



The Conflict and Security Research Group and the Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS) cordially invite you to the book launch by Béla Filep (Routledge, 2017)

“The Politics of Good Neighbourhood: State, civil society and the enhancement of cultural capital in East Central Europe”

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Welcome and chair:

Péter Balázs, Director of CENS, former Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Presentation:

Béla Filep, Senior Researcher and Lecturer at the Institute of Geography of the University of Bern in Switzerland, CEU/IRES alumni

Discussant:

Beáta Huszka, Assistant professor at ELTE University in Budapest

About the Book

Analyzing neighbourly relations in multicultural societies, this book develops a concept of good neighbourhood and argues that cultural capital in various forms is the determining variable in building good-neighbourly relations. This work breaks new ground by offering a conceptual integration of different, mutually interdependent forms of capital: intercultural capital, cross-cultural social capital and multicultural capital. These forms of capital are linked to different educational and cultural policies of the state as well as to civil society involvement at different levels of implementation.

About the Author

Béla Filep is a Senior Researcher and Lecturer at the Institute of Geography of the University of Bern in Switzerland, where he obtained his PhD in Geography in 2012. He also holds an MA in International Relations and European Studies from Central European University in Budapest. Filep specializes in Political Geography, inter-ethnic relations, border studies, self-determination claims, and migration with a focus on East Central Europe. He has worked on these issues in projects of the EU (6th FP) and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). In the framework of scholarships granted by the SNSF, he was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for European Studies of Harvard University and a Visiting Fellow at Harvard's Department of Government. Filep was also a Visiting Fellow at the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination at Princeton University. Currently, he is working on a project titled Geographies of mobilization for political self-determination in Europe: secessionist and autonomy movements from domestic to transnational activism.

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