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Contemporary Hungarian Studies: Multidisciplinary European Perspectives

*Postgraduate Conference hosted by Central & East European Studies,
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9.15am-4.45pm, Thursday 12 February 2015

Room 337, St. Andrews Building, University of Glasgow

Hungary is a dynamic political and cultural space that has been in constant transformation since 1989, particularly since 2010 where political and civil developments have attracted considerable international attention. Although the country's current political trajectory has already invited a great deal of commentary from within as well as beyond its borders, further critical analysis is still required. At the same time, Hungary's social and cultural present also deserves further scrutiny by the international scholarly community.

This need for a renewed discussion on Hungary that compliments or critically reflects on existing discourses forms the basis of this postgraduate conference. The term 'Hungarian Studies' encompasses a range of multidisciplinary perspectives and contemporary critical frameworks through which Hungary can be examined. This 2015 Contemporary Hungarian Studies Postgraduate Conference therefore aims to represent the diversity of current postgraduate research being conducted and provide a welcoming platform for postgraduates to share their ideas.

Conference Programme

08:45-09:15

Registration

09:15-09:30

Opening & Welcome Speech Prof. Richard Berry (University of Glasgow)

09:30-11:00

Panel 1: Politics

Panel chair Kyle Taggart (Queen's University Belfast)

09:30-09:45 Rafael Labanino (University of Bern) 'Why Hungary? Institutional causes of democratic regression.'

09:45-10:00 Helen Keighley (University of Sussex) 'Corruption in Hungary: Explaining transposition deficits in anti-bribery legislation.'

10:00-10:15 Balázs Brucker (University of Pécs) 'European Parliament criticism of Hungary's democratic values and Hungarian responses.'

10:15-10:30 Theresa Gessler (Central European University) 'Civil Society under attack: Changing strategies of Hungarian NGOs towards the state.'



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10:30-11:00 Panel Q&A

11:00-11:30 Tea & Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 Keynote Speech: Dr. Umut Korkut (Glasgow Caledonian University)

12:00-12:45 Lunch (provided)

Panel 2: Language & Literature

Panel chair Anikó Szilágyi (University of Glasgow)

12:45-13:00 Sandra Buljanović Simonović (University of Belgrade) 'Language learning and politics: The case of Hungarian in Belgrade.'

12:45-14:00 13:00-13:15 Beatrix Tölgyesi (University of Glasgow) 'The only Hungarian writer who is Lithuanian: A debate on urban vs. rural literature.'

13:15-13:30 Dr. Kata Bohus (University of Göttingen) 'Anne and Éva – two diaries, two memories.'

13:30-14:00 Panel Q&A

14:00-14:45 Keynote Speech: George Szirtes

14:45-15:00 Tea & Coffee Break



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Panel 3: Culture & Society

Panel chair Kirsty Kay (University of Glasgow)

15:00-15:15 Dezső Máté (ELTE, Budapest) 'Generational change of Roma graduates and the impact of social resilience.'

15:00-16:30

15:15-15:30 Ágnes Vass (Corvinus University, Budapest) 'From ethnizenship to diasporisation (?): The effects of preferential naturalisation within members of ethnic Hungarians living abroad.'

15:30-15:45 Joanna Mellis (University of Florida) 'Borrowing Communist symbols of power? Building Hungarian prowess through sport then and today.'

15:45-16:00 Ágnes Patakfalvi Czirják (University of Pécs) 'A case-study of the Szekler flag: The formation of Szekler symbols and the articulation of ethnic identity.'

16:00-16:30 Panel Q&A

16:30-16:45

Closing Remarks Dr Zsuzsanna Varga (University of Glasgow)



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