“Looking Southeast: Providing Fresh Impetus towards EU Membership”

Central European University, Budapest
Nádor utca 9, Monument Building, Popper Room

28 May 2014

Conference program

28 May 2014 (Wednesday)

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.40 Opening remarks
  • John Shattuck, President and Rector of the Central European University
  • Jan Niklas Engels, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Budapest

09.40 – 10.20 Keynote speeches
  • Tanja Miščević, Head of the Negotiating Team for Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union
  • Péter Balázs, Director of CENS, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, former EU Commissioner for Regional Policy

10.20 – 11.45 Panel I. – EU Enlargement and the Western Balkans - 10 Years after Thessaloniki
Chair: Tamás Szigetvári, Senior Researcher, Institute for World Economics, Hungary
Speakers:
  • Vedran Džihić, Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Austria
  • Maja Bakran Marcich, Head of Directorate for Coordination of European Affairs, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs, Croatia
  • András Inotai, General Director, Institute for World Economics, Hungary

11.45 – 12.15 Coffee Break

12.15 – 13.45 Panel II. – Croatia’s EU Accession and Its Effects on the Rest of the Western Balkan Countries
Chair: Milan Nič, Executive Director, the Central European Policy Institute (CEPI), Slovakia
Speakers:
  • Senada Šelo Šabić, Research Associate, Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatia
• Mihailo Crnobrnja, Professor, FEFA Belgrade, Serbia
• Imre Varga, Ambassador and Senior Advisor of the International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT), Hungary

13.45 – 14.45 Buffet Lunch

14.45 – 16.15 Panel III. – Turkey and the EU: A broken relationship?
Chair: Erzsébet N. Rózsa, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Hungary

Speakers:
• Emre Hatipoglu, Assistant Professor, Sabanci University, Turkey
• Emel Akçali, Professor, Central European University (CEU), Hungary
• Aybars Görgülü, TESEV Foreign Policy Program, Turkey

16.15 – 16.30 Closing remarks