

Political seminar on

Political parties,
tendencies and
challenges in Europe in
the 21st century (draft
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. Before or after our seminar there will be also possible to stop by in Budapest too.

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 29th of August for sightseeing

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

Accommodation: Balatonfüred, Hungary

For students: Apartments provided by [zimmerinfo.hu](http://zimmerinfo.hu/balatonfured/szechenyi/) (e. g. <http://zimmerinfo.hu/balatonfured/szechenyi/>)

For scholars, lecturers: Rooms provided by the Akadémia Hotel (<https://akademiahotel.hu/>)

Expenses:

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

Requirement of participation

- Reassuring participation
 - o Please, fill in the [pre-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 are going to charge a 200 EUR fee on the participant!
 - o Deadline: 27/07/2018 (Please, send the essays to the following address: peter.galambos@tihanypolitics.eu)
 - o Topics:
 - ☐ Most important conservative parties of Europe/EU
 - ☐ Most important social democratic parties of Europe/EU
 - ☐ Importance of the smaller parties in my country and in the EU
 - ☐ My country's parties in the European Parliament and their roles there
 - ☐ Can a party or a party member influence the European policy?
 - Euroscepticism, radical views, populist parties, are they dangerous for the future of Europe?
 - Future of liberal values in the European Union
 - ☐ Split of values, are the people of Western and Eastern Europe think differently about the democracy and the democratic values
 - ☐ Most important values that a European party must represent

Contact Details

Registration:

Fill in the [pre-registration form](#)!

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

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Lecturers

- TBA

Program

0th Day – Wednesday, 30 August

–17:00	Arrival to Balatonfüred
17:00 – 18:00	Check in
18:00 –19:00	Dinner
19:00 – 24: 00	Opening ceremony and Ice-breaking party

1st Day – Thursday, 31 August

8:30 – 9:15	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:30	I. Lecture
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	II. Lecture
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	III. Lecture
14:30 – 15:30	I. Workshop
15:30 – 18:30	Sightseeing in Balatonfüred (optional), refreshing in the lake Balaton
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
19.30 –	Country presentations, Team building

2nd Day – Friday, 1 September

8:30 – 9:15	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:30	IV. Lecture
11:00 – 12:00	II. Workshop
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	V. Lecture
14:20 – 15:20	III. Workshop
15:20 – 18:30	Free time, refreshing in the lake Balaton
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
19:30 – 21:00	Open debate
21:00 –	Country presentations, Team building

3rd Day – Saturday, 2 September

8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	I. Debate
10:30 – 11:30	II. Debate
11:30 – 12:30	Check out
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:00	Closing ceremony
14:00 –	Departure

Organizers

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