

Political seminar on

United States of Europe
or Nations of Europe

(Final version)

By Tihany Center for Political Analysis

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Introduction

The conference organized in the beautiful Balatonfüred (next to the 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 prospective 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 country's 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 city of the country. This is why we figured out the so called zero-day held in Budapest before the conference. (If our guests will be interested we will organize a sight-seeing tour 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 one mandatory essay (2-3 pages long) written by the participants prior the conference. These essays besides the recruitment will serve the preparation of the participants as well.

Details

Date: 30 August – 2 September, 2017

One optional day at Budapest on the 30th of August for sightseeing

Place: Balaton Szabadidő- és Konferenciaközpont (8230 Balatonfüred, Horváth Mihály utca)

Accommodation: Balatonfüred, Hungary, Apartments of Hotel Margaréta -
<http://hotelmargareta.hu/en>

Expenses:

- *No participation fee* (if the requirements are fulfilled!)
- Accommodation and food provided at the lake Balaton by Tihany Center for Political Analysis
- Zero day accommodation fee: (circa) EUR 25
- Personal travel expenses

Requirement of participation

- Reassuring participation
 - o Please fill out the the [detailed registration form](#)
- Country presentations
 - o We would like to have a presentation of every country representing itself on the conference
 - Basic country info
 - Historical-cultural essentials
 - Fun facts
 - o In early August we will help in creating the groups
- An essay with 5-6000 characters
 - o Purpose of the essays:
 - Preparation for the conference
 - Possibility of publication or participating in the intern programme of Tihany Center for Political Analysis
 - This is the only way our sponsors can finance the expenses
 - In case of non-accomplishment we won't be able to guarantee free accommodation and catering!
 - o Deadline: 28/07/2017 (Please, send the essays to the following address: peter.galambos@tihanypolitics.eu)
 - o Topics:
 - American and Russian impacts on the region of Central Eastern Europe in the past and the future
 - Fragmentations in the European cooperation
 - Why is important to be a member state of the European Union?
 - Why are the European fundamental freedoms useful for me?
 - What does the BREXIT mean to my country? What does it mean to me?
 - 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?

Contact Details

Registration:

Fill the [registration form](#)!

In case of any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on the following e-mail addresses:

- György Odze – odzegyorgy@gmail.com
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Lecturers

Gábor Szentiványi

- Former Deputy State Secretary
- Former Ambassador of Hungary to Great Britain, The Netherlands and Sweden

Grzegorz Piątkowski

- Special adviser for Jarosław Gowin, Minister of Science and Higher Education

Hakan Akbulut

- Scientific researcher of the ÖIIP



Program

0th Day – Wednesday, 30 August

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| –16:00 | Arrival to Budapest |
| 16:00 – 20:00 | Sightseeing tour (optional) |
| 20:00 – | Free time |

1st Day – Thursday, 31 August

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| 8:00 – 8:25 | Gathering at the Budapest Déli railway station |
| 8:25 – 10:46 | Travel to Balatonfüred by train |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Check in |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Opening ceremony |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | I. Lecture |
| 16:30 – 20:00 | Sightseeing in Balatonfüred (optional), refreshing in the lake Balaton |
| 20:00 – 21:00 | Dinner |
| 21:00 – | Country presentations, Team building |

2nd Day – Friday, 1 September

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| 8:30 – 9:15 | Breakfast |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | II. Lecture |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | I. Workshop |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00 – 15:00 | Free time, refreshing in the lake Balaton |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | III. Lecture |
| 16:15 – 17:15 | II. Workshop |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | Sightseeing in Balatonfüred |
| 19:00 – 20:00 | Dinner |
| 20:00 – | Country presentations, Team building |

3rd Day – Saturday, 2 September

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Breakfast |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | IV. Lecture |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | I. Debate |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | II. Debate |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00 – 13:30 | Check out |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | Closing ceremony |
| 15:30 | Departure |

Organizers

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