

Central European University's (CEU) contribution to education and civil society

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CEU AND THE EXCELLENCE AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION OF HUNGARIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

CEU significantly contributes to Hungary's international reputation by operating one of Europe's most prestigious postgraduate institutions in Budapest. The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016-2017 has named CEU -the only university from Hungary- among the world's top 350 universities.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings also named CEU among the world's top 100 universities in the social sciences category in academic year 2014-2015.

According to the 2016 QS World University Subject Rankings, CEU's Politics and International Studies programs ranked 40th in the world. Philosophy and Sociology programs were ranked among the top 100, while in History, CEU ranked in the top 150. In Economics and Econometrics CEU was ranked in the top 200.

Research potential is reflected in the fact that the university takes a leading role in bringing EU research funds to Hungary. CEU was ranked 5th among all universities in Europe in the 7th Research Framework Program of the EU in the Social Sciences and Humanities, ranked by the number of successful applications.

CEU ranks 8th in the world in terms of international outlook. In academic year 2016-2017 CEU students come from 110 countries, while faculty members come from more than 40 countries.

FACULTY AWARDS

December 2016

Gabor Denes Prize (by a committee under the auspices of the NOVOFER Foundation) – **Albert-Laszlo Barabasi**, visiting professor at CEU's Center for Network Science and the Department of Economics
for extraordinary innovation

December 2016

Order of Canada – **Michael Ignatieff**, president and rector
for his "contributions to the advancement of knowledge as a human-rights scholar and reporter"

November 2016

Political Studies Association International Recognition Award – **Michael Ignatieff**, President and Rector
"is in light of Ignatieff's sustained and significant contribution as both a scholar and a leading public intellectual"

October 2016

Goran Skogh Award – **Alessandro De Chiara**, assistant professor in the Department of Economics
for young scholars for the most promising paper presented at the 33rd Annual Conference of the European Association of Law and Economics (EALE)

September 2016

International Prize for History (by the International Committee of Historical Sciences (CISH)) – **Gabor Klaniczay**, University Professor at the Department of Medieval Studies
for the excellence of his work

November 2015

Karl Polanyi Prize (by the Hungarian Sociological Association) – **Julia Szalai**, visiting professor, Department of Political Science and Nationalism Studies Program / senior research fellow, Center for Policy Studies
for recognition for the best book or article published in the field of sociology

August 2015

Yrjo Jahnsson Award (from The European Economic Association (EEA) and the Yrjo Jahnsson Foundation) – **Botond Koszegi**, professor, Department of Economics
for his contribution to the theoretical foundations of behavioral economics

April 2015

"Officier des arts et lettres" (by the French Minister of Culture) – **Jean-Louis Fabiani**, professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology
in recognition of his "significant contributions to the arts and literature" in France

March 2015

Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary – **Ervin Gyori**, professor, CEU's Department of Mathematics
in recognition of his outstanding scientific achievements in discrete mathematics and his manifold activities in organizing Hungarian scientific life

December 2014

Bibo Istvan Prize (by the Hungarian Political Science Association) – **Bela Greskovits**, professor, Departments of Political Science and International Relations and European Studies
The prize honors extraordinary achievements in the field of Hungarian political science.

May 2014

Hungarian Academy of Sciences' Academy Prize – **Andras Stipsicz**, professor, Department of Mathematics and its Applications
for outstanding scientific achievements.

March 2014

Szechenyi Prize (from the State of Hungary) – **Janos Kertesz**, professor, Center for Network Science
for his internationally recognized achievements in statistical physics and its interdisciplinary applications, especially in the field of network science

September 2013

Stein Rokkan Prize (by the International Social Science Council and the European Consortium for Political Research) – **Dorothee Bohle**, professor, Department of Political Science, and **Bela Greskovits**, professor, Department of International Relations and European Studies
for being the leading analysts of political economy of Central and Eastern Europe, in recognition of their book "Capitalist Diversity on Europe's Periphery," published by Cornell University Press in 2012

June 2013

Kardos Lajos Prize (by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences) – **Gergely Csibra**, professor, Department of Cognitive Science
in recognition of his achievements in psychological research

March 2013

Szechenyi Prize (from the State of Hungary) – **Andras Kovacs**, professor, Nationalism Studies Program / director, Jewish Studies Project

in recognition of decades of teaching and research in the field of post-war Hungarian Jewish history, as well as the sociology of minorities and minority identities

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Currently, 337 Hungarian citizens are enrolled at CEU, and around 3500 CEU alumni live and work in Hungary. Of the enrolled students, 243 are active. Of those, 232 Hungarian citizens are attending CEU tuition-free and 11 others are receiving partial tuition waivers, while 201 receive scholarship. The total value of scholarships granted to Hungarian students in 2016-2017 is above 330 million HUF.

CEU also contributes to relieving the burden of Hungary's public finances in another way. In 2015, CEU spent nearly 10 billion HUF on employment- and non-employment expenditures within Hungary including purchasing goods and services from Hungarian suppliers. CEU also attracted close to 9 billion HUF in research funding from outside Hungary, mainly through the programs of the European Commission. CEU currently has 15 European Research Council grants, more than any other institution of higher education in Central and Eastern Europe.

LIBRARY

The CEU Library holds the largest English-language collection in the social sciences, humanities, business, and law in Central and Eastern Europe, with comprehensive on-site and electronic collections unique in the region. Anyone in Hungary can access the Library's online catalogue, research tools and CEU electronic theses collection. CEU library staff assist students, professors, and researchers from Hungarian universities with their research at no cost.

RESEARCH AND UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

CEU's strategic focus is to strengthen its relations within the Hungarian academic environment. To this end, we support various forms of student and faculty visits and exchanges with Hungarian universities. Significant steps have been taken to expand cooperation with a wide range of higher education institutions in jointly organizing academic events and projects as well.

CEU has close collegial ties with virtually all of the leading Hungarian universities and research centers. These collaborations take a variety of forms, including the joint organization of academic events, coordinated or cooperative research and teaching initiatives, and student exchanges. Examples include the longstanding cooperation in doctoral training with the Alfred Renyi Institute of Mathematics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, maintenance of a branch library in Medieval Studies with ELTE Faculty of Humanities, hosting of up to 25 Hungarian "college of excellence" (szakkollegium) students per semester in regular CEU courses, teaching provided by CEU economics and political science students at Corvinus University, and partnership with the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs in training activities and in building domestic and international research networks; and joint research and teaching initiatives with the University of Debrecen, Pecs, ELTE, BGE and the German-language Andrássy University Budapest.

CEU is one of the region's most successful institutions in securing European Research Council Grants. In the 2011-2016 period, CEU spent EUR12 million in ERC research funding, while it has already secured grants enabling spending of EUR9.4 million starting in January 2017.

Grants hosted at CEU and participated in by CEU contribute to the research and education capacity of Hungary.

SUMMER UNIVERSITY

CEU's Summer University is one of Central and Eastern Europe's most important academic programs for young scholars in the humanities and social sciences. Since 1996, Summer University has involved more than 300 Hungarian faculty members and close to 900 Hungarian participants. For 93% of the Hungarian participants, most of whom were junior academics (graduate students, faculty, and researchers) tuition was waived. They received guidance on their research, ideas for developing their own courses, exposure to a variety of teaching methodologies, and access to international and academic and professional networks.

VERA AND DONALD BLINKEN OPEN SOCIETY ARCHIVES (OSA)

OSA contains one of the world's largest collections of materials related to dissident activities in the former Soviet empire and human rights violations including war crimes and genocide worldwide. It contains 9.5 linear kilometers or printed and 14 terabytes of digital documentation. OSA collects and publishes primary sources and research on recent Hungarian history, operates a Digital State Security Archive, runs an Archival Lab for cutting-edge research on archives and memory, and mounts numerous exhibits and public history programs. Some 100,000 people have attended OSA exhibitions since 1997, with thousands more a year visiting with secondary school groups, attending OSA's annual human rights film festival and its Night of Museums event, and engaging via cooperation with 80 Hungarian institutions. OSA's public programs include exhibitions, conferences and film screenings, as well as the annual Budapest 100 program.

CEU PRESS

CEU Press is the largest English-language publisher in Central and Eastern Europe. It has been an international member of the American Association of University Presses since 2014. CEU Press spends about 40 million HUF per year on Hungarian products and services. The press, which exports 90 percent of its books, contributes to Hungarian exports at a rate of about 80 million HUF per year.

OUTREACH AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

CEU hosts public lectures by internationally renowned researchers and public figures on a constant basis – the number of public events held at the University approaches 1,000 per year. A significant portion of these events are organized in cooperation with Hungarian partners, while academic, government, and business representatives regularly attend or participate.

In 2016 CEU's Civic Engagement Office initiated new projects. One example is the Science Shop, which brings together researchers, students, and civil society organizations to handle real social problems with independent activities based on participation. Through the Science Shop, civil society organizations that need research results connect with students who need research experience.

CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT

In fall 2014, CEU began to build or refurbish approximately 35,000 square meters, spanning seven contiguous buildings. The main goal of the project is to consolidate into one connected campus all of CEU's academic and administrative units and provide sufficient space as well as



technology to students, faculty, and staff. At the same time, the plans represent a significant and integral renovation in downtown Budapest, in the neighborhood covered by the "Heart of Budapest" program. The new downtown campus, where students, faculty, and visitors from all over the world can meet, creates opportunities for subcontractor work and job creation for Hungarian companies and employees. The multiplication effect to the Hungarian economy is expected to be 200-400 jobs in the next five years, via 25-30 Hungarian subcontractors.