

CALL FOR PAPERS

Understanding East Central European Politics (UECEP)

3rd conference

16-17 June 2022, CUB, Budapest, Hungary

The Department of Political Science at the **Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB)** in cooperation with the **Századvég Foundation** cordially **invites researchers and experts of ECE politics** to participate in the 3rd “Understanding East Central European Politics” conference. The topic of this year’s conference is “*Roads and Perspectives: Political, Economic and Social Changes in East Central Europe*”.

Our region has experienced a path of political, economic, and societal evolution markedly distinct from that of Western Europe. These differences resulted in many conflicts and misunderstandings in the European Union in the past years. Recently the pandemic has fundamentally changed both the behavior and the relationships of the people and also left an imprint on the economies and the political landscapes. New political divisions were born and new parties emerged along with issues like vaccination, limits to personal freedom, and economic crisis management. The conference aims to examine the differences between the East and West and the various responses to the recent political challenges that emerged from the pandemic, the economic and the social hardships, and to better understand the motives behind the political responses and to enhance the level of our understanding of how politics works in East Central Europe.

The conference will be held at CUB in Budapest. Our objective is to allow the participants **to present and discuss their latest research findings** on the contemporary political issues of ECE. By attracting specialists of the region, we offer **a platform for exchanging views on recent political developments** in ECE, **comparing national experiences, and enhancing cooperation** among local academics.

Papers are welcome **on the following topics**:

- Electoral Systems, National and EP Elections in ECE Countries
- Parties and Changes in the Party Systems of ECE Countries
- Political Institutions and Political Systems in ECE Countries
- Governance, Public Policies, and Public Administration in ECE Countries
- Political Economy of ECE Countries
- Challenges to Democracy in ECE Countries
- The Captive Mind Released? The Role of Intellectuals in ECE
- Local Politics and Self-governance in ECE Countries
- Political Mobilization and Civil Society in ECE countries
- Politics and Media in ECE Countries
- Sovereignty and National Security of ECE Countries
- Cooperation among ECE Countries

- EU-ECE Relations
- Nations, minorities in ECE Countries
- Responses to the pandemic in ECE Countries

Papers will be selected for presentations that will take place in thematic panels. Applications for organizing and chairing the panels are open for you. The **best papers** – chosen by an international advisory board – **will be published** in a printed conference volume.

The participation fee is EUR 100. Young experts, under the age of 30, can participate for a reduced fee of EUR 65. The fee covers lunch, coffee break catering during the conference.

Applicants are invited to submit their **abstracts** before **15 March 2022**. The abstract should be in English (max. 300 words). Deadlines for the payment of the participation fee and paper submission are **30 April** and **31 May 2022**, respectively.

Other important dates:

<i>Acceptance notification:</i>	<i>31 March 2022</i>
<i>Confirmation of participation fee payment:</i>	<i>15 May 2022</i>
<i>Announcement of the finalized programme:</i>	<i>18 May 2022</i>
<i>Publication notification:</i>	<i>30 August 2022</i>
<i>Publication of distinguished papers:</i>	<i>November 2022</i>

Abstracts, papers, and inquiries are expected to be sent to uecep@uni-corvinus.hu