Negulescu**, Executive Director, Policy Center of Roma and Minorities, Tackling hate speech against Roma through innovative approaches - a grassroots perspective

## 16:30 CLOSING REMARKS BY SPEAKERS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

*Chair:* **Péter Molnár**

## 17:00 RECEPTION

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