“Ninety Years of U.S.-Hungarian Diplomatic Relations”

A conference co-hosted by
the U.S. Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
with the participation of Central European University

Thursday, May 10, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
CEU Auditorium (Nádor u. 9.)

Conference Schedule

08:45 Arrival and Check-In

09:00 Opening Remarks
CEU Rector John Shattuck
Hungarian Foreign Minister János Martonyi
U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Bay Fang

09:30 Panel I: The Initial Years
Moderator: Joseph R. Truesdale IV, Acting Political/Economic Counselor, U.S. Embassy
Professor Tibor Glant – “The Establishment of U.S.-Hungarian Diplomatic Relations, 1919-22”
Professor Andrew Ludányi – “Émigré Reactions to Early Bilateral Diplomatic Relations”
Professor Tibor Frank, ELTE – “Hungary and the United States in the Interwar Period”
Political Director Péter Sztáray, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – “Personal Reminiscences from the Family of the First Hungarian Envoy to the United States”
Discussion

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Panel II: The Second World War
Moderator: Amb. Gábor Csaba, Director General, Department of the Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Professor Tamás Meszerics – “Pruning the Tendrils of Grand Strategy – Hungary and the Aims of U.S. Policy in World War II and the Early Cold War”
Kati Marton – “Reflections on U.S.-Hungarian Relations” (via video)
Katrina Lantos Swett – “Tom Lantos and the Holocaust”
Discussion

12:30 Lunch Break
Remarks by Ivan Hutter, General Manager, Lighting Product Management, GE Lighting EMEA
14:00  **Panel III: The Cold War**  
*Moderator: Joseph R. Truesdale IV, Acting Political/Economic Counselor, U.S. Embassy*  
*Professor Csaba Békés – “The 1956 Uprising and its Aftermath”*  
*John Whitehead – “Investing in Democracy” (via video)*  
*Ambassador Géza Jeszenszky – “Transformation of U.S.-Hungarian Relations”*  
Discussion

15:15  Coffee Break

15:30  **Panel IV: After the Changes**  
*Moderator: Amb. Gábor Csaba, Director General, Department of the Americas, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*  
*Ambassador Tamás Magyarics – “Partners and Allies”*  
*Ambassador Donald Blinken – “Hungary, the United States and NATO” (via video)*  
*William Benkő – “U.S. Investment in Hungary”*  
*Ambassador Kurt Volker – “Transatlantic Ties in the 21st Century” (via video)*  
Discussion

16:45  **Closing Remarks**  
*U.S. Ambassador to Hungary Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis*  
*Hungarian Ambassador to the United States György Szapáry*

17:00  **Conclusion**  
*CEU Rector John Shattuck*