The Office of the President and Rector, and the Human Rights Student Initiative, CEU, cordially invite you to attend a forum on

HATE CRIMES AND ROMA: RECENT LESSONS FROM HUNGARY

Recent court cases in Hungary raise questions about how the "hate crime" laws are being interpreted, what role provocations from hate groups are playing in these cases, and how this could affect the broader Roma and non-Roma communities in Europe. These cases include the August 2013 conviction of the serial killers of 7 Roma Hungarians in 2008, the recent appellate court ruling in Debrecen of Sajohabony Roma defendants incited by Hungarian Garda action, the decision of the Hungarian police in September not to investigate the attack on a Roma family in Devecser, and the trial in Miskolc of Roma defendants accused of hate crimes and civil disorder.

What is a "hate crime?" What are lessons learned from these trials, for the Roma people, and the rest of us in the region? What personal actions can/should be taken by everyone in the future about this? After the panel speaks briefly, members of the audience will be invited to join in the discussion.

Introduction: Ellen Hume, Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media, CEU Center for Media and Communication Studies, co-founder, nalunknem.org (Not-In-Our-Town initiative, Hungary)

Moderator: Nick Thorpe, BBC

Panelists: Aladar Horvath, former member of Parliament, founder of the Roma Civil Rights Movement of Hungary
Eszter Jovanovics, lawyer, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (TASZ), head of the Roma program, member of the Workgroup Against Hate Crime (Győzőlet-buncselekmények Elleni Munkacsoport)
Oana Mihalache, student, LLM Human Rights Program, CEU, Open Society Justice Initiative Fellow, and formerly worked at Romani CRISS.
Andras Vagvolgyi, founder and former editor of Magyar Narancs, editor of ciganyvadaszat-per.blog.hu, the blog covering the serial killers’ trial

Date: November 5, 2013
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Venue: Auditorium (CEU, Nador u. 9)

Reception to follow

RSVP by Monday, November 4 to forumroma@ceu.hu

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