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Bios

Péter Balázs (CEU)

Prof. Péter Balázs graduated in Budapest at the Faculty of Economics of the “Karl Marx” University (later: Budapest School of Economics, today Corvinus University). He got his PhD degree and habilitated at the same University. He is a ScD of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In parallel with his government and diplomatic career he has been teaching and doing research. He was nominated Professor of the Corvinus University in 2000 and joined the CEU as a full time Professor in 2005. He is regularly teaching at various home and foreign universities, lecturing in English, French, German and Hungarian.

Mariya Lazarova (CEU)

Mariya Lazarova, having graduated last year from a Bachelor’s course in International Relations at the University of Birmingham (UK), is currently a Master’s student at the Department of International Relations and European Studies at Central European University, Budapest. Her interests revolve around EU’s foreign policy, external relations and enlargement. She has experience as an intern at the European Parliament and at a number of EU-related institutes and foundations.

Liliya Goranova (CEU)

Liliya Goranova, BA in Political science from Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski with major in European Integration, currently studying in the MA program in the IRES Department at Central European University. She is interested in new modes of governance in the EU, interactions between stakeholders in the framework of the ever-changing process of policy-making in the Union, as well as interaction of the EU as a single actor with its neighbours.

Emmanuelle Siou (CEU)

Emmanuelle Siou is currently studying International Relations and European Studies in a master program at Central European University in Budapest. Her background in international and European law (master in European Institutions and International and European Criminal Law), her professional experiences (internship at the International Criminal Court and Research on the Schengen System at the National Scientific Research Center in France), gives her legal and practical insights to analyze current issues or policy fields she is focusing on at CEU: democratic deficit in the European Union, institutional changes in the European Union, ethnic conflicts and Foreign and Security policy. She aims at defining key elements to solve on a particular issue, like the disconnect between the European citizens and the European Unions political life about the broad question of the European Union democratic deficit, to propose solutions found through a combination of a bottom-up approach and theoretical frameworks.

Tomislav Leko (CEU)

Tomislav Leko, student from Croatia, is currently pursuing his MA degree in International Relations and European Studies at the Central European University. Prior to his studies at this University, he graduated Political Science at the Faculty of Political Science in Zagreb (Croatia). During his BA studies in Croatia, he was at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn in Germany for one academic year, where he studied international relations. Throughout his education, Tomislav was engaged in different activities, from civil society initiatives, to summer and winter schools to conferences that are organized for different purposes. Currently, he is doing an internship at the Central European University in the Alumni Relations and Career Services Office, is engaged as the Officer for Human Resources in the Bringing Europeans Together Association from Germany and organizes the Model European Union in Zagreb this year. Interests include EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy with particular interest in Western Balkans region, defense and security policy, energy security, foreign policy analysis and political economy of the EU.

Archana Chaturvedi (CEU)

Archana Chaturvedi is a MA student at CEU. She is originally from New Delhi in India. Her previous studies include communications and media studies at Delhi University. Her major areas of interests are connected to comparative regionalism, environmental policy, conflict management and resolution.

Kazimierz Woycicki (University Warsaw)

Warsaw University – Institute for East European Studies - University of Warsaw, Member of the Polish PEN-Club, Chairman of Advisers Group of the Foreign Affairs Committee in Polish Parliament (2009-2011), Advisor to the Minister in the Office for War Veterans and Repressed Persons (2008-20011), Director of the Institute of National Remembrance in Szczecin (2004-2008), Director of the Polish Institute in Leipzig (2000-2004), Director of the Polish Institute in Dusseldorf (1996-1999); Editor in Chief in the department national 'news' program TVP1; Political commentators IV PR program; (1994 -1996); Editor in chief of daily "Zycie Warszawy" (1990-1993); Secretary of the Civic Committee of Lech Walesa, press office of „Solidarity“ during > Round Table < negotiation (1988-1989); Deputy editor of the monthly „Więź“; (1987-1990); Journalist in the Polish section of the BBC in London; (1986-1987); Scholarship of Adenauer Foundation (1984-1985); Monthly “Więź” under the direction of Tadeusz Mazowiecki (1973-1981); MA in Philosophy in Catholic University of Lublin, combined with studies in mathematics at Warsaw University (1973); Ph.D University of Wrocław in history (1999), born in Warsaw 1949.

Awards: Knights Cross of Polonia Restituta, Verdienstkreuz am Bande des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Annual Award of the University Viadrina, 2008.

Milena Chodoła (U.Warsaw)

Milena Chodoła is currently studying on the second year at the Faculty of East European Studies, at the University of Warsaw, in Poland. In the future she would like to choose a specialisation which is called the Caucasus, because she is enchanted with the culture, history and people of Georgia. She supports protest movement in Ukraine by taking part in demonstrations in Warsaw. On December she examined the social mood of demonstrators on Kiev's Maidan. She is working in student television and in one of the Warsaw foundations.

Maria Hluchava (U.Warsaw)

Maria Hluchava is currently studying on the first year at the Faculty of East European Studies, at the University of Warsaw, in Poland. Her specialization is Central Europe, but she is also interested in issues of European integration of Belarus and other post-soviet countries. She has graduated Bachelor Studies in Minsk State Linguistic University in faculty of Intercultural Communication. She supports protest movement in Ukraine, by taking part in social studies in Kiev in December 2013, examining social moods in "Euromaidan".

Lukasz Tomaszewicz (U.Warsaw)

A student of the second year at the Faculty of East European Studies, at the University of Warsaw, Poland. He's interested in Central Europe Countries, especially Belarus and Ukraine with their rich and difficult history, sophisticated culture and wide perspective of development. He actively supports Maidan protests, he took part in social research in Kiev conducted by Faculty of East European Studies.

Gert Weisskirchen (Willy Brandt School Erfurt)

Born, Heidelberg May 16, 1944; Prof. (em.), University of Applied Science Wiesbaden;
Honorary Prof., University of Applied Science, Potsdam; since 2010 Lecturer, Willy Brandt
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1976 – 2009, Member of the German Bundestag
1999 – 2009, Spokesman on Foreign Affairs, SPD Parliamentary Group
1997 – 2002, Chair, Committee Human Rights, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
2002 – 2005, Vice President, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
2004 – 2008, Personal Representative of the CiO of the OSCE

2005 Award Paul Ehrlich, Human Rights, ADL
2005 Solidarnosc Medal
2006 Commander, Republic of Lithuania
2010 Award Gratias agit, Czech Republic

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Madhumanti Debnath (Willy Brandt School Erfurt)

Madhumanti Debnath is a post-graduate in Political Science with International Relations from Jadavpur University, India and is currently pursuing Masters in Public Policy at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy at the University of Erfurt. She specializes in European Public Policy and International Affairs. Hard working, helpful and active with a high learning ability. An articulate and persuasive communicator, able to interact with a variety of individuals under various circumstances. Willingness to experience new environments and cultures and a desire to work for the betterment of the society. A strong advocate of women's rights and children's rights, have participated in several voluntary activities aimed at providing basic information to women and children living in the slums, lacking access to any basic amenities, regarding hygiene, waste management, need for education etc.

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Laetitia Sengseis is currently a Graduate Student of Public Policy and Good Governance at the Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt. She specialises in European Public Policy and International Political Economy. Prior to her studies in Public Policy she completed a degree in Political Science at the University of Vienna and the University of Geneva. She has worked with a number of NGOs in the areas of Human Rights and Democracy, Public Oversight of the Security Sector and European Enlargement.

Jaroslav Sonka (University Prague)

Born 1948 in Prague, 1969 - 1989 in Germany. Research at universities and research institutions (a. o. German Cancer Center Heidelberg). Since 1990 journalistic activities in Czech Republic and Germany (now developing an European Magazine for the Czech Radio), 1995 – 2011 Seminar Director at the European Academy Berlin. 2011 – 2013 Director of the European Shoah Legacy Institute in Prague. Teaching also at the Charles University Prague – European communication and ethics of the media.

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David Erkomaishvili is a doctoral candidate at Metropolitan University Prague and Institute of International Relations joint program, and Deputy Editor in Chief at Central European Journal of Intentional and Security Studies. His main area of research includes alliances, alliance theory, and spatial analysis of alignments. His most recent publications include: Tackling Obstacles of Eastern Partnership, *Belarusian Review*, Vol. 25, No. 3., fall 2013; Eastern Partnership's Bilateral "Multilateralism," *Belarusian Review*, Vol. 25, No. 4., fall 2013.

Hanna Vasilevic, (University Prague)

Mgr. Hanna Vasilevich, MSc., M.E.S., is completing her PhD in International Relations and European Studies at the Metropolitan University /International Relations Institute in Prague, on the role of identity of the state creation on the case study of Belarus. Currently she is also a research associate for the projects on EaP countries at the European Center for Minority Issues, Flensburg, Germany. Hanna holds M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy from Anglo-American University in Prague and Master of European Studies from Master Programme in European Integration and Regionalism offered by the University of Graz and the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Karin Sluneckova (University Prague)

In 2013 I graduated the Charles University in the field of Marketing Communication and PR, now I am expected to graduate in 2015 with a postgraduate degree of MA in Journalism. I have always been interested in foreign affairs and languages which lead me to taking part in a 6 month Erasmus Programme in Leipzig, Germany thus to participation in the international community. Additionally, being a member of a Czech debating team gave me the opportunity to take part in the World Debating Championship 2010 in the Netherlands where our team placed 3rd-4th. I have some experience as a moderator of various international meeting through the Globe NASA program. I speak Czech, English, German, intermediate Spanish and very little Romanian which I am keen to study further. In my leisure time I occupy myself with indoor-climbing, drawing, singing, playing volleyball and meeting friends.