Improving Solidarity in Central and Eastern Europe: New Approaches to International Reconciliation

Closing Conference of the Project
“The Seven Neighbors of Hungary – Questions of Historical Reconciliation and Cooperation in the 21st Century”

June 25 2012

Location: Central European University, 1051 Budapest, Nádor u. 9, Gellner Room

10.00 Welcome by Péter Balázs, Director of the Center for EU Enlargement Studies, presentation of the project

Keynote Speech: Gert Weisskirchen, Willy Brandt School, University of Erfurt, Germany

10.30 Panel 1: Sources of international tensions in Central and Eastern Europe

Chair: Barbara Kunz

Competing historical narratives in the CEE region
Balázs Trenčsényi, CEU, Budapest, Hungary

Patterns of Memory
Ferenc Laczó, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena, Germany

Hungary and Romania: Historical reconciliation or reconciling histories?
Gábor Egry, Institute of Political History, Budapest, Hungary

12.00 Buffet Lunch

12.50 Panel 2: Models of international reconciliation – lessons learned

Chair: Ferenc Laczó

French-German reconciliation
Barbara Kunz, Stiftung Genshagen, Schloss Genshagen, Germany

Reconciliation in the Balkans, managing diversities
Mitja Žagar, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Patterns of creating common identities
Slavka Otcenasova Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, Košice, Slovakia

14.20 Coffee break

14.40 Ambassadorial panel with representatives of the embassies of Austria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine

Panel chaired by Péter Balázs (CENS)