THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY
NATIONALISM STUDIES PROGRAM
cordially invites you to a conference

Preferential Naturalization and Social Integration in Hungary

Friday, May 11
Faculty Tower 809

This conference will focus on the social and political impacts of the accelerated naturalization procedures and non-resident citizenship introduced by the Hungarian government in 2010. The presentations will examine the normative and practical implications of non-resident citizenship. Most importantly, the conference will investigate the international legal aspects of non-resident citizenship and the political repercussions of the inclusion of transborder ethnic Hungarians. A special emphasis will be given to the normative and practical dilemmas related to the enfranchisement of the non-resident constituency. In addition to non-resident citizenship, the conference will also discuss issues related to the social integration of migrants in Hungary, and the situation of refugees in the country. In order to provide a comparative perspective, non-Hungarian case studies will also be presented at the conference.

Chair:

Boldizsár Nagy, (International Relations and European Studies, CEU)

Program:

10.00 Opening remarks (Boldizsár Nagy, International Relations and European Studies, CEU)

10.15 Judit Tóth (University of Szeged, SZTE): Accelerated naturalisation in Hungary. The amended Act on Hungarian Nationality

10.30 Mónika Ganczer (University of Győr, SZE): The requirement of genuine link in citizenship law

10.45 Zoltán Kántor (National Policy Institute, Budapest): The National Policy Institution and the reactions of ethnic Hungarians’ communities living across the borders
11.00  Zsolt Körtvélyesi (Legal Studies, CEU): The reaction of the neighboring states

11.15  Discussion

11.45  Coffee-break

12.00  Judit Tóth (University of Szeged, SZTE): The legal concept of social integration

12.15  Attila Melegh (KSH NKI, Budapest): Measuring social integration

12.30  Emőke Takács (Menedék Association): Case study on long-term migrants

12.45  Katalin Haraszti (University of Budapest, ELTE): Case study on the homeless refugees

13.00  Discussion

13.30  Lunch-break

15.00  Szabolcs Pogonyi (Nationalism Studies, CEU): The normative dilemmas of external and non-resident voting

15.15  András Pap (Nationalism Studies, CEU): The Venice Commission’s recommendations on external voting

15.30  Irina Molodikova (Environmental Sciences and Policy, CEU): Case study on the Russian Diaspora

15.45  Discussion

16.15  Closing remarks (Mária M. Kovács, Nationalism Studies, CEU)