We live in a time of uncertainties. The impact of the covid-19 pandemic puts into question previous habits, assumptions, theoretical frameworks, methods, leaving us with a sense of dismay and disarray, facing the fragility of old and comfortable certainties. But the awareness of such precariousness produces an open space for new practices and ideas. Therefore, we recognize that times like this could be the most fertile and fascinating times for scholars, and for young scholars especially, who are working on theoretical, empirical, or methodological issues, and are willing to share and confront their outputs. Thus, we welcome scientific contributions reflecting on individual, national, transnational, and global challenges driven by the loss of certainties and by unprecedented changes. Central European University’s Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations invites paper proposals for its 17th Annual Doctoral Conference. The conference provides a professional, stimulating, and international environment for PhD students and early career researchers in political science to discuss their works in progress, establish informal networks, and initiate future collaborative research. We aim to assemble submissions that reflect the plurality of research projects and approaches in the field of political science.
DAY 1 / WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

10.00-10.30 WELCOME REMARKS

Michael Merlingen
Director, Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy & International Relations
Professor, Department of International Relations, Central European University, Austria

10.45-12.45 PANEL SESSIONS

PANEL 1
FRONTIERS OF DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY

Palle Bech-Pedersen & Christian Carl
Universität Hamburg
Deliberation on Two Tracks: Deliberation, Compromise and Consensus

Xhenis Shehu
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest
Feminist Solidarity and Deliberative Democracy in the #MeToo Era

Nicola Abate
Universitat Pompeu Fabra
The Momentum of European Democratic Politics of Uncertainties

PANEL 2
POSTCOLONIAL THEORIES AND DECOLONISING PRACTICES

Kristína Rankovová
Comenius University
Reconceptualizing the Representations in the Global Education: Enter Hybridity

Antonio Salvador M. Alcazar III
Central European University
Camille Nessel
Université libre de Bruxelles
Jan Orbie
Ghent University
Disruption as Dialogue: Decolonising the Study of EU Trade Relations with the Global Souths?

Ain ul Khair
Central European University
The Banality of Life: Situating Family Under Occupation

PANEL 3
RETHINKING PEACE: MOBILIZATIONS, AGREEMENTS, PRACTICES

Verena Zech
Central European University
Understanding the Implementation of Women’s Rights and Gender Equality Provisions in Peace Agreements: A Research Agenda

Claudia Ditel
University of Graz
Social Mobilization in Deeply-divided Places: A Comparison Between Bosnia and Lebanon

Seema Sridhar
Central European University
Rethinking Emancipation: A Pluriversal Analysis of Hybrid Peacebuilding

PANEL 4
CONFLICT AND COOPERATION IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Marew Abebe Salemot
Debark University
The Causes and Consequences of the 2018 Failed Peace Agreement between the Oromo Liberation Front and the Ethiopian Government

Jacopo Resti
Central European University
Giacomo Salvarani
Urbino University
The Enablers of Successful Civic and Political Participation in Developing Countries: Towards a New Analytical Framework

Taraf Abu Hamdan
Central European University
Soil, Dirt, Earth: Soil Management, Rural Communities and Power
14.00-16.00 PANEL SESSIONS

**PANEL 5**
**QUALITATIVE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (QCA) IN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH**

Vlad Surdea-Hernea  
Central European University  
*Modelling, measuring and incorporating uncertainty: Introducing Type-2 intuitionistic fuzzy-set QCA (T2iQCA)*

Barbora Valikova  
Central European University  
*Pathways to Peace after Armed Conflicts over Self-Rule Demands: A Set-Theoretic Perspective*

Daniel Muth  
Central European University  
*Can Revenue Recycling Sweeten the Pot of Stringent Carbon Pricing?*

**PANEL 6**
**NORMATIVE LEGITIMACY AND MORAL OBLIGATIONS**

Nikolina Smiljanić  
University of Rijeka  
*Foundation and Justification of Welfare-oriented Public Policies*

Dominik Austrup  
Universität Hamburg  
*Undermining the State: William’s Critical Theory Principle and The Threat of Horizontal Manipulation*

Hong Do  
Central European University  
*The Normative Standards of International Legitimacy: Towards A Participatory Theory of Global Governance*

Renan Silva  
Central European University  
*Institutions, Moral Obligations, and Dispositions*

**PANEL 7**
**SECURITY IN TIME AND SPACE**

Malte Reske  
Central European University  
*Neither Rational nor Irrational-only Worthwhile Targets: Hubris, Peripeteia and Non-Rational Deterrence*

Sara Daub  
Hertie School  
*The Logic of Diaspora Sponsorship to Rebel Organizations*

Daniel Gheorghe  
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration  
*EU Diplomacy and its relevance for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a post-Netanyahu era*

**PANEL 8**
**PUBLIC POLICY AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

Maryna Lakhno  
Central European University  
*The Integration of the SDGs in Higher Education and the Role of Intermediary Organisations*

Samuel Wanjohi Kiiru  
Central European University  
*Knowledge Sites and Configurations in Africa: Implications for Future Public University-Based Development Policy Knowing*

16.30-18.30 KEYNOTE
**SUFFICIENCY, UNCERTAINTY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS**

Prof. Paula Casal  
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
08.50-10.50 PANEL SESSIONS

PANEL 9
AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES AND
AUTHORITARIANISM: ROOTS AND LEGITIMATION

Mehmet Yavuz
Central European University
*Role of Ideological Legitimation on the Stability of Authoritarian Regimes: A Quantitative Examination*

Azad Garibov
Central European University
*Defector challenge, regime change, and the electoral performance of hegemonic party authoritarian regimes*

Guido Panzano
Université Libre de Bruxelles / Centre d’Etude de la Vie Politique
*Roots of Ethnic Authoritarianism. Autocratization and Ethnic Inequalities in the Contemporary World*

Amin Esmaeizadeh Aghjeh
University of Vienna
*Claims to Legitimacy in Autocracies: How Nationalism Works in Iran*

PANEL 10
THEORIES AND PRACTICES OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Vincent F. Mo
Central European University
*The Practice in Critical Geopolitics Studies*

Sandra Hagelin
University of Tartu
*Borders in Times of Crisis: Theorising the Connection Between Discursive re/framing of Borders and Border-making During Crisis and EUropean Integration Trajectories*

Antonio Salvador M. Alcazar III
Central European University
*Ruling the Unruly?: A Critique of EU Trade Policy as Global Governance*

Szilvia Nagy
Central European University
*On the Intersection of Policy Translation and Organizational Ethnography: A Methodological Framework for Situated Practices*

PANEL 11
MEMORY AND IDENTITY IN THE MAKING: IR PERSPECTIVE

Freya Cumberlidge
Central European University
*We are not victims: BiHian Tour Guide Responses to Victimisation and the Trope of the Victim*

Vladimir Ogula
Central European University
*Folds of Humans, Things and Vegetation in Memorial Landscapes: A Memory Politics of Space at a Victory Park in Saint-Petersburg*

PANEL 12
SHIFTS IN POLITICAL DISCOURSE AND COMMUNICATION

James Dunne
Central European University
*“A new voice in the land”: the Scottish National Party at Westminster and the Unsettling of the British Constitution*

Franziska Wagner
Central European University
*Party Communication in Social Media. Emotions and User Engagement in Facebook*

Miroslav Pažma
Comenius University in Bratislava
*‘Do you know your enemy?’ Examining exclusionary appeals among Slovak populist parties*

Peter Visnovitz
Central European University
*The Interest(s) of the People - A Theory of Populist and Non-Populist Representative Logics*
11.00- 12.00 KEYNOTE
CATEGORIES, CERTAINTIES, AND UNCERTAINTIES
Prof. dr. Dvora Yanow
Guest Professor, Sub-department Communication, Technology and Philosophy
Wageningen University, The Netherlands

14.00- 16.00 KEYNOTE
REFLECTIONS ON EAST CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE POST-COMMUNIST PERIOD: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED, AND WHAT DID WE MISS?
Prof. Rachel Epstein
Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

16.30-18.30 PANEL SESSIONS

PANEL 13
CONTESTED TERRITORIES: RETHINKING FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY

Julia Huiu
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration
Does Politics Stop at the Border? Contested Foreign Policy Proposals in Post-communist Romania

Emmanuelle Rousseau
Université de Montréal
Disputing Reality – Russian critique at/of the OSCE, 1990-2013

Dominik Sipinski
Central European University
Open Pit of Ontological Insecurity. Poland’s Territorial Sovereignism and the Turów Lignite Mine Kerfuffle

PANEL 14
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE EU

Giancarlo Grignaschi
Central European University
The Political Economy of European Financial Supervision

Lucas Schramm
EUI
Wolfgang Wessels
University of Cologne
The European Council as a Crisis Manager and Fusion Driver: Assessing the Case of the EU’s Financial Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Odysseas Kostantinakos
EUI
Revising Paradigmatic Change in European Macroeconomic Policy
PANEL 15
THE SCOPES OF DEMOCRATIC ENFRANCHISEMENT

Suzanne Bloks & Daniel Häuser
Universität Hamburg
For Partially Enfranchising Denizens

Adelin-Costin Dumitru
Research Institute of the University of Bucharest
Protecting the Right to have Rights: Defending the Enfranchisement of Refugees

DAY 3 / FRIDAY, APRIL 8

08.50-10.50 PANEL SESSIONS

PANEL 16
GREAT DEBATES IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

Renato H. de Gaspi
Central European University
Truncated Developmentalism: Political Foundations of (Incomplete) Industrial and Development Policies in Latin America

Georgiana Balta
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration
The EU's Social Dimension: Towards a New Dimension of Social Policy in the Context of the European Pillar of Social Rights

Assiya Yermukhametova
Central European University
Membership in Customs Unions and Foreign Direct Investment

PANEL 17
GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Bence Hamrak
Central European University
Missing Votes, Unvoiced Opinions? Looking Beyond the Participation Gap in Health

Elisabetta Mannoni
Central European University
Mind the (value-action) gap: investigating attitudes and behavior on the environmental issue

Natalia Kovyliaeva
University of Tartu
Gaining Voice in Putin’s Russia: Exploration of Opportunities and Threats for Feminist Grassroots Mobilizations

Adam Reiff
Central European University
The Effect of the Hungarian Village Programme on Vote Share in Hungary

PANEL 18
REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS

Danijela Čanji
Institute of European Studies and International Relations
The European Union’s New Pact on Migration and Asylum: Enhancing the Legal Protection of Refugees and Asylum Seekers or Restoring the Old Paradigm?

Cagla Deste Ekin Güner
Central European University
Multi-Level Governance and Education of Refugee Youth: A Local-to-Local Comparison of Hamburg and Izmir

Natalia Dziadyk
Central European University
Temporary Migrant Workers’ Acts of Citizenship: a Multiscalar Perspective
11.00- 12.30 KEYNOTE
HISTORICAL ORIGINS OF GENDER GAPS IN POLITICAL REPRESENTATION. AND HOW CULTURAL ENTREPRENEURS CAN HELP CLOSE IT

Prof. Aina Gallego
Universitat de Barcelona

14.00-16.00 PANEL SESSIONS

PANEL 19
POLITICAL ATTITUDES IN UNCERTAIN SCENARIOS

Manuel Sola Rodríguez
EUI
A Matter of Context: Examining Loyalty Toward Parental Identity Traits in Catalonia

Anna Clemente
EUI
Giuliano Formisano
OII / Nuffield, Oxford
Covid exceptionalism and redistributive attitudes: how the pandemic shaped perceptions of benefit deservingness

Semir Dzebo
Central European University
Who Are the Secessionists? The Individual Level Determinants of Secessionist Attitudes

Costanza Marcellino
LUISS University
EU political efficacy differentials and European identity: A quantitative analysis before and after COVID-19 outbreak

PANEL 20
MEDIA AND DIGITALISATION: CHANGING IDENTITIES, DISCOURSES AND GOVERNANCE

Ceren Çetinkaya
Central European University
Visual Politics of Neo-Ottomanism: A Critical Approach to the Identity Representations of Turkishness

Eszter Farkas
Central European University
The media discourses about immigration before and after the outbreak of the war in Ukraine: Comparative analysis of German and Hungarian online news portals’ Facebook pages

Fitnat Cansu Ünal Öngören
Marmara University
The EU’s Digital Equilibrium: Restructuring of the Knowledge-Subject and Power-Government/Domination Relations from the EU Perspective
PANEL 21
DEMOCRATISATION AND EU INVOLVEMENT IN CENTRAL ASIA

Nosirkhon Qodirov
University of Szeged
EU Involvement in Central Asia: From Peripheral to the Geostrategic Region

Parassat Beisenova
al-Farabi Kazakh National University
The Role of Trade Union in Labor Conflicts Resolution in Kazakhstan

Anna-Lena Hoenig
University of Konstanz
Shirin Tumenbaeva
Central European University
Democratic Decline in the EU and its Effect on Democracy Promotion in Central Asia

14.30-16.30 PANEL SESSIONS

PANEL 22
CONSTITUENTS OF JUSTICE: ATTACHMENTS, RELATIONS, EMPATHY, AND IMPARTIALITY

Virginia De Biasio
University of York
When does attachment count?

Sara Coelho
University of Lisbon
Games of justice: A defence of empathy in impartial judgments

Clemens Loidl
Central European University
Revisiting the Scope-Based Argument against Relational Egalitarianism

Georg Schmerzeck
University of Gothenburg
Evaluating sovereign money in justice as fairness

16.30- 18.00 KEYNOTE
HYBRIS IN THE FACE OF UNCERTAINTY: FIVE THOUSAND YEARS OF EURASIAN SELVES AND OTHERS IN MONUMENTS

Prof. Iver B. Neumann
University of Oslo