



The East-West Divide – Growing Tensions in the EU?

Online Academic Symposium – 1st – 2nd of December 2020

Event Programme

Day 1 – 1st of December 2020

Welcome speeches from the organisers 9:30 -9:45

Prof Marius Profireoiu, Vice-Rector for International Relations, Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE)

Panel 1 9:45 – 11:15 (CET time)

THEME: **Conceptualising the East West Divide in the European Union**

CHAIR: Neculai-Cristian Surubaru (Studio Europa, Maastricht University)

PARTICIPANTS

Licia Ciannetti (Royal Holloway, University of London) & Sean Hanley (UCL – School of Slavonic and East European Studies) - *Democratic backsliding or intermediate democratic syndromes? Bridging the East-West comparative divide in the study of European democracies*

Alina Bârgăoanu, Flavia Durach, and Raluca Buturoiu (National School of Political and Administrative Studies SNSPA, Bucharest) - *Recent Developments in the European Public Sphere: the East-West Divide Revisited*

Aurelia Ananda (King's College London) & James Dawson (Coventry University) - *Cultural Liberalism in Eastern and Western Europe: measuring a strangely neglected anchor of liberal democracy*

Veronica Anghel (European University Institute) - *Together or apart? The European Union's East -West Divide*

Panel 2 11:30 – 13:00 (CET time)

THEME: **Domestic politics, populism and backsliding across the East-West**

CHAIR: Adam Fagan (King's College London)

PARTICIPANTS

Natasha Wunsch (Sciences Po) & Mihail Chiru (Oxford University) - An East-West divide? EU responses to democratic backsliding in member states

Lenka Buštíková (Arizona State University, USA) & Pavol Baboš (Comenius University, Slovakia) - Technocratic Populists in the Time of Pandemic: The Czech and Slovak Response to COVID-19

Mitchell A Orenstein (University of Pennsylvania) & Bojan Bugaric (University of Sheffield) - Work, Family, Fatherland: The Political Economy of Populism in Central and Eastern Europe

Edit Zgut (University of Warsaw / German Marshall Fund) - *The neutral arbiter? Brussels' role in contemporary East-West divisions*

Petra Guasti (Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main) - *The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Central and Eastern Europe: The Rise of Autocracy and Democratic Resilience*

Panel 3 13:30 – 15:00 (CET time)

THEME: **The Rule of Law and the East-West divide**

CHAIR: Edit Zgut (University of Warsaw / German Marshall Fund)

PARTICIPANTS

Petra Bard (ELTE Faculty of Law, Budapest / Central European University) - *References to the East-West divide as a pretext for violating the rule of law*

Sonja Priebus (Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg, Germany) - *Your Rule of Law is not my Rule of Law*

Thomas Conzelmann (Maastricht University) - *Peer reviewing the rule of law? A possible new mechanism to safeguard EU values*

Neculai-Cristian Surubaru (Studio Europa, Maastricht University) - *EU funds and the new East-West divide: could the linkage between the European budget and the Rule of Law conditionality be an effective tool against democratic backsliding?*

Panel 4 15:30 – 17:00 (CET time)

THEME: **Development and Capitalism across the East-West**

CHAIR: Matthias Thiemann (Sciences Po Centre d'études Européens, Paris, France)

PARTICIPANTS

Dorothee Bohle (European University Institute) & Gergő Medve-Bálint (Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest, Hungary) - *East Central European (ECE) growth models and the EU's "authoritarian equilibrium"*

Rachel Epstein (University of Denver) - *The Economic Successes and Sources of Discontent in East Central Europe*

Dóra Piroška (Corvinus University of Budapest and Central European University), Yuliya Gorelkina (Sciences Po), and Juliet Johnson (McGill University) - *Macroprudential Policy on an Uneven Playing Field: Supranational Regulation and Domestic Politics in the EU's Dependent Market Economies*

Petr Agha (University of Copenhagen) - *The forgotten voices of the Velvet Revolution(s)*

Marek Naczyk (Oxford University) - *Taking back control: Indigenous bankers and the revival of developmentalism in Poland*

Roundtable event – 1st of December 18:00 – 19:30 (CET time)

Theme: *The East-West divide in the European Union – how to avert a catastrophe?*

Welcome: **Dr Gonny Willems** (Managing Director, Studio Europa - Maastricht University)

Chair: **Dr Clara Volintiru** (Associate Professor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies - ASE)

PARTICIPANTS

-**Ms Renate Nikolay** (Head of Cabinet of Věra Jourová, Vice-President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency)

-**Ms Katalin Cseh** (Member of the European Parliament for Hungary, Renew Europe Group)

-**Prof Dorothee Bohle** (Chair in social and political change, Department of Political and Social Sciences of the European University Institute, Florence)

-**Prof Rachel Epstein** (Professor of International Relations and European Politics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver)

Day 2 - 2nd of December 2020

Panel 5 9:30-11:00 (CET time)

THEME: **East and West within and beyond the EU**

CHAIR: Thomas Conzelmann (Maastricht University)

PARTICIPANTS

Antoaneta L. Dimitrova (Leiden University) - *Where did the East West divide come from: against essentialism*

Ferenc Laczó (Maastricht University) - *The Legacy of Division. East and West after 1989*

Elsa Tulmets (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin) - *The Weimar Triangle: a Framework made to overcome East-West divides?*

Gergana Noutcheva (Maastricht University) & Assem Dandashly (Maastricht University) - *East – West Relations and the Governance of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)*

Panel 6 11:30 – 13:00 (CET time)

THEME: **European legal order, equilibriums and legislative decision-making**

CHAIR: Bruno de Witte (Maastricht University)

PARTICIPANTS

Daniel R Kelemen (Rutgers University) - *The European Union's authoritarian equilibrium*

Jan Komarek (Copenhagen University) - *Speaking of and for the Other: (Post-)communist Europe in European constitutional imaginaries*

Běla Plechanovová (Charles University in Prague) - *Where Goes the Centre of Gravity of EU Politics? East-West Differences in EU Legislative Decision-Making in Years of Crisis*

Arno Van Hoetegem (Leuven University) - *Cross-National Configurations of Distributive Justice Preferences: an East-West Divide?*

Panel 7 13:30 – 15:00 (CET time)

THEME: **Core-periphery and developmental challenges across the East-West**

CHAIR: Veronica Anghel (European University Institute)

PARTICIPANTS

Laszlo Bruszt (Central European University) and Visnja Vukov (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona) - *Balancing tensions in core-periphery integration: East-West and North-South compared*

Jonatahn Hopkin (London School of Economics and Political Science) - *How did the European Union conditionality affect democracy in member states after the financial crisis?*

Clara Volintiru (Bucharest University of Economic Studies – ASE) - *East-West Divide? Development Challenges and Policy Preferences in the EU*

Cornel Ban (Copenhagen Business School) & Dragoş Adăscăliţei (European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Eurofound) - *The FDI-led Growth Regimes of the East-Central and the South-East European Periphery*

Helena Tendra-Wlasczuk (Cracow University of Economics, Poland) & Hanna Kelm (University of Economics in Katowice, Poland) - *Welfare state concepts in the 'new' Member States (EU-13) and its impact on the socio-economic situation in these countries*

Panel 8 15:30 – 17:00 (CET time)

THEME: **Public Administration and Regional Development across the East-West**

CHAIR: Daniela Luminita Constantin (Bucharest University of Economic Studies – ASE)

PARTICIPANTS

B. Guy Peters (University of Pittsburgh) - *Administrative Traditions in Eastern and Western Europe*

Ramona Tiganasu & Gabriela Pascariu (Center for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi) - *Eastern versus Southern Peripherality in the UE's economy: an integrative approach of the structural dynamics, 2004-2014*

Marcel Heroiu (World Bank) - *From pussycat to king of the jungle... and, to endangered species – the CEE Tigers*

Pawel Charasz (Duke University) & Jan P. Vogler (University of Virginia) - *Does EU Funding Improve Local State Capacity? Evidence from Polish Municipalities*

Panel 9 17:30 – 19:00 (CET time)

Theme: **Societal aspects across the East-West – learning to live together?**

Chair: Cornel Ban (Copenhagen Business School)

PARTICIPANTS

Petra Ezzeddine (Charles University, Prague) - "Care Bonds between East and West": The Political Economy of Live-in Care Migration during Pandemic Times

Christian Schweiger (Chemnitz University of Technology) - Migration as a contentious issue in German - East-Central Europe (ECE) Relations

Jean Vasile Andrei (Petroleum - Gas University of Ploiesti) & Marius Constantin (Bucharest University of Economic Studies) - *Romanian agriculture and the Common Agricultural Policy: convergence, divergence or need for adjustments?*

Daniela Braun & Eva-Maria Trüdinger (Ludwig Maximilian University LMU, München) - *Communal and Exchange-Based Trust in Germany Thirty Years After Reunification: Convergence or Still an East-West Divide?*