The post-1989 Springtime of National Minorities?

Minority Mobilisation, Human Rights Activism and the Accommodation of Ethnocultural Diversity in Central, Eastern and Southeast Europe

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June 6, Thursday

9:15-9:30 | Registration  | Nádor 9, Lobby
9:30-9:45 | Opening     | Nádor 9, Gellner Room
9:45-11:15 | Keynote     | Nádor 9, Gellner Room

Karl Cordell, School of Law, Criminology and Government, The University of Plymouth
National Minorities in Europe and the Rise of Populism

11:15-11:30 | Coffee Break
11:30-13:00, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
**Panel 1**
**Ethnic Minorities, Identities and Politicization**

Chair:
**István Gergő Székely**, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities

Panelists:
**Edina Szöcsik**, University of Basel  
*Minority language rights, ethnic polarization and turnout*

**Benjamin McClelland**, Central European University / Columbia University  
*Ethnic and non-ethnic in competition: party branding and voter support in Bosnia-Herzegovina*

**Marc Guinjoan**, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona  
*Revisiting the Linz-Moreno question. Identities, causal antecedents and support for secession*

**Daniel Bochsler**, Central European University, Nationalism Studies and Political Science  
*The breakdown of the communist empires: The founding elections of 1990 in comparison*

13:00-14:00| Lunch Break

14:00-15:30, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
**Panel 2**
**Populism, Memory and Minority Rights: Central and Eastern European Issues in Global Perspective (book panel)**

Chair:
**Alan Stephens**, publishing advisor, former Publishing Director of Kluwer Law International/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers

Authors/Editor:
**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Tom Lantos Institute, Director  
**Ágnes Daróczí**, minority researcher, activist, journalist, editor  
**Tamás Kiss**, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities  
**Arie Nadler**, Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Social Sciences  
**István Gergő Székely**, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities
**Gergely Romsics**, Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Social Sciences

Discussants:
**Corinne Lennox**, Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Studies, University of London

**Mónika Kovács**, Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Education and Psychology

**Szabolcs Poganyi**, Central European University, Nationalism Studies Program

**Iulius Rostas**, Central European University, Romani Studies

15:30-15:45 | Coffee Break

15:45-17:15, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
**Panel 3A**
**Kin-state Activism and Minority Mobilization**

Chair:
**Zsuzsa Csergő**, Queen’s University, Department of Political Studies

Panelists:
**Ionut Chiruta**, Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies at the University of Tartu
*Converging minority trans-border mobilization through nationalistic and populistic frameworks*

**Tibor Purger**, Rutgers University, Department of Political Science
*Populist politics and minority protection: the individual cases and comparable efforts of Hungary and Serbia*

**Laura Royer**, University of Glasgow, University of Tartu and Jagiellonian University
*Hungarian minorities in the Carpathian Basin: a geostrategic tool in the hands of the Hungarian government?*

**Adriana Cupcea**, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities
*Religion in Turkey kin state policy in the Balkans. The Diyanet in the Muslim community in Dobruja (Romania)*

15:45-17:15, Nádor 9, Room 202
**Panel 3B**
**Romania and the Quest for European Identity Philo-Germanism without Germans (book panel)**
Chair:
Andreea Carstocea, European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg, Germany

Author:
Cristian Cercel, Institute for Social Movements, Ruhr University Bochum

Discussants:
Karl Cordell, University of Plymouth
Margit Feischmidt, HAS CSS Institute for Minority Studies
Tibor Toró, Sapienta Hungarian University of Transylvania

17:30:19:00, Nádor 9, Gellner Room

Panel 4
From Soviet to post-Soviet Ethnic Politics and Policies

Chair:
Balázs Dobos, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Minority Studies

Panelists:
Kiryl Kascian, International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies (ICELDS)
From oppression to inclusion: self-perception of the Polish minorities in Belarus and Lithuania before and after the collapse of the USSR

Alexander Osipov, International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies
The Soviet nationalities policy at the USSR’s demise: was 1989 the turning point and who did initiate the turn?

Hanna Vasilevich, International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies, Czechia and Queens' University Belfast, UK
Between formalism and reality: reconfiguration of the language policies in post-Soviet countries

Karolis Dambrauskas, The Institute for Ethnic Studies, Lithuanian Social Research Centre
Turning minorities into proprietors or long and winding road
Back to late Socialism: Lithuanian Poles and land restitution process in post-socialist Lithuania
June 7, Friday

9:15-10:45, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
Panel 5
Old Minorities as the New Others

Chair:
Prem Kumar Rajaram, Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University

Panelists:
Catherine Lourdes Dy, Université Libre de Bruxelles and Peace Action, Training, and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR)
Integration of ‘minority’ minorities in Romania: experiences and discourses of Filipino and Thai marriage migrants in Romania

Margit Feischmidt, HAS CSS Institute for Minority Studies
Margit Feischmidt, Ildikó Zakariás, Márton Hunyadi: Solidarity or Fear towards Refugees among Hungarians in Germany

Emese Kővágó, ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences
Characteristics of the commemorations of the 1944 massacres in Vojvodina

Ewa Michna, Institute of Maerican Studies and Polish Diaspora, Jagiellonian University &
Katarzyna Warmińska, Department of Sociology, Cracow University of Economics
Between culture and politics. Changes in the sphere of ethnic relations in the contemporary Poland

10:45-11:00| Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 | Keynote lecture Nádor 9, Gellner Room

Corinne Lennox, School of Advanced Study, University of London
Transnational Social Mobilisation by Minority Groups: Expanding or Fragmenting the Minority Rights Regime?

12:30-13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30-15:00, Nádor 9, Room 202
Panel 6A
Political Representation and Participation of Minorities
Chair:
**Philip Howe**, Adrian College (Adrian, MI) / Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Panelists:
**Andreea Carstocea**, European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg, Germany
*The identity conundrum: post-1990 policies for the political representation of national minorities in Romania and their unexpected consequences*

**Lilija Alijeva**, School of Advanced Study, University of London
*Minority right to effective public participation: a comparative case study of the Russian-speaking minority in independent Estonia and Latvia*

**Edgár Dobos**, HAS CSS Institute for Minority Studies
*Bosnian Serbs as „kin majority”: self-determination claims and practices of differentiation*

**Ivan Laskarin**, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, International Relations Department
*Independentist and irredentist secessions: a new perspective on external self-determination and minority claim-making*

13:30-15:00, Nádor 9, Gellner Room
**Panel 6B**
Unequal Accomodation of Minority Rights – Hungarians in Transylvania (book panel)

Chair:
**Anna-Mária Bíró**, Tom Lantos Institute

Authors/Editors:
**Tamás Kiss**, author, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities

**István Gergő Székely**, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities

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Discussants:
**Luis Escobedo**, University of the Free State, South Africa

**Szabolcs Pogany**, Central European University, Nationalism Studies Program

**Edina Szöcsik**, University of Basel

**Erin Jenne**, Central European University, Department of International Relations

15:15-16:45, Nádor 9 Gellner Room
**Panel 7**
Minority Activism, Education and Self-Determination
Chair: Zoltán Kántor, Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad / Pázmány Péter Catholic University

Panelists: Tamás Kiss, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities & Tibor Toró, Sapienta Hungarian University of Transylvania

Kiss Tamás - Toró Tibor: The educational paradigm of the Transylvanian Hungarian elites

János Fiala-Butora, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy
Minority activism for bilingual signs in Slovakia: all in the same boat?

András Morauszki, Centre for Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Minority Studies, Budapest
Government-funded minority institutional systems in Central Europe

Balázs Dobos, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Minority
Studies the effectiveness of non-territorial autonomies of Central and South Eastern Europe

16:45-17:15 | Closing Reception