

“An Occasional Alliance or a New Power in Europe? The V4’s Coalition Building along the Refugee Issue”

Time: 31 October, 2017, 11:00

Venue: Central European University, Budapest, 7 October 6 Street, 'Oktober Hall'

Hungary’s international image has come a long way since the beginning of the migration crisis in 2015. Yet what many thought unlikely two years ago now is reality: there is a growing coalition forming around Hungary, linking the V4 countries and various nationalist/populist forces in European politics. This new coalition, originally formed a propos the immediate policy responses to the ‚migration crisis‘, promotes a „Europe of nation states” in opposition to a more federalist Europe championed by Germany and other member states. The proposed conference seeks to retell the origins of this marked shift in the European balance of symbolic power, and investigate how the Visegrad 4 envisions its self-image, as well as the role it can play as a regional bloc in the Europe that is to come.

PROGRAM

10:30 Registration

11:00 Opening remarks:

- **Peter Balazs** – Director, Center for European Neighborhood Studies
- **Timo Rinke** – Project Manager, "Flight, Migration, Integration in Europe" project, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

11:10-12:30 Expert Panel: The V4’s self-image as an international actor in the wake of the 2015 ‘migration crisis’

- **Balázs Orbán** – Director General, Migration Research Institute, Budapest
- **Vit Dostal** – Research Director, Association of International Affairs, Prague
- **Alena Kudzko** – Deputy Research Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava
- **Veronika Józwiak** – Analyst, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

Chair: András Szalai, Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS)

12:30 Buffet Lunch

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