

HUNGARIAN PARTICULARISM IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: POLITICO-LEGAL PERSPECTIVES

A CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE CENTER FOR EUROPEAN UNION RESEARCH (CEU) AND THE LENDÜLET-HPOPs RESEARCH GROUP (MTA)

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The conference explores whether, from a legal and political perspective, the idea of a Hungarian 'Sonderweg' in the European Union actually makes sense. In particular, it examines whether a 'selective' understanding of EU obligations and other EU commitments – and, in general, the emphasis on national particularism in the European Union – has any public benefits. The conference revisits the general benefits and public importance of EU law, and the relevance of 'shared interests' behind the Treaty commitments on one hand, and the frameworks allowing and fostering Member State diversity in the EU, Member State practices of protectionism, exclusionism and particularism, on the other. Finally, it reflects on the consequences for good governance and administration where governments act under the scope of EU law.

PROGRAMME

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| 9:00 Conference opening |
| 9:15 – 10:15 Keynote speech: Matej Avbelj (GSGES): <i>The EU between unity and disunity: how much particularism is too much?</i> |
| 10:15 – 11:15 Panel discussion: Local interests, policies and divergences within the European Union István Kónya (MTA KRTK): <i>Opportunity or straightjacket: convergence in the European Union</i> Márton Varju (MTA Lendület-HPOPs): <i>Between compliance and particularism: Member State preferences in the European Union</i> Pinar Emine Donmez and Éva Zemandl (CEU): <i>Post-crisis transformations in governing Hungary and Turkey: challenging particularist perspectives</i> |
| 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break |
| 11:30 – 12:30 Keynote speech: Christopher Bovis (Hull): <i>The importance of a single EU market for the Member States</i> |
| 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch* |
| 13:30 – 14:30 Panel discussion: Particularism and economic regulation in post-2010 Hungary Dániel Deák (Corvinus): <i>Unorthodoxy in Hungarian legislation with a particular regard to taxation</i> Mónika Papp (MTA Lendület-HPOPs): <i>Markets and consumers in the EU and in the Member States</i> Balázs Horváthy (MTA Lendület-HPOPs): <i>The limits of national particularism in EU external trade policy</i> |
| 14:30 – 14:45 Coffee break |
| 14:45 – 15:45 Keynote speech: Catherine Dupré (Exeter): <i>Dignity-democracy and Hungary: construction and transformation of constitutional time</i> |
| 16:00 End of conference |

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*Lunch is not provided by the organizers, but dining facilities are available close to the conference venue.