



Conference on

**Historical and Cultural Understanding in Central-
Eastern Europe**

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Introduction

The conference organized in the beautiful Tihany peninsula at the shore of Lake Balaton gives a perfect opportunity to broaden your world view, get a new outlook on current issues and enjoy the last days of summer among international students interested in foreign affairs. The goal of the event is to create a common approach towards the historical and cultural complexity of Central-Eastern Europe.

We will study the historical, cultural and political reasons of differences and similarities between the countries of the region. Hopefully we will be able to highlight the importance of the common origins and causes of general misunderstandings. We will examine the motives of conflicts and the prospects of cooperation.

With the help of our experts, participants will be able to discover cultural differences and similarities just as well as different history perspectives within the region. The concept of the conference is to combine the lectures of professionals with workshops and presentations of the participants. During the workshops all those taking part in the program will have the chance to draw lessons from the lectures, to expand their own views and to discuss them with fellow participants in small groups mentored by experts.

Besides the examination of the mentioned topics, there will be a big emphasis on getting to know each other personally and professionally as well through teambuilding activities, workshops, simulations and the international fair. By international fair we mean a short presentation on your country with optional folklore dance or music, tastings of national specialties or whatever you find a good way to promote your countries culture.

Since Hungary is very much centralized to Budapest we think that everybody visiting Hungary must get at least a little insight from the beautiful capital of the country. This is why we figured out the so called zero-day before the conference held in Budapest. We organize a sight-seeing tour and a pub-crawl to show you as many faces of the city as it is possible.

In addition Tihany Center for Political Analysis is offering the possibility of publishing scientific articles and participation in their intern program for the best participants. The first step of the recruitment process will be two mandatory essays written by the participants prior the conference. These essays besides the recruitment will serve the preparation of the participants as well.



Details

Date: 26-28 August, 2016

- One optional day at Budapest on the 25th of August for sightseeing and team building

Place: Tihany, Hungary, Hotel Club Tihany- [Link](#)

Expenses:

- No participation fee
- Accommodation and food provided by Tihany Center for Political Analysis
- 0th day accommodation fee: (circa) EUR 10
- Personal travel expenses

Requirement of participation

- Reassuring participation
 - To make sure all places will be filled, we have sent an e-mail with the modified details - your registration will be fixed after assuring us that you understood the modified requirements and you still want to take part in the conference.
- Country presentations
 - We would like to have a presentation of every country representing itself on the conference
 - Basic country info
 - Historical-cultural essentials
 - Fun facts
 - In early August we will help in creating the groups
- 2 essay with 3-4000 words
 - Purpose of the essays:
 - Preparation for the conference
 - Possibility of publication or participating in the intern program of Tihany Center for Political Analysis
 - This is the only way our sponsors can finance the expenses
 - In case of nonaccomplishment we won't be able to guarantee free accommodation and catering!
 - Deadline: 20/08/2016
 - Topics:
 - What are the biggest differences between Central-Eastern European nations?
 - What does your nationality mean to you?
 - What do you think about nationalism/radical nationalism?
 - What are the similarities of the Central-Eastern European countries?
 - How would you describe a Central-Eastern European?
 - How you see your country's historical and cultural ties with the Central-Eastern European countries?
 - How do you see the future of Central-Eastern Europe?



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Lecturers

Gábor Szentiványi

- Former Deputy State Secretary
- Former Ambassador of Hungary to Great Britain, The Netherlands and Sweden
- Further information: [Link](#)

Elena Jeremova

- Embassy of the Czech Republic in Budapest – Deputy Head of Mission

Hakan Akbulut

- Scientific researcher of the ÖIIP
- Further information: [Link](#)

Other than those listed above, more lecturers are expected to share their views during the conference, [further details are coming soon](#)



Program

0th Day – Thursday, 25 August

-16:00	Arrival to Budapest	Optional
16:00 – 20:00	Sightseeing tour	
20:00 – 21:00	Free time	
21:00 –	Team building, pub-crawl	

1st Day – Friday, 26 August

9:00 – 10:00	Breakfast
11:00 – 13:30	Travel to Tihany
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:30 – 16:00	Opening ceremony
16:00 – 17:00	I. Lecture
17:15 – 18:45	International fair
19:00 – 20:00	Sightseeing in Tihany
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner
21:00 –	Team building

2nd Day – Saturday, 27 August

9:00 – 10:00	Breakfast
10:15 – 11:15	II. Lecture
11:30 – 12:30	I. Workshop
12:30 – 13:30	Refreshing in lake Balaton
13:45 – 14:45	Lunch
15:00 – 16:00	III. Lecture
16:15 – 17:15	II. Workshop
17:30 – 18:30	Simulation
18:45 – 19:45	Dinner
19:45 –	Team building

3rd Day – Sunday, 28 August

9:00 – 10:00	Breakfast
10:30 – 12:00	IV. Lecture
12:15 – 13:15	III. Workshop
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:00	Closing ceremony
15:00 –	Departure



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The Tihany Centre for Political Analysis was established in 2013 as an independent research institute. It has a wide-range of activity which deals with issues important for Hungary's sphere of interest and political environment. Primary area is Central Europe, relations with its neighbours, with special attention to the Austro-Hungarian ties. We follow pragmatic approach. We offer practical solutions and keep an eye on how our theories work in practice. Results of our research are available for institutions and private partners as well.

Association of Diplomacy in Practice - Link

Our association was founded in 2007 by students at Corvinus University of Budapest's Faculty of Social Sciences to balance out the limits of theoretical education. Our association has remained on this path and throughout the years it has expanded the variety of its programs. The purpose of our events is not simply to gain academic knowledge, but to retain practical experience from the worlds of foreign relations and diplomacy, which are wanting within our studies. We at the Association of Diplomacy in Practice believe that practical education is not only necessary, but is indispensable for success in the labor market. The interactive and vivid nature of our programs enables the development of our members that is incomparable to exclusive university studies.

ISHA Budapest - Link

International Students of History Association (ISHA) is an international non-governmental organization of students of history. Our goals are to facilitate communication and provide a platform of exchange for students of history and related sciences on an international level. ISHA believes that international perspectives constitute an important part of every student's education. Membership is open for students (undergraduate through PhD) from all disciplines and backgrounds with an interest in history and historical science. Throughout the academic year, the various member sections take turns organizing several seminars and an Annual Conference. These events usually last several days with up to a hundred student participants from around Europe, and comprise workshops, discussions and presentations on various topics, but also offer a cultural program with visits and excursions.