Central European Higher Education Cooperation (CEHEC)
1st Conference

Main challenges to universities in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

January 28-29, 2015
Budapest, Hungary

Conference Theme – Call for Papers:

This is the first of a series of annual conferences organized by the Center of International Higher Education Studies (CIHES) at the Corvinus University of Budapest and the Central European University (CEU) in collaboration with partners from the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia as part of the Central European Higher Education Cooperation (CEHEC) project.

The conference brings together researchers, policy and university leaders (practitioners) and other experts on higher education in CEE region but also in other regions of the world. The aim is to stimulate academic discussion on trends and key issues in the region’s higher education. It is also to enhance academic collaboration and practice/experience sharing in the areas of higher education and science and research policies.

The target groups of Conference are higher education and policy researchers, university leaders, as well as other stakeholders whose work is key for the good performance of higher education institutions. The goal is to build a professional network for sharing expertise, success stories, and new ideas, as well as to provide support to the relevant stakeholders in higher education.

We invite papers dealing with current issues in higher education in Central and Eastern European region and other neighboring regions. Possible topics include: funding of higher education, organization and management, internationalization, governance and autonomy, research and science policy and management, and higher education reforms more broadly. Additional topics are also welcome and will be considered.

CEHEC Project Partners
Center of International Higher Education Studies, Corvinus University of Budapest
Central European University, Budapest
ISC Foundation, Budapest
Faculty of Social Sciences, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University in Prague
Preliminary Programme

**Wednesday January 28, 2015**  
Venue: Corvinus University of Budapest  
14.00 - 17.00 Session with invited speakers  
19.00 Dinner – venue: to be announced  

**Thursday, January 29, 2015**  
Venue: Central European University  
9.00 - 12.30 Parallel session tracks for papers  
12.30 - 14.00 Lunch  
14.00 - 16.00 Session about joint research initiatives

Abstract Submission

Abstract submission: by 10 December, 2014  
Author notification: by 20 December, 2014

Abstract Length

Max. 3000 characters

Conference Committees

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Registration

Early bird online registration: by 20 December, 2014  
Final regular online registration: by 20 January, 2015

Fees
Early bird – 95 euro
Regular – 115 euro
Fees include conference materials, dinner, buffet lunch and coffees

Conference website
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About Higher Education Research at Corvinus University of Budapest (CIHES)

The Center for International Higher Education Studies (CIHES) was established in May 2008. The Center is an umbrella organization for those researches who are teaching and pursuing research in various fields of higher education at different faculties of CUB. One of the goals of the Center is to join European research consortia and to contribute to their results in the analysis of the educational processes with suggestions and proposals. Research topics include: analysis of the three-cycle system and the introduction of Bologna-type study programs, internationalization of higher education, mobility in higher education, funding reforms in higher education, social dimension of higher education, pedagogical methods, quality assurance, institutional management.

About Higher Education Research at CEU

CEU aims to explore innovative approaches to higher education (concepts, history, policy and management, the role of universities in the 21st century) with specific relevance to Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. The university offers a specialization in higher education policy and management in its MA program in Public Policy as well as in the PhD program in Political Science (Public Policy track). CEU students, faculty and staff engage with the Higher Education Research Group (HERG), which regularly invites speakers and holds roundtable discussions on key topics in higher education. The Higher Education Observatory (HEO) is another initiative at CEU promoting applied policy research in higher education. Recent projects include a focused review of higher education reforms in Armenia, a handbook on university autonomy developed for higher education stakeholders in Myanmar as well as reports on developments in higher education in Tunisia, Cuba and Cambodia. HEO places a particular focus on applied studies regarding the relationship between higher education policies and practices, and issues of democratic development. Specific research projects are carried out by CEU faculty members, researchers, and graduate students in cooperation with higher education experts from other universities and organizations.

About Corvinus University of Budapest

Corvinus University of Budapest defines itself as a research university oriented towards education, where the scientific performance of the academic staff measures up to the international standard and the students can obtain a competitive degree having a standard and knowledge content identical to similar-profile universities and acknowledged on the European Union's labour market and on a global scale. The University admitting more than 14,000 students offers educational programmes in agricultural sciences, business administration, economics, and social sciences, and most these disciplines assure it a leading position in Hungarian higher education. At the same time, its key ambition is to display the institution's uniqueness and to exploit the synergies resulting from professional diversity and from studying multiple disciplines.
About CEU

Central European University is a graduate-level university where faculty and students from more than 100 countries come to engage in interdisciplinary education, pursue advanced scholarship, and address some of society’s most vexing problems. It is accredited in both the United States and Hungary, and offers English-language Master’s and doctoral programs in the social sciences, the humanities, law, management and public policy. Located in the heart of Central Europe -- Budapest, Hungary -- CEU has developed a distinct academic and intellectual focus, combining the comparative study of the region’s historical, cultural, and social diversity with a global perspective on good governance, sustainable development and social transformation.

With approximately 1,400 students and 370 faculty members from more than 130 countries, CEU is one of the most densely international universities in the world. Its rare mix of nationalities, ethnicities, and cultures creates an ideal environment for examining such “open society” subjects as emerging democracies, transitional economies, media freedom, nationalism, human rights, and the rule of law. It also brings multifaceted perspective to all aspects of community life.