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Political seminar on

Elections to the
European Parliament
and the future of the
EU

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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. This year's topic will be Elections to the European Parliament and the future of the EU.

During the seminar 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 and simulations.

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 its 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. The second step is to prepare a presentation about certain topics, which will be shown before or during the summer seminar.

Details

Date: 29 August – 1 September, 2019

One optional day in Budapest e. g. on the 28th of August for sightseeing

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

Accommodation: Balatonfüred, Hungary

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

For main lecturers: Rooms provided by the Margaréta Hotel (<http://hotelmargareta.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 registration form](#)
- Presentations
 - o We would like to have a presentation of every participant about a special topic
 - o In late July/early August we will send the details to the participants
- An essay with 5-6000 characters
 - o 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 non-accomplishment we are going to charge a 200 EUR fee on the participant!
 - o Deadline: 22/07/2019 (Please, send the essays to the following address: peter.galambos@tihanypolitics.eu)
 - o Topics:
 - How do you evaluate the results of the EP elections in your country?
 - How do you evaluate the results of the EP elections in Europe?
 - Which is the most important political group/party in the EP? Why?
 - My country's parties in the European Parliament and their roles there
 - Role of a Spitzenkandidat
 - Who is the most important politicians in the EU after the EP elections?
 - Euroscepticism, radical views, populist parties, are they dangerous for the future of Europe?
 - Conservatism, democratic-socialism, liberalism, are they valid values in the 21st century?
 - Split of values, are the people of Western and Eastern Europe think differently about the democracy and the democratic values
 - Which are the most important challenges of the EU after the elections?

Contact Details

Registration:

Fill in the [registration form](#)!

Register on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1231425000352559/>

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

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Lecturers

- **Géza Jeszenszky**, former minister of foreign affairs (Hungary)
- **Péter Balázs**, former minister of foreign affairs (Hungary) (TBC)
- **Gábor Szentiványi**, former ambassador of Hungary
- **Stefan Drexler**, expert (EPP-CSU) (Germany)
- **Jonny Daniels**, adviser, PR-expert (Poland)
- **Patrick Müller**, professor of European Studies, Diplomatic academy Vienna (Austria)
- an expert of the Centre for International Relations Foundation, CSM (Poland) TBA



Program

0th Day – Thursday, 29 August

–18:00	Arrival to Balatonfüred
18:00 – 19:00	Check in
19:30 –	Opening of the Seminar, dinner and ice-breaking party

1st Day – Friday, 30 August

8:30 – 9:15	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:30	I. Lecture (Géza Jeszenszky)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	II. Lecture (Stefan Drexler)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	III. Lecture (Jonny Daniels)
14:30 – 18:00	Sightseeing in Balatonfüred (optional), refreshing in the lake Balaton
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
19:30 –	Presentations, Team building

2nd Day – Saturday, 31 August

8:30 – 9:15	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:30	IV. Lecture (Patrick Müller)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	I. Workshop
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	V. Lecture (Gábor Szentiványi)
14:20 – 15:00	II. Workshop
15:00 – 19:30	Trip to the Tihany peninsula
19:30 – 20:30	Dinner
20:30 – 21:00	Round table discussion and debate (Péter Balázs and György Odze)
21:00 –	Presentations, Team building

3rd Day – Sunday, 1 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

Tihany Center for Political Analysis

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