The Central European University Nationalism Studies Program cordially invites you to a lecture by

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Mutually reinforcing traumas in Hungarian national consciousness.

(Trianon and the Holocaust)

Following the theoretical model of „cultural trauma” developed by Jeffrey Alexander the paper will try to present a new understanding of how Hungarians are haunted by the troubled interaction of the memory of the Trianon Peace Treaty and the memory of the Holocaust. The two traumatic narratives cannot be separated from each other. These two traumas play a key role in contemporary cultural conflicts in Hungary. Collective agents of the trauma process, however, have no idea how to cope with the competing narratives of victim and perpetrator, how to turn past destructive conflicts into constructive social action of the future.

Thursday, January 16 at 6.00 P.M.
Popper Room (102) Monument Building

Csepeli György was born in 1946. He is Professor of Social Psychology, head of the Interdisciplinary Social Research Doctoral Program at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. He has been visiting professor at various universities. Recently he has been teaching at Montclair State University. He is visiting professor of the University at Gorizia where he teaches a course on minorities. His research areas cover the social psychology of intergroup relations including national identity in a comparative perspective, anti-Semitism, anti-Gypsy feelings. His interest has recently turned toward the field of social psychological problems of the information society. His recent publication on the issue of the Roma-non Roma relations in Hungary: „Gypsies and gadjé the perception of Roma in Hungarian Society.” Central European Political Science Review. Vol. 11. No. 40. Summer. 62-78. On authoritarianism: New Authoritarianism in Hungary at the beginning of the 21st Century (coauthored with István Murányi). Central European Political Science Review. Vol.13. No.50. 65-95. In 2013 he published a book in Hungarian titled “A hatalom anatómiája” („The Anatomy of Power”).

A reception will follow