



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.

Draft Agenda

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30 Opening address

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

10:00 – 12:00

Panel I: Empires and nation states – a historical perspective

Chair: Mária M. Kovács, CEU

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 the Republic of Austria commemorated the Habsburg Monarchy

Stanislav Holubec, Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Dealing with the Habsburg past in the interwar Czechoslovak Republic

12:00-13:00 Lunch break

13:00-14:30

Panel II: The nation state in Eastern Europe after 100 years (roundtable discussion)

Chair: Valerie Safir-Hopkins, Financial Times

Silvia Marton, University of Bucharest, Romania

Balázs Péter, CENS CEU, Hungary

Dagmar Kusa, Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts, Slovakia

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

Chair and discussant: Réka Krizmanics (CEU, Hungary)

Balázs Ablonczy, Trianon100 Research Group, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary

Gábor Egry, ERC Nepostrans, Institute of Political History, Hungary