



## The nation state in contemporary Europe: the centenary of WWI; new chances for historical reconciliation

November 5 2018, 09:00-17:00

Central European University, 1051 Budapest, Nador street 15, Tiered Room 103

The year of 2018 marks the centenary of the end of the First World War when the principle of self-determination entered center stage and led to the creation of several European sovereign entities . This international conference centers upon the comparative evolution of the nation state – as both concept and lived-in reality – in contemporary Europe. By focusing on reconciliation, scholars and practitioners will discuss the trajectory of the nation state, since the Trianon Treaty and throughout 100 years of transformations, including but not limited to the effects of EU integration on re-shaping political communities.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9:00 Registration

9:15 Welcoming remarks

- **Péter Balázs** – Director, Center for European Neighborhood Studies
- **Beate Martin & Jörg Bergstermann** – Co-Heads of Office, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Budapest
- **Gábor Egry**- Director, Institute of Political History, Hungary

9:30 Keynote

- **Géza Jeszenszky** – Former Foreign Minister of Hungary

**10:00 – 12:00 Panel I: Empires and nation states – a historical perspective**

- **Gábor Egry** - Institute of Political History, Hungary:
- *Nation-states-in-the-building and imperial legacies*
- **Johannes Feichtinger** - Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria
- *Imperial past: How historiography shapes the memory of the Habsburg Monarchy*
- **Stanislav Holubec** - Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic  
*Dealing with the Habsburg past in the interwar Czechoslovak Republic*

Panel chair: **Mária M. Kovács** - Professor, CEU

**12:00-13:00 Lunch break**

**13:00-14:30 Panel II: The nation state in Eastern Europe after 100 years (roundtable discussion)**

- **Silvia Marton** - University of Bucharest, Romania
- **Balázs Péter** - CENS CEU, Hungary
- **Dagmar Kusa** - Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts, Slovakia

Panel chair: **Valerie Safir-Hopkins** - Financial Times

**14:30 – 14:50 Coffee break**

**14:50 – 16:20 Panel III: New ideas, new research, new historiography? Presentation of the ERC Nepostrans and the Trianon100 (Lendület Grant, Hungarian Academy of Sciences) projects**

- **Balázs Ablonczy** - Trianon100 Research Group, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary
- **Gábor Egry** - ERC Nepostrans, Institute of Political History, Hungary

Panel chair and discussant: **Réka Krizmanics** - CEU