



Cambridge Central European Conference

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V4 Academic Roundtable:

Contemporary Challenges for Central Europe (COVID, Brexit, and Beyond)

Following the Ambassadorial Roundtable on 4th March, the Cambridge Central European Conference 2021, marking the 30th anniversary of the Visegrad Cooperation, brings together Academic Roundtable to discuss Central European perspectives on the important developments and common challenges in the region and beyond, including the most topical issues nowadays - the COVID-19 pandemic and Brexit.

Speakers:

Dr. Olga Gyarfasova, Assistant Professor, Comenius University (Slovakia)

Dr. Sandor Gallai, Associate Professor, Corvinus University (Hungary)

Dr. Tomas Weiss, Associate Professor, Charles University (Czech Republic)

Dr. Mikolaj Kunicki, Adjunct Professor, University of Wroclaw (Poland)

Moderator:

Prof Richard Berry, Transnational Education Dean, University of Glasgow

Date: 18th March 2021

Time: 5-7pm (GMT), 6-8pm (CET)

Venue: Zoom

Access Details (Please register via the following link)

https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fFl61cX1RCqqqPvD9lTyJg

The introductory statements of the speakers will be followed by a discussion with the moderator and Q&A.

Everyone is welcome!

The event is organised in partnership with the Department of Central and East European Studies (University of Glasgow), Cambridge Polish Studies and Cambridge Committee for Russian and East European Studies (University of Cambridge). The conference partners include Czech and Slovak Society at the University of Cambridge and Central and East European Studies Society at the University of Glasgow.

If you have any questions, please contact the conference coordinator, Jakub Csabay, at jc2043@cam.ac.uk

Speakers' Biographies:

Professor Richard Berry is Dean for Transnational Education at the University of Glasgow. He is also head of Central and East European Studies and Director of the Centre for Russian, Central and East European Studies, which comprises 8 UK and over 20 international partners. He is chair of the Board of Management of 'Europe Asia Studies'. He studied history and Russian and teaches on the socio-economic history of Communism. His research interests are in economic development and social change under Communism.

Dr. Olga Gyarfasova is sociologist, and assistant professor at the Comenius University in Bratislava. She graduated in sociology and holds PhD in comparative political science. In her work she focuses on European integration, public opinion, electoral studies, and political culture. She has been working on many domestic and international projects, for example: she is national coordinator of the European Election Studies (EES) and principal investigator of the world-wide project Comparative Studies of Electoral Systems (CSES), and she also collaborated with the International Visegrad Fund on several survey projects.

Dr. Sandor Gallai works as the head of the School of Social Sciences and History at the Mathias Corvinus Collegium. He is also an associate professor of political science at the Corvinus University of Budapest, where he used to serve as deputy dean and head of department. He studied political science, economics, and international relations. His research interests lay in CEE transformation and politics, governance, and public policy. Besides his academic career, he gained experience in political research at a private consultancy company and worked as high-ranking civil servant when headed two government think tanks.

Dr. Mikołaj Kunicki, historian and media scholar. He taught history in the UC Berkeley, University of Notre Dame and University of Oxford where he also set up and directed the Programme on Modern Poland from 2013 to 2016. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Institute of Journalism and Social Communication, University of Wrocław.

Dr. Tomas Weiss is Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies. After graduating from European Studies in Hamburg and in Prague, Tomas Weiss worked as a researcher at the Institute of International Relations and EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy. He holds a PhD in Area Studies from Charles University. In his research, he focuses on the foreign and security policy of the European Union, the Europeanization of the foreign policy of the member states, particularly Czechia, and small states in the EU. In the years 2010-2018, he was a member of the Academic Senate of the FSV UK, which he also chaired in 2014-2016. He is a member of the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Editorial Board of the Czech Journal of International Relations. In the academic year 2018-2019, he was a visiting researcher at the Department of Politics and International Studies and Clare Hall, University of Cambridge.