

ROLLING BACK THE ROLLBACK

– Spaces & strategies for reviving democracy and open societies in Europe –

8.30 AM – 6.30 PM, Monday, April 7, 2014
Auditorium, Faculty Tower, CEU
Nádor utca 9, Budapest 1051

Recent events and developments in a number of European countries give rise to serious concerns about the stability of democracy in parts of the continent. Constitutional and other legal changes, a cut-down on freedom of the press as well as the freedom of association, challenges to the independence of the judiciary, xenophobia, anti-EU attitudes, low voter turnout, erosion of trust in government, and corruption—all pose growing challenges to the prospects of open societies in Europe. These trends are addressed in a series of events organized by the School of Public Policy at CEU in cooperation with the Hertie School of Governance.

Based on a prior analysis of anti-democratic trends in Europe, the “Rolling Back the Rollback” Forum will examine possible responses to the rollback of democracy and open societies. How can some of the anti-democratic processes be reversed and how can further erosion of the foundations of open societies be prevented?

The morning panels aim to analyze drivers and dimensions of democratic rollback and the role and credibility of the EU as a guardian of democracy.

The afternoon program breaks away from conventional conference format and provides interactive forum space for young actors to discuss and debate novel approaches, spaces and strategies for ‘rolling back the rollback’, with, among others, a special focus on opportunities and limitations of new digital forms of mobilization and participation.

The forum will lay the foundations for policy formulation and dissemination, including a policy paper to be published in 2014. Its interdisciplinary approach and policy focus will result in recommendations on potential strategies for governments, local and international civil society and EU institutions.



MONDAY – APRIL 7, 2014

8.30 – 8.45 **Registration and Coffee** / CEU Octagon Hall

8.45 – 9.00 **Welcome Remarks** / Auditorium
John Shattuck (President and Rector, Central European University)

Introduction / Auditorium
Wolfgang H. Reinicke (Founding Dean, School of Public Policy at Central European University)

9.00 – 10.30 **Drivers and Dimensions of the Rollback Revisited:
 Law, Politics, Economy, Society**

This panel will revisit the rollback of democracy from an interdisciplinary perspective, focusing on legal, political, economic and societal issues in the context of anti-democratic trends. It will introduce the major themes that together make up the broader picture of the rollback of democracy, assessing the current state of affairs and pave the road for the following discussions on how to address these trends.

Moderator: Kati Marton (Member, Board of Trustees, Central European University)

Béla Greskovits (Professor, International Relations and European Studies Department, Political Science Department, Central European University)

G. M. Tamás (Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Central European University)

Renáta Uitz (Professor, Chair of the Comparative Constitutional Law program, Central European University)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break / Auditorium Foyer

11.00 – 12.30 **The EU – Towards a more Credible and Effective Guardianship for Democracy?**

This panel will focus on whether the European Union as an institution has the authority and credibility to criticize and sanction the rollback of democracy. The panelists will discuss this from a legal and institutional perspective, scrutinizing the EU's own democratic track record, its avenues to exert pressure on member states, and institutional capabilities (Copenhagen Commission, among others) to respond to 'rogue states' within its borders.

Moderator: Andre Wilkens (Director, Mercator Centre Berlin)

Franziska Brantner (MP German Bundestag, Alliance '90/ The Greens)

Heather Grabbe (Director, Open Society European Policy Institute, Director of EU affairs, Open Society Foundations)

András Jakab (Director, Institute for Legal Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Schumpeter Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law)

Jan-Werner Müller (Professor of Politics, Princeton University)

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch / Auditorium Foyer

13.30 – 15.00 **Digital Democracy: Alternative approaches to Rolling back the Rollback? Opportunities and limitations**

In the wake of anti-democratic trends, new approaches have emerged in resisting and reverting the rollback of democracy. This panel will discuss new and unconventional approaches to defend, strengthen and advance civil liberties and democratic participation, from the perspective of young civic and political activists. The discussion will examine opportunities and limitations of new digital forms of mobilization and participation.



Moderator: Mathieu Lefevre (Executive Director, New Cities Foundation)

Balázs Bodó (Assistant Professor, Researcher, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Department of Sociology and Communications, Center for Media Research and Education)

Tim Dixon (Managing Director, Purpose Europe, Chief Political Strategist, Purpose)

Julia Schramm (PhD Candidate, Humboldt University, Former Board Member, Pirate Party Germany)

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break / Auditorium Foyer

15.30 – 17.00 **Recreating Strong Democracy: The role of the ‘Millennial generation’ in shifting paradigms**
(parallel working groups)

Legal Institutions / Monument Building, Room 203

With a special focus on the balance between majority rule and minority rights, the group will critically assess the potential and limitations of legal and judiciary institutions. What spaces exist for fostering independent legal institutions against the rollback of democracy? What are possible strategies for bridging the gap between legal institutions and their application in practice?

Moderator: Balázs Dénes (Director, European Civil Liberties Project, Open Society Foundations)

Nicoletta Charalambidou (Vice-chair, European Network against Racism Foundation)

Andrea Čolak (Legal Consultant, European Roma Rights Center)

George-Konstantinos Charonis (Executive Board Member, International LGBT Youth and Student Organization)

Natalia Mileszyk (Researcher, Institute for Law and Society)

Political Narratives / Popper Room

This working group will explore a range of political narratives from euroscepticism to populism and radicalization of politics, with an eye on possible counter-narratives. What are the dominant responses of mainstream political actors and what are the implications for democratic and open societies? What are possible counter-narratives and available political spaces for strengthening democracy?

Moderator: Stephan Mergenthaler (Associate Director, Deputy Head of Strategic Foresight at the World Economic Forum)

Claudiu Craciun (Lecturer, Political Science Faculty, National School of Political Studies and Administration of Romania)

Andrea L. P. Pirro (PhD Candidate, Centre for the Study of Political Change, University of Siena)

Kristóf Szombati (PhD Candidate, Sociology and Anthropology, Central European University)

Civil Society / Gellner Room

The group will assess spaces and strategies available to civil society groups in 'rolling back the rollback' of democracy. What forms and processes of social mobilization have been most effective? What are the limits and opportunities of pressure groups, NGOs and other civil society actors and organizations in engaging with public frustration and trust deficit in political actors and institutions?

Moderator: Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick (Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy at Central European University)

Daphne Büllesbach (Citizenship and Democracy Director, European Alternatives)



Michał Sutowski (Managing Editor, Krytyka Polityczna, Poland)

Serdar Paktin (Social Semiotician, Strategist, Lecturer, Writer, 140 Journos, Turkey)

Economic Regime / Nádor utca 11, Room 004

As a result of the European financial woes and sovereign debt crisis, high unemployment and economic imbalances persist, especially in Southern and Eastern parts of Europe. Against the backdrop of tighter fiscal policies, what are the implications for democratic societies? How does the economic inequality interplay with anti-democratic trends?

Moderator: Michael Dorsch (Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy at Central European University)

Eleni Balamoti (Public Administration Officer, Ministry of Finance of Greece)

Bálint Missetics (PhD Candidate, Political Science PhD Program, Central European University)

Panagiotis Vlachos (Founding Member, Greek European Youth Association and Forward Greece)

17.00 – 17.15 Coffee Break / Auditorium Foyer

17.15 – 18.30 **Plenary and Closing Remarks** / Auditorium

Moderator: Mathieu Lefevre (Executive Director, New Cities Foundation)

Closing Remarks: Wolfgang H. Reinicke, Founding Dean, School of Public Policy at Central European University

The plenary will recapitulate the threads of the four working groups and thus synthesize different avenues for recreating strong democracy and fostering open societies. With a participant from each working group, this panel aims at summarizing what young actors can do in rolling back the rollback of democracy.

18.30 – 20.00 **Reception at the School of Public Policy:
Forum on “Hungary after parliamentary elections”**
SPP premises, Október 6. utca 7, Floor 2





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Helmut K. Anheier is Professor of Sociology and Dean at the Hertie School of Governance. He also holds a chair of Sociology at Heidelberg University and serves as Academic Director of the Center for Social Investment. He received his PhD from Yale University in 1986. From 2001 to 2009, he was Professor of Public Policy and Social Welfare at UCLA's

School of Public Affairs and Centennial Professor at the London School of Economics. Prof. Anheier founded and directed the Centre for Civil Society at LSE and the Center for Civil Society at UCLA. Before embarking on an academic career, he served as social affairs officer to the United Nations. He is currently researching the role of foundations in civil society and focuses on concepts and methods in civil society and globalization studies. Prof. Anheier is the editor of the annual Global Civil Society Yearbook (with Mary Kaldor and Marlies Glasius) and the Cultures and Globalization Series (with Raj Isar). His recent publications include *Foundations and American Society* (with David Hammack, 2009, Brookings Institution Press) and *Nonprofit Organizations: Theory, Management and Policy* (2005, Routledge).



ELENI BALAMOTI

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Eleni Balamoti is a public administration officer at the Ministry of Finance of Greece. Her duties include legal research for the Ministry in administrative courts. She has also served as Administrative Management Officer at the Council of Economic Advisors, coordinating with senior officials at national and international level. Eleni Balamoti

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She has been researching the new rules of EU Economic Governance introduced during the crisis and their social and political impact. Within this framework, she has written an article titled "Evaluating the new rules of EU Economic Governance in times of crisis", which is expected to be published in the European Labor Law Journal later this year, and has attended and presented in various academic seminars, including a presentation on "Labor Law, Social Protection and the Crisis: Evaluating the case of Greece", organized by the Institute of Labor Law of Leuven.



BALÁZS BODÓ

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Balázs Bodó was a Fulbright Visiting Researcher at Stanford University's Center for Internet and Society in 2006/7 and a Fulbright Fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University in 2012/13. Since 2013 he is based in Amsterdam, working as a researcher and a Marie Curie Fellow at the Institute for Information Law (IVIR) at the University of Amsterdam. Before moving to the Netherlands, he was deeply involved in the development of the Hungarian internet culture. He was the project lead for Creative Commons Hungary. He is a member of the National Copyright Expert Group. As an Assistant Professor at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, he helped to establish and led the university's Master's Program in Cultural Industries. He has advised several public and private institutions on digital archives, content distribution, online communities and business development. His academic interests include copyright and economics, piracy, media regulation, peer-to-peer communities, underground libraries, digital archives and informal media economies. In his free time he was one of the core members of "One Million for the Freedom of Press in Hungary" (MILLA) movement. He was on stage at one of the early demonstrations, later acted as an informal spokesperson, editor of the Facebook page and member of the informal steering committee until the summer of 2012. He emigrated from Hungary that year, but continues to produce a bi-weekly radio show on Sexual Cultures on the Budapest based community radio Tilos, with his partner.



FRANZISKA BRANTNER

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Franziska Brantner has been Member of the German Bundestag and the Greens group in the Bundestag (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) since October 2013. Prior to this, she was Member of the European Parliament for four years where she served as the spokesperson for foreign affairs of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament and Parliament's standing rapporteur for the Instrument for Stability. She also was her group's chief negotiator for the establishment and review of the European External Action Service. Franziska Brantner served as Member and coordinator on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and as substitute member on the Subcommittee on Security and Defence, the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality and on the Committee on Budgets. Before being elected to the European Parliament, Franziska Brantner worked as consultant on EU foreign policy for the Bertelsmann Foundation and as



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NICOLETTA CHARALAMBIDOU

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Nicoletta Charalambidou studied Law in the University of Athens Law School and thereafter obtained LL.M in European Legal Studies from the University of Exeter. She worked at the House of Representatives in Cyprus as the Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee on Interior Affairs and Human Rights as well as at the Law Office of the Republic of Cyprus at the European Union Law Section. During her years at the European Union Law Section of the Law office, she specialized in social and employment law and policy and more particularly labor law and discrimination as well as on asylum, migration, trafficking in human beings, Schengen acquis, and free movement of persons and fundamental rights. In 2009 she established a private law firm specializing in European Union law, asylum, migration, trafficking in human beings, discrimination and fundamental rights. Currently, she serves as the legal advisor to the Cypriot Commissioner for the Protection of Children Rights and as a part time lecturer on immigration and asylum at the European University Cyprus. Since 1999, Nicoletta Charalambidou is also a member of the Steering Committee of KISA-Action for Equality, Support, Antiracism, a national NGO with a mandate to combat and raise awareness on racism and discrimination and to provide

support and advice to migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and victims of trafficking. She is the Chair of European Network Against Racism Foundation (ENAR) for Cyprus Coordination and the elected Vice Chair of ENAR in Brussels.



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George-Konstantinos Charonis is the Executive Board Member of IGLYO – the International LGBTQ Youth and Student Organization responsible for Education and Social Inclusion. He is also the Manager of Color Youth – Athens LGBTQ Youth Community. One of George’s focus areas in both Color Youth and IGLYO has been education, and more specifically, homophobic and transphobic bullying. He drafted the IGLYO Minimum Standards to combat homophobic and transphobic bullying, based on the outcomes of a relevant conference held in June 2013. He is currently involved in the ‘Vote for your rights’ project run by Athens Pride and Color Youth ahead of the May 2014 municipal and European Parliamentary elections. The project is aimed at empowering LGBTQ youth to vote in favor of political parties and candidates that support LGBT rights, while raising the profile of LGBT rights on the political agenda by putting pressure on politicians and candidates to prioritize these rights. He holds an MSc in Climate Change and Policy from the University of Sussex and a BSc (Hons) in Physics from the University of Bath. During his studies in the UK he was actively involved in students’ unions locally and nationally, as a representative of the National Union of Students, as well as internationally through his involvement in the European Students’ Union.



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Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick is a political sociologist and founding faculty member at SPP, whose work focuses on social movements and human rights. His current research, funded by the National Science Foundation, explores the impact of social movements on human rights violators in India, particularly slaveholders engaged in contemporary forms of slavery. Recent publications include an edited volume (From Human Trafficking to Human Rights, 2012 University of Pennsylvania Press) in which leading scholars contribute to an emerging human rights approach to human trafficking. Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick teaches classes on Modern Governance and Human Rights Advocacy at the School of Public Policy.



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Heather Grabbe joined the Open Society Foundations in 2009. As both the Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute and Director of EU affairs, she works to ensure that open society values are at the heart of EU policies and actions, both inside and outside its borders. From 2004 to 2009 she was senior advisor to then European Commissioner for Enlargement Olli Rehn, responsible in his cabinet for the Balkans and Turkey. Before joining the commission, she was deputy director of the Centre for European Reform, the London-based think tank, where she published widely on EU enlargement and other European issues. Her writing has appeared in the Financial Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and The Guardian, among others. Her academic career includes teaching at the London School of Economics, and research at Oxford and Birmingham universities, the Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House, London), and the European University Institute (Florence). Heather Grabbe has a PhD from Birmingham University and a BA and MA from Oxford University. She speaks French, Italian, and German.



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—presidential Marriages that Shaped our History”, as well as a biography of Raoul Wallenberg which has just been re-released to mark the 100th anniversary of Wallenberg’s birth. Kati Marton, a Peabody Award winning journalist and former ABC News foreign correspondent has combined a career as author and journalist with public service. She served in the United Nations secretariat, working on issues related to child soldiers, has been head of the International Women’s Health Coalition and the Chair of the Committee to Protect Journalists. Marton’s books have been translated into five languages and she has been awarded one of Hungary’s highest civilian honor, the Commanders Cross of the Order of Merit. Marton’s latest book, her eighth, “Paris—a Love Story”, a memoir, was published by Simon and Schuster in 2012.



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