



EU ENLARGEMENT AND SUCCESSFULL INTEGRATION: THE ROAD AHEAD

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DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

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VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE

Hungarian Academy of Sciences - Miskolc Academic Committee
(Miskolc, Erzsébet tér 3, 3530)

CONCEPT

The despite the recent opening of accession negotiations with several candidate countries, the enlargement process has been mostly stagnant over the last decade. The EU wants to „reinvigorate” it. Among other initiatives, it introduced the concept of „gradual integration” of the perspective members. The conference will discuss and analyse this initiative, as well as other possible approaches to future enlargement. It will strive to answer the basic question: How should a “Successful EU enlargement” be managed?

PARTNERS

Faculty of Law of the University of Miskolc,
Central European Association for Comparative Law
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09.30 - 10.00

**REGISTRATION
WELCOME COFFEE**

SECTION 1

Moderator: Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Research Centre Director, Central European Academy, Hungary

10.00 - 10.10

OPENING SPEECH

Prof. Dr. Tímea Dr. Heinerné Barzó, General Director, Central European Academy; Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

10.10 - 10.30

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES OF THE CEA

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

10.30 - 10.50

**WHAT DOES A SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION
ACTUALLY MEAN?**

Dr. Michal Petr, Associate Professor, Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic

10.50 - 11.10

**(UN)NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONSTITUTION ON SERBIA'S EUROPEAN PATH**

Prof. Dr. Vladan Petrov, Full Professor, University of Belgrade; Judge, Constitutional Court of Serbia, Serbia

11.10 - 11.30

**QUALIFIED MAJORITY VOTING IN EU
ENLARGEMENT PROCESS**

Prof. Dr. Rado Bohinc, Full Professor, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

11.30 - 11.50

DISCUSSION

11.50 - 13.20

LUNCH BREAK



SECTION 2

Moderator: Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Central European Academy; Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

13.20 - 13.40

THE MOST RECENT EU ENLARGEMENT AND LESSONS LEARNT

Prof. Dr. Petar Bačić, Full Professor, University of Split, Croatia

13.40 - 14.00

ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF ENLARGEMENT IN NEW EU MEMBER COUNTRIES

Cristina Prochazkova Ilinitchi, Associate Professor, Prague University of Economics and Business, Czech Republic

14.00 - 14.20

SOME REMARKS ON THE VISIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL ENLARGEMENT WITH A CENTRAL EUROPEAN FOCUS

Dr. György Marinkás, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

14.20 - 14.40

GRADUAL AND REVERSIBLE ENLARGEMENT - IS IT WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

Dr. Eva Zorková, Assistant Professor, Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic

14.40 - 15.00

DISCUSSION

15.00 - 15.30

COFFEE BREAK

SECTION 3

Moderator: Dr. György Marinkás, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

15.30 - 15.50

OPTIMISING INSTRUMENTS FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE TO CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

Dr. Kateřina Frumarová, Associate Professor, Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic

15.50 - 16.10

THE ACCOMMODATION OF RELIGION OR BELIEF IN THE CONTEXT OF EU INTEGRATION: THE LEGAL STATUS OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Dr. Dalibor Đukić, Associate Professor, University of Belgrade, Serbia

16.10 - 16.30

WHEN STAGNATION BECOMES THE NORM: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA'S PATH TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

Jakov Žižić, Assistant Professor, Catholic University of Croatia, Croatia

16.30 - 16.50

DISCUSSION

16.50 - 17.00

CLOSING OF THE DAY

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Central European Academy; Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

SECTION 4

Moderator: Dr. Zoltán Nagy, Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

09.30 - 10.30

TOUR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISKOLC

University of Miskolc,
(3515 Miskolc-Egyetemváros, A/4. Building)

11.10 - 11.40

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11.40 - 12.00

**APPLYING THE INFRINGEMENT PROCEDURE
AGAINST THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND
EASTERN EUROPE. A FEW REFLECTIONS**

Prof. UR Dr. Grzegorz Pastuszko, Associate Professor,
University of Rzeszów, Poland

12.00 - 12.20

**THE ROLE OF CITIZENS IN THE COUNTRY'S
ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Dr. Alena Krunková, Vice-Dean, Associate Professor, Pavol
Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia

12.20 - 12.40

**EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, DEMOCRACY AND
POLITICAL CULTURE IN CENTRAL EUROPE - THE
IMPACT OF EU INTEGRATION ON THE
DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL
CULTURE OF HUNGARY AND CENTRAL
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

Prof. Dr. János Simon, Full Professor, National University of
Public Service, Hungary

12.40 - 13.00

**REFLECTION OF PREVIOUS ENLARGEMENTS
AMONG "OLD" MEMBER STATES**

Prof. Dr. Matteo Gnes, Full Professor, University of
Urbino, Italy

13.00 - 13.20

SUMMARIZING THOUGHTS

Dr. János Bóka, Minister, Ministry of EU Affairs; Senior
Researcher, Central European Academy, Hungary

13.20 - 13.40

DISCUSSION

13.40 - 13.50

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Central European Academy;
Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

14.30 - 16.00

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