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“The Hungarian Electoral Reform in Comparative Perspective”

delivered by

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Discussant:
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Date:
Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Time:
5:30 p.m.

Venue:
Popper Room (CEU, Nador u. 9)

Reception to follow

Dr Alan Renwick is a reader in comparative politics and director of postgraduate research studies in politics at the University of Reading. His work lies in the areas of comparative politics and Applied Political Theory. Renwick’s current research focuses on political and electoral reform in the UK and around the world. He is interested in understanding how changing popular attitudes towards democracy and representation influence institutional choices, how values as well as self-interest influence the ways in which both politicians and the mass public approach issues of institutional reform, and how choices in new democracies differ from those in established democracies. Renwick’s is the author of two books, The Politics of Electoral Reform: Changing the Rules of Democracy (Cambridge University Press, 2010), and A Citizen’s Guide to Electoral Reform (Biteback, 2011).

Gabor Toka is a professor of political science and his research interest is primarily in voting behavior and democratic institutions, particularly the impact of the former on the latter. He is also interested in public opinion, survey methodology, and East European politics. He is co-author of Post-Communist Party Systems: Competition, Representation, and Inter-Party Cooperation (Cambridge University Press, 1999), author or co-author of over five dozen articles on electoral behavior, public opinion, political parties, and democratic consolidation, in edited volumes and in political science and sociology journals.

Robert Laszlo is an election specialist, political scientist, and economist. He obtained his degrees from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration (2004), and the Corvinus University of Budapest (2009), where he has been teaching the specialization of election experts since 2009-2010. His main research interest is the Hungarian electoral system, and he also manages the topic-related initiatives of the Political Capital Institute. He works as an analyst at the Political Capital Institute, since 2005.

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