MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR
Next year, Central European University will celebrate its 25th anniversary, and we are preparing now for the dramatic changes that the next quarter-century will bring. **On May 9th, we held a ceremonial groundbreaking for CEU’s new campus.**

As we build, we are also continuing to plan for future growth. While the demand for a CEU education is growing rapidly (we have seen a 30% rise in applications so far this year), we have sustained the affordability of our tuition, while continuing to offer scholarships to 80%–90% of our students. We do this because we understand that in a free and open, democratic society, access to an outstanding education is paramount, and should be available to every student, regardless of their ability to pay. With the generous support of our alumni and friends around the world, we can continue to strike this important balance. In coming months, we will begin to celebrate our founding and honor the mission of the University through various campus events and appointments, including: the awarding of the CEU Open Society Prize to the International Renaissance Foundation (see page 4) and the appointment of the first George Soros Visiting Chair to YASMIN SOOKA (see insert).

There is much more to come. I hope you will join us in supporting and celebrating this extraordinary university, its revolutionary history, and its very bright future ahead. Thank you.

JOHN SHATTUCK | President and Rector

LATEST NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY

**CEU lays foundation for enhanced campus**
As Central European University approaches its 25th year with outstanding world rankings and record-setting research grants, we have launched a campus redevelopment project that will transform the University’s six contiguous properties into one lively, cohesive campus. CEU has changed dramatically since its founding —from a small, regional institution to a global university with an international reputation. Our renewed campus will reflect the University’s growth and ambitions over the last 25 years and provide our community with world-class facilities and resources to lead us boldly into future.
HOT OFF THE CEU PRESS
New and forthcoming books from CEU Press include:

- **Antimodernism. Radical Revisions of Collective Identity**, eds. DIANA MISHKOVA, MARIUS TURDA, and BALÁZS TRENCSÉNYI
- **Political Justice in Budapest after WWII**, by ILDIKÓ BARNA and ANDREA PETŐ
- **Free Speech and Censorship around the Globe**, ed. PÉTER MOLNÁR

CEU IN THE NEWS
**Christian Science Monitor** highlights CEU’s Roma Access Programs as a model for combating racism.

**Boston Globe** profiles CEU, describing the University as a school of human rights; and features an op-ed by JOHN SHATTUCK on containing Putin.


A **Huffington Post** article co-written by School of Public Policy Professor AUSTIN CHOI-FITZPATRICK, examines the relationship between poverty, modern-day slavery, and family planning.

A **Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung** interview with SPP Dean WOLFGANG REINICKE considers the Hungarian government’s balancing act between East and West.

**Dezeen**, an influential architecture and design magazine, features CEU’s campus redevelopment.

See these articles and more at: ceu.edu/giving/highlights.

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**CONTINUED FROM P1.** | Between now and 2020, award-winning architects O’Donnell & Tuomey will oversee the renovation and new construction of approximately 35,000 square meters at the downtown campus. The new campus will be open and interconnected, feature cutting-edge technology, flexible classrooms and collaborative student spaces, and beautifully reflect CEU’s open society mission, while also maintaining our architectural and historical importance in the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage site. Key components of the new campus include:

- With its modern glass and steel façade, the newly-constructed Nador 15 building will become the University’s new “front door”—bringing the vibrancy of CEU to street level by sharing the openness and dynamism of the campus with the city of Budapest.
- **An expanded Library**, spanning five floors and equipped with multimedia technology will enhance CEU’s ability to support the creation of new knowledge.
- A **street-facing 360-seat Auditorium and International Conference Center** will bring expanded facilities and advanced presentation technology to CEU lectures and conferences.
- Two **sky-lit Atriums** inspired by Budapest’s traditional courtyards will serve as hubs for student services and community events.
- **A landscaped Roof Garden** with views of the Budapest skyline, Parliament, and the Danube will be used for both study and social gatherings.
- An estimated €1 million in annual savings from energy efficiency gains.

Follow our progress at: ceu.edu/redevelopment. We invite everyone in the CEU community to play a part in this defining moment in the University’s history.
DOCTOROW: WARS WILL BE FOUGHT AND WON ON INTERNET
In January, the CEU Center for Media, Data and Society (CMDS) hosted science fiction author and blogger-activist CORY DOCTOROW in a public lecture on the topic of regulating and mandating evolving technology. Doctorow led the audience through nightmarish scenarios of governments and corporations capturing our data and activities and controlling our cars, heat, and even artificial limbs. This vulnerability comes with important policy challenges that have less to do with technology and network security, than about what technology enables or disables. “The real problems we have today...corruption, poverty, climate change—all these fights will be fought or won on the Internet,” Doctorow noted. “All other policy questions depend on how we answer Internet policy questions.”

CEU PARTNERS ON CONFERENCE IN SILICON VALLEY
MEL HORWITCH, dean and university professor at CEU Business School, gave one of the keynote lectures, at the first #Hunnovators Conference in Silicon Valley. Horwitch discussed the CEU Business School’s role in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship amongst its students and in the region. The conference was organized by the Neumann Society, a nonprofit dedicated to creating opportunities for Central and Eastern Europeans in Silicon Valley, which was founded after a CEU event in San Francisco for young Hungarian tech leaders, hosted by former U.S. Ambassador to Hungary ELENI KOUNALAKIS. Ambassador Kounalakis also gave remarks to the audience of more than 150 Hungarians and Hungarophiles.

NYC EVENT HIGHLIGHTS RESEARCH IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE
Best-selling author and journalist KATI MARTON hosted a reception for fellow CEU trustees and friends on Saturday, March 7th. Guests, including AMBASSADOR DONALD BLINKEN, HENRY ARNHOLD, and ALAN and ARLENE ALDA, gathered in Marton’s beautiful home for dinner and a conversation with NATALIE SEBANZ, head of CEU’s Cognitive Science department. Dr. Sebanz’s discussion focused on the social mind of humans and new research on how to foster empathy and reduce negative bias. Her talk illustrated how CEU’s faculty use their research to find solutions to intractable global challenges. A few days later, Kati Marton joined CEU again in Budapest, where she held a fellowship at CEU’s Institute for Advanced Study.
CEU NAMES 2015 OPEN SOCIETY PRIZE WINNER

Every year, CEU honors leaders who have made a commitment to the crucial elements of a functioning and healthy democracy—from fighting to end discrimination to broadening freedom of the press to defending human rights—with the CEU Open Society Prize. Past awardees include VACLAV HAVEL, CARLA DEL PONTE, KOFI ANNAN, and RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE. This year, CEU has chosen the INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION (IRF) as winner of the 2015 CEU Open Society Prize in recognition of its contribution to efforts toward the creation of an open society in Ukraine. The foundation’s mission is to foster an open, participatory, pluralist society based on democratic values in Ukraine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 18 | Book Launch with AMB. ELENI TSAKOPOULOS KOUNALAKIS Madam Ambassador: Three Years of Diplomacy, Dinner Parties, and Democracy in Budapest

JUNE 21 | Graduation and Awarding of CEU Open Society Prize

SEPTEMBER 21 | Opening Ceremony and Awarding of the Diener Prize

OCTOBER 2 | The 2nd Annual Lemkin Reunion will commemorate the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords

CEU SWITCHES TO .EDU

CEU has adopted ceu.edu as our web and email domain. CEU’s website and all email addresses now reflect the change (although the older .hu emails will continue to be recognized), giving the University the globally recognized URL of an institution of higher education. This is one of several strategic steps the University is taking on the technology front, including an institutional review of how new educational technologies can be deployed to enhance teaching and learning at CEU.

ALUMNI

ALUMNI CELEBRATE COMMUNITY, NEW CAMPUS

On Saturday, May 9th, CEU capped off its Alumni Reunion with a gala held at Budapest’s Kempinski Hotel Corvinus.

John Shattuck and the CEU community lay a time capsule in the foundation of CEU’s new campus. © CEU/Daniel Vegel

GIVING

MACARTHUR SUPPORTS TALKS ON RUSSIA’S GLOBAL ROLE

THE JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION has awarded CEU a two-year $100,000 grant to bring a diverse set of scholars from universities and think tanks across Russia, together with their international peers, for a series of debates about the current crisis in relations between Russia and the West. Led by CEU Visiting Professor ALEXEI MILLER, the talks will culminate in a set of policy recommendations and ultimately aim to offer a new model for interaction between Russian academics and global interlocutors, which have been constrained since restrictions on foreign funding and contacts were put in place in 2012.

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Contact Tara Stone, CEU Development Officer, at stonet@ceu.edu or visit www.ceu.edu/giving for more information.
SPP GRADUATES ITS FIRST MPA CLASS

The School of Public Policy (SPP) at CEU will graduate its first cohort of students in June 2015. “This is truly a milestone event in the short history of our School,” commented Founding Dean WOLFGANG H. REINICKE.

“We’re pretty excited too,” said TAUTVYDAS JUSKAUSKAS (Lithuania). Juskauskas is one of the 26 students from 21 countries who has spent the last two years enrolled in SPP’s unique public policy master’s program that integrates knowledge, skills, and practice. “The goal of this program,” explains Reinicke, “is to provide students with the range of skills they will need to effect positive change for the public good. We are constantly experimenting, and trying new things to adjust to a fast changing and ever more demanding world of public policy. These students have been true pioneers.” One of the highlights of Juskauskas’ SPP experience was his involvement with the SPP Good Drone Lab, which was conceived in a course taught by Assistant Professor AUSTIN CHOI-FITZPATRICK in spring 2014.

“What attracted me to that course,” remarked Juskauskas, “was the combination of theoretical policy knowledge and the practical development of a drone for civil society use.” Juskauskas has continued to pursue his interest in drones. He traveled to Boston in early May to attend the HumTech2015 conference where he presented the paper he coauthored with Choi-Fitzpatrick on the use of drones to estimate crowd size.

When asked what she will remember most about her two years at SPP, TAMILA MAGARIAN (Kazakhstan) mentions first her classmates, and then the professors who “inspired us to go beyond our comfort zones, encouraged us to expand our intellectual horizons, and challenged us to always question the status quo.” She also speaks with great emotion about her Passion Project to develop policy recommendations for the reconstruction of Aleppo, Syria. The Passion Project is a client-driven and student-run, policy-oriented capstone designed to address challenges, identify opportunities, or conduct research on a pressing social question. It is an integral part of the MPA curriculum.

Magarian has accepted a job offer from the US Mission to Afghanistan to work at the Agency for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement. She says that it was taking classes on conflict and post-conflict societies, development, and also working with Syrian refugees as part of
her Passion Project that made her realize that she wanted to focus on the role of women in post-conflict reconstruction of their communities and countries.

“I have gotten so much from being at SPP,” says RUMBIDZAI MASANGO (Zimbabwe). “I enjoyed it all: the academic courses, the Skills For Impact modules, and especially the Open Society Internship for Rights and Governance (OSIRG) I did at the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) in Geneva last summer.”

Masango was selected to present an ISHR statement at the 27th regular session of the UN Human Rights Council on September 16. She spoke during the general debate about the special procedures’ joint communications report, a document acknowledging the “worsening trend of threats and attacks against civil society actors and human rights defenders.”

Although SPP students came to Budapest from many countries and are looking forward to very different futures, they share a commitment to each other and to the School, and a passion to achieve “purpose beyond power.” “I am sorry to see them leave,” said Reinicke, “but I am also excited for our graduating students. I am eager to see where they go and what they do. I have no doubt that many of them will be leaders advocating for change that benefits the public good in the communities where they live and work.”

YASMIN SOOKA APPOINTED INAUGURAL GEORGE SOROS VISITING CHAIR

“We are delighted to welcome YASMIN SOOKA to the CEU School of Public Policy,” said Founding Dean WOLFGANG H. REINICKE of the School’s inaugural George Soros Visiting Chair. “Her international reputation as a human rights lawyer, and her active engagement in public policy, make her an ideal choice for this appointment at SPP. She embodies the values that are integral to the School: a commitment to thoughtful and passionate engagement with public policy.”

The George Soros Visiting Chair was established with generous contributions from the friends and family of CEU founder GEORGE SOROS. It is awarded to scholars and practitioners who have demonstrated outstanding achievement or a distinguished record of participation in the academic, professional, journalistic, political, or civic world of public policy. Yasmin Sooka, who will be in residence at CEU during the fall 2015 term, is the executive director of the FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (FHR) in South Africa.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

SPP is, in the words of its founder George Soros, a “new kind of global institution dealing with global problems.” It is committed to the values of public service and the promotion of open societies through interdisciplinary research, innovative teaching, and engagement with policy practice. SPP’s rich portfolio of public policy offerings are tailored for students from around the world seeking careers in the public, private, and voluntary sectors at the local, national, and international levels.