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**PROGRAMME**

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Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy  
(V. Putvinskio str. 23, LT-44243 Kaunas, Lithuania)

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## PROGRAMME

### 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY: THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF OCTOBER, 2024

8.30–9.30	<b>Registration of participants</b> (VMU, Lobby of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy building, Putvinskio st. 23, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
9.30–10.45	<b>Opening ceremony</b> (VMU, Putvinskio st. 23, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, Room 106): - <b>Welcoming speeches:</b> Vytautas Magnus University Vice-Rector for Communication <b>Vilma BIJEIKIENĖ</b> ; VMU Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy <b>Šarūnas LIEKIS</b> ; CEPASA President <b>Miro HAČEK</b> - <b>Keynote speech:</b> “No Country for Eurosceptic Men? Transformation and Europeanisation of Lithuania” <b>Prof. MINDAUGAS JURKYNAS</b> (VMU, Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy)
10.45–11.15	<b>Coffee break</b> (Room 414)

The following panel sessions will be held in the building of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy of VMU (V. Putvinskio str. 23). Registration desk will be available during the session after the lunch at the entrance to the Faculty building.

11.15–12.45	<b>Session I</b>	Panel 1 (Room 106)
		Panel 2 (Room 002)
		Panel 3 (Room 312)
		Panel 4 (Room 313)
		Panel 5 (Room 311)
		Panel 6 (Room 220)
12.45–14.30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14.30–16.00	<b>Session II</b>	Panel 7 (Room 106)
		Panel 8 (Room 220)
		Panel 9 (Room 002)
		Panel 10 (Room 311)
		Panel 11 (Room 312)
16.00–16.15	<b>Coffee Break</b> (Room 414)	

16.15–17.45	Session III	Panel 12 (Room 106)
		Panel 13 (Room 312)
		Panel 14 (Room 311)
		Panel 15 (Room 002)
		Panel 16 (Room 220)
17.45–17.50	Break	
17.50–19.20	Session IV	Panel 17 (Room 106)
		Panel 18 (Room 313)
		Panel 19 (Room 311)
		Panel 20 (Room 312)
		Panel 21 (Room 002)
18.00–19.00	CEPSA Council meeting (Room 220)	
19.30	Reception for conference participants (Room 414 and terrace)	

### 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY: FRIDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER, 2024

The following panel sessions will be held in the building of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy of VMU (V. Putvinskio str. 23). Registration desk will be available from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the entrance to the Faculty building.

9.15–10.45	Session V	Panel 22 (Room 311)
		Panel 23 (Room 313)
		Panel 24 (Room 002)
		Panel 25 (Room 312)
		Panel 26 (Room 310)
10.45–11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15–12.45	Session VI	Panel 27 (Room 311)
		Panel 28 (Room 310)
		Panel 29 (Room 312)

**Closing of the conference**

# PANELS

THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> OF OCTOBER, 2024

## Panel 1 (Room 106)

**Experiences and perspectives of CEE countries in the EU**  
Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Sima RAKUTIENĖ, Vytautas Magnus University

Experiences and perspectives of the Visegrad Group in the European Union	<b>Anna CZYŻ</b>	University of Silesia in Katowice
Twenty Years After EU Accession: Assessing Slovenian Experience	<b>Miro HAČEK</b>	University of Ljubljana
Examining EU Leverage and Linkage in Hampering De-democratization in Central Europe	<b>Łukasz ZAMĘCKI</b>	University of Warsaw
Twenty years of Slovakia in the European Union – challenges and expectations	<b>Peter CSANYI</b>	University of Economics in Bratislava
The “second dimension” in Central Europe: a demand-side approach	<b>Jan KOVÁŘ</b>	Institute of International Relations Prague

## Panel 2 (Room 002)

**Security and Defence Policy Processes in Transatlantic Security Community and Their Implications to The Baltic States 1**

Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Giedrius ČESNAKAS, General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

The U.S. Position Regarding NATO Transformation: A Return To The Original Mission With A Stronger European Role In The Alliance	<b>Gerda JAKŠTAITĖ-CONFORTOLA</b>	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Deteriorating security environment and NATO collective defence adaptation	<b>Ieva KARPAVIČIŪTĖ</b>	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Analyzing the European Defence Fund’s financing distribution across EU countries: what drives national participation in defence-industrial integration projects?	<b>Ringailė KUOKŠTYTĖ</b>	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
The strongest land army in Europe? The development of Polish Armed Forces in the context of Russian war on Ukraine and the EU plans of creating European Army	<b>Łukasz STACH</b>	Jagiellonian University
The Big Game in Southeast Europe: Groupism and Anarchy in Russo-Western Relations	<b>Davor BOBAN</b>	University of Zagreb

## Panel 3 (Room 312)

**Experiences and Perspectives of EU Enlargement and Integration processes**  
Panel chair: Laura GHEORGHIU, Karl Franzens University Graz

Perspectives for Further Enlargement of the EU in the Light of Current V4 Positions	<b>Boglárka KOLLER</b>	Ludovika University of Public Service, Budapest
“Is the V4 the growth engine of Europe? 20 years of convergence within the	<b>Gál ZOLTÁN</b>	University of Pécs

“Welcome Aboard?” Assessing and Explaining Absenteeism of Member States in the Union’s Cultural Project Funding Sphere	<b>Birgit MITTER AND Armin MÜHLBÖCK</b>	University of Salzburg
Ride-or-die until EU accession? Examining the support for EU integration among Albanians in North Macedonia	<b>Ferenc NÉMETH</b>	Corvinus University of Budapest
Shifting identities: EU integration in Moldova and Bosnia-Herzegovina	<b>Petra BEZDĚKOVÁ Damir KASUM</b>	Palacký University Olomouc

**Panel 4**  
(Room 313)

**Democracy backsliding in Central and Eastern European EU member states**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Adam SZYMAŃSKI**, University of Warsaw

From posterchild to pariah of the EU Illiberal unpolitics in Hungary	<b>Robet SATA</b>	Central European University
Democratic backsliding and non-participation: Cross-European analysis	<b>Algis KRUPAVIČIUS, Ligita ŠARKUTĖ</b>	Mykolas Romeris University, Vytautas Magnus University
Hungarian and Polish parliaments as tools of democratic backsliding in the hands of Fidesz and Prawo i Sprawiedliwość	<b>Sebastian KUBAS</b>	University of Silesia in Katowice
What Shapes Affective Political Polarisation in the Czech Republic?	<b>Pat LYONS</b>	Czech Academy of Sciences

**Panel 5**  
(Room 311)

**Foreign policy perspectives in Central Europe**

**Panel chair/-s: Prof. Jaroslav UŠIAK**, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia; **Dr. Péter RADA**, Budapest Metropolitan University, Hungary

Dynamics of Visegrad Group Cooperation in Foreign and Security Policy Post-Ukraine Conflict	<b>Jaroslav UŠIAK</b>	Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
SurRealism of the Liberal World Order and the Place of the EU in its Future	<b>Péter RADA</b>	Budapest Metropolitan University
State Strategy Planning and Regional Cooperation in Security Policy	<b>Laura NYILAS</b>	National University of Public Service
25 years of Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary in NATO	<b>Ewelina KANCIK-KOŁTUN</b>	Maria Curie-Skłodowska University
Foreign and Defence Policy Issues in the 2023 Czech and the 2024 Slovak Presidential Elections	<b>Petr JUST</b>	Metropolitan University Prague
The Influence of Realist and Constructivist Perceptions of National Interest on Foreign Policy Priorities: A Case Study of Serbia	<b>Nikola JOVIĆ, Milan KRSTIĆ, Marko DAŠIĆ</b>	University of Belgrade

**Panel 6**  
(Room 220)

**European Parliament Elections in CEE countries**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Ingrida UNIKAITĖ-JAKUNTAVIČIENĖ**, Vytautas Magnus University

The EP Elections 2024 - Campaign Strategies of Austrian Parties and the Role of Social Media	<b>Karin LIEBHART</b>	University of Vienna and University of Trnava
New political parties in the EP elections 2004-2024: the Czech experience	<b>Daniel SAROVEC</b>	Jan Evangelista Purkyne University

2024 EP elections in Lithuania: campaigning of Lithuanian Parties in between European and National Issues	<b>Ingrida UNIKAITĖ-JAKUNTAVIČIENĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
The Prospects of Christian democratic parties in CEE Countries in light of the 2024 European Parliament Elections	<b>Ádám DARABOS</b>	Research Institute for Religion and Society, Eötvös József Research Centre, University of Public Service, Danube Institute
Examining The Influence of Migration On Decision-Making Processes Within The EU in The Context Of The 2024 European Parliament Elections: Insights From The Polish Perspective"	<b>Eugeniusz KUZNICOW-WYSZYŃSKI</b>	University of Warsaw
Participatory European Parliament manifesto writing: just a tool or a value choice?	<b>Richard BAVLSÍK, Ákos NAGY, Daniel OROSS</b>	Corvinus University of Budapest, HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences

### Lunch break

#### Panel 7 (Room 106)

IPSA RC13 - Democratization in comparative perspective  
**Belarusians amidst regional and national turbulences in post-2020 times**

**Panel chair: prof. Irmina MATONYTĖ**, Military Academy of Lithuania

**Discussant: Siarhei LIUBIMAU**, European Humanities University

Post-2020 Belarus: mnemonic conflict in history interpretation amid the liquidation of the remnants of independent civil society	<b>Hanna VASILEVICH</b>	International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies, Prague
Decolonial Slavic (un)coupling? EU politicians' views on the Belarusian and the Russian oppositions-in-exile and their reception	<b>Ekaterina PIERSON-LYZHINA; Buyantueva RADZHANA</b>	Repi of Université libre de Bruxelles; Cevipol of Université libre de Bruxelles
Exiled Belarusian civil society in the context of war in Ukraine	<b>Tatsiana CHULITSKAYA</b>	Vilnius University
Everyday life under authoritarianism: A case study of Belarus after the 2020-21 National Awakening	<b>Katsiaryna LOZKA</b>	Ghent Institute for International and European Studies (GIES),
The Litvinism Debate as a Barrier for Belarus-Lithuania Cooperation towards Democracy	<b>Vadim VILEITA</b>	Independent analyst, Vilnius

#### Panel 8 (Room 220)

**Security of European nations in the era of hybrid threats: concepts, strategies and practices**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Robert MIKAC**, University of Zagreb

Hybrid threats and challenges to the Western Balkans states	<b>Robert MIKAC</b>	University of Zagreb
Hybrid threats to the European Union: Instrumentalisation of the anti-EU agenda in disinformation campaigns	<b>Miroslav MAREŠ</b>	Masaryk University
The Interconnection of Internal and External Security Concepts: Lithuania's Societal Resilience against Hybrid Threats	<b>Ieva GAJAUSKAITĖ</b>	Military academy of Lithuania

Civic education as a countermeasure to hybrid threats: the case of Latvia	<b>Ieva BĒRZIŅA</b>	Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, National Defence Academy of Latvia
Hybrid threats and security challenges to Estonia and Estonian countermeasures	<b>Vladimir SAZONOV</b>	University of Tartu, Estonian Military Academy

**Panel 9**  
(Room 002)

**War, refugee movements and their political implications after the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine 1**  
**Panel chair/-s:** Dr. Bartosz CZEPIŁ, University of Opole, Poland; Prof. Jarosław JAŃCZAK, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland, European University Viadrina, Germany

In the aftermath of the war in Ukraine: Migration crisis and its geopolitical implications for Poland	<b>Tomasz BRAŃKA, Łukasz DONAJ</b>	Adam Mickiewicz University
"Not a bullet for Ukraine": The Janus-Faced Populism After the 2023 General Elections in Slovakia	<b>Jaroslav MIHÁLIK</b>	Univerzita sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Trnave
Czech immigration and integration policy before and after the war in Ukraine	<b>Lukas VOMLELA</b>	Silesian University of Opava
Good migrant or bad migrant - Ukrainian refugees and the changing narrative in Hungary	<b>Andrea SCHMIDT</b>	University of Pecs
A humanitarian superpower? Situation of the Ukrainian refugees and its evolution in Poland after the Russian invasion of February 24, 2022	<b>Jarosław JAŃCZAK, Bartosz CZEPIŁ</b>	Adam Mickiewicz University, European University Viadrina University of Opole
Putin's aggression against Ukraine: Finland, Sweden and their NATO membership ratification in Hungary	<b>Heino NYSSÖNEN</b>	University of Turku

**Panel 10**  
(Room 311)

**The Russian war in Ukraine**

**Panel chair:** Assoc. prof. Victor DENISENKO, General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

The Russian-Ukrainian war and the role of the European Union	<b>Jerzy J. WIATR</b>	European School of Law & Administration (Warsaw-Brussels)
Russian Invasion into Ukraine and Lithuanian Public Agenda in 2022-2023: Killer, Victim and Persistent Issues	<b>Vaidas MORKEVIČIUS, Giedrius ŽVALIAUSKAS, Vytautas VALENTINAVIČIUS</b>	Kaunas University of Technology
"Democratizing Defense in Ukraine: Analyzing the Interface of New Institutionalism and Societal Engagement in Democratic Control of Armed Forces"	<b>Taras IVANEC</b>	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
The Depiction of the War in Ukraine in Central European Media	<b>Orsolya RING, Ákos HOLÁNYI, Jakub STAUBER, Krzysztof RYBIŃSKI, Jaroslav KOPČAN</b>	HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Charles University, Vistula University, Kempelen Institute of Intelligent Technologies
Managing Escalation or Prolonging the War? Explaining the Dynamics of German Military Aid to Ukraine	<b>Justinas JUOZAITIS</b>	General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

Hedging or shelter-seeking: explaining the divergence of Czech and Hungarian foreign policy towards Russia's war in Ukraine	<b>András HETTYEY</b>	Andrássy University, HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest
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**Panel 11**  
(Room 312)

**Local governments in CEE: Concept of European community-led development**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Simona KUKOVIČ**, School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica and University of Ljubljana

Community-led development: Evidence from Slovenian local communities	<b>Simona KUKOVIČ</b>	School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica and University of Ljubljana
A Critical Evaluation of Local Development Indicators: Case of Slovenia	<b>Tine ŠTEGER</b>	University of Ljubljana
Involvement of local communities into municipal decision-making in Hungary: deliberative tools in the time of centralisation	<b>István HOFFMAN, Borbála DOMBROVSZKY</b>	Eötvös Loránd University, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin
How Satisfied Councillors are with their Remuneration: The case of Lithuania	<b>Aistė LAZAUSKIENĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Measuring variation in subnational electoral democracy: evidence from Czech and Slovak cities	<b>Pavel MAŠKARINEC</b>	Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem
Dancing on the edge of the abyss: Czech regions, populism and social risks	<b>Petr BLÁHA</b>	Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem

**Coffee break**

**Panel 12**  
(Room 106)

**Populism in CEE countries**

**Panel chair: PhD Petr JUST**, Metropolitan University Prague

Initiating constitutional amendments and populism in the law-making process: the case of Poland after Russian aggression against Ukraine	<b>Łukasz JAKUBIAK</b>	Jagiellonian University in Krakow
The European Union: leitmotif of the discourse of Central European populists (selected examples)	<b>Rafał DUDAŁA</b>	Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce
Evolution of populist strategies in Polish politics in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century	<b>Natalia STREK</b>	Jagiellonian University
"We are not pro-Russian, but...": Communication of War and Populist Rhetoric of Robert Fico and Andrej Babiš Compared	<b>Ondřej FILIPEC, Petra MĚŠŤÁNKOVÁ</b>	Palacký University in Olomouc
Populist Voters Voting for Populist Politicians? The Influence of Value Congruence on Voters' Choice	<b>Gabrielė BURBULYTĖ-TSISKARISHVILI, Edita ŠTUMBRAITĖ-VILKIŠIENĖ, Alvyda OBRIKIENĖ</b>	Klaipeda university



**Panel 13**  
(Room 312)

**Security and Defence Policy Processes in Transatlantic Security Community and Their Implications to The Baltic States 2**

**Panel chair: Dr. Gerda JAKŠTAITĖ-CONFORTOLA**, General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

German Defence Policy Two Years After the 'Zeitenwende': Achievements, Issues, Prospects	<b>Justinas JUOZAITIS</b>	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
From Global Britain to NATO's Northern flank and the position of the Baltic states in the UK defence policy	<b>Giedrius ČESNAKAS</b>	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Sweden's role in NATO: between the Baltic States and the High North	<b>Danguolė BARDAUSKAITĖ</b>	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Multipolar visions in a bipolar-bound world?	<b>Zoltán VÖRÖS</b>	University of Pécs
The Baltics Go South: The Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian Participations in the European Union Maritime Security Operations, 2008-2024	<b>Giovanni PARENTE</b>	Maynooth University,

**Panel 14**  
(Room 311)

**Political Parties and Leaders in CEE countries**

**Panel chair: Prof. Mindaugas JURKYNAS**, Vytautas Magnus University

Managing Leader Selection in Political Parties in Poland	<b>Maciej HARTLIŃSKI</b>	University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
How the European Union changes party systems in CEE	<b>Beata KOSOWSKA-GAŚTOŁ</b>	Jagiellonian University in Krakow
Party System Institutionalization and Fiscal Discipline	<b>Cătălin Constantin BALAN</b>	University of Bucharest
The decline of the importance of socialist parties in the CEE countries - causes and consequences	<b>Jacek WOJNICKI</b>	University of Warsaw
Measuring Party Similarity: A Comparative Evaluation of Metrics	<b>Daria BORATYN, Damian BRZYSKI, Beata KOSOWSKA-GAŚTOŁ, Albert LEŚNIAK, Wojciech ŁUKASIK, Jan RYBICKI, Wojciech SŁOMCZYŃSKI, Dariusz STOLICKI</b>	Jagiellonian University, Center for Quantitative Political Science
The Impact of Personalisation of the Electoral System on Personalisation of Political Parties: Experience from Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina	<b>Zlatko VUJOVIC, Marko SAVIC</b>	University of Montenegro

**Panel 15**  
(Room 002)

**Patterns of Penetration to Democratic Systems from Authoritarian Regimes**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Sima RAKUTIENĖ**, Vytautas Magnus University

Influence of authoritarian regime ideas: media narratives and public perspectives, Latvian case	<b>Iveta REINHOLDE, Inese ABOLINA</b>	University of Latvia
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Resilience of local democracy: the Case of Municipal Political Leadership in Lithuania	<b>Jurga BUČAITĖ-VILKĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Resilience to Russian information propaganda and disinformation: physical and cognitive aspects	<b>Dmytro LAROVYI</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
The diverse narratives and perceptions of the Russian invasion: a comparison between Lithuania, Poland and Italy	<b>Daniela La FORESTA,</b> <b>Magdalena RATAJCZAK</b>	University of Naples Federico II, Wroclaw University
The Democratic Development of East-Central Europe. A Comparison of change in Informal Institutions in Estonia, Poland, Romania, and Hungary since joining EU	<b>Johannes BÖHNLEIN</b>	University of Würzburg
Discourse on Democratic Resilience to Authoritarian States: Analysis of the Influence of Russia and China in the Lithuanian Mainstream Party Debates	<b>Sima RAKUTIENĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University

**Panel 16**  
(Room 220)

**Citizens' Trust and Attitudes towards the EU**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Ingrida UNIKAITĖ-JAKUNTAVIČIENĖ,** Vytautas Magnus University

Poles - are they still in love with the EU? How populists influence attitudes towards the EU	<b>Agnieszka KASIŃSKA-METRYKA</b>	Jan Kochanowski University, Kielce
Just give me money and let me be Roots of EU support among Montenegrin citizens	<b>Slaven ŽIVKOVIĆ,</b> <b>Olivera KOMAR</b>	DeFacto Consultancy, University of Montenegro
Anti-EU narratives delivered to the Russian-speaking audience in Lithuania by Kremlin-backed media (Sputnik Lithuania, Baltnews)	<b>Viktor DENISENKO</b>	General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Rethinking Eurooptimism: The Case of Czech MEPs within the Eurosceptic Paradigm	<b>Veronika Velička ZAPLETALOVÁ and</b> <b>Pavčina KUTNAROVÁ</b>	Masaryk University
The attitude of the Polish Diaspora in the Republic of South Africa towards the European Union	<b>Arkadiusz Żukowski</b>	University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn

**Panel 17**  
(Room 106)

**Political Communication**

**Panel chair: Prof. Kristina JURAITĖ,** Vytautas Magnus University

Still Negative? Uncovering Principles of Populist Communication in case of two Central European Presidential Elections	<b>Aleš MICHAL,</b> <b>Filip ŽILJAK</b>	Charles University, Prague
Lessons Learned from Policy Responses to Disinformation in the Baltic Countries: Looking Beyond Risk-Awareness and Securitization	<b>Auksė BALČYTIENĖ,</b> <b>Agnese DAVIDSONE,</b> <b>Andra SIIBAK,</b> <b>Signe IVASK</b>	Vytautas Magnus University, University, Vidzeme University College, Tartu University
Promoting dialogue and civic agency amid digital disruption: A new approach to public communication ethics	<b>Kristina JURAITĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Crisification of EU Communication: An In-depth Analysis of the EU Institutions' Twitter Discourse	<b>Monika Brusenbauch MEISLOVÁ,</b> <b>Karolína GARANČOVSKÁ</b>	Masaryk University, Visiting Professor at Aston University

Multistakeholder partnerships in communications policy for digital resilience	<b>Rimgailė KASPARAITĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Lithuanian Youth's Digital Literacy Skills And Self-Conscious Use Of Information In A Changing Media Landscape	<b>Patricija LENČIAUSKIENĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University

**Panel 18**  
(Room 313)

**Public policy 1**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Ligita ŠARKUTĖ**, Vytautas Magnus University

What kinds of emotions are mobilised by different policy fields? A text mining analysis of parliamentary speeches	<b>Zsolt BODA,</b> <b>Orsolya RING</b>	HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences
Monetary policy in the service of financial nationalism: The case of post-2013 Hungary	<b>Krisztian NEMETH</b>	Corvinus University of Budapest
Europeanization of national volunteer policies: challenges and barriers	<b>Remigijus CIVINSKAS</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Evaluation of the integration of the evidence-based policy of early childhood intervention into Lithuanian context: the perspective of service users	<b>Ilona TAMUTIENĖ,</b> <b>Vaida AUGLYTĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University

**Panel 19**  
(Room 311)

**Local governance and political participation**

**Panel chair: Gabrielė BURBULTYĖ-TSISKARISHVILI**, Klaipeda university

Faces of local democracy - do citizens still want to participate?	<b>Karolina TYBUCHOWSKA-HARTLIŃSKA</b>	Uniwersytet Warmiński-Mazurski w Olsztynie
Women's share in municipal elections in Lithuania (1995-2023): the arithmetic of gender power	<b>Gabrielė BURBULTYĖ-TSISKARISHVILI</b>	Klaipeda university
Do female mayors support and implement participatory tools? The perceptions of strong democracy across European Councillors	<b>Jakub LYSEK</b>	Palacký University Olomouc
Culture and Art (Online and Offline) as an Important Factor in Changing Democratic Participation in Elections	<b>Małgorzata KACZOROWSKA</b>	University of Warsaw
Navigating the Digital: Technological Affordances and Political Participation on Social Media in Lithuania	<b>Lina AUŠKALNIENĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Exploring the culture of (dis)trust at the level of local governance in selected European countries	<b>Inga GAIŽAUSKAITĖ,</b> <b>Viktorija BARANAUSKIENĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University

**Panel 20**  
(Room 312)

**Political discourses, narratives and memory politics in CEE countries**

**Panel chair: assoc. prof. Tomasz BLASZCZAK**, Vytautas Magnus University

The EU's Vision for Ukraine. How are the Ukrainian Politicians using the Media Scene narrative to Manipulate of the Public Opinion?	<b>Anzhelika SAVCHUK-KONARSKA</b>	University Merito, Wrocław
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Going the full circle: Evolution of the Baltic States' discourses on Russia (2004-2024)	<b>Kirył KASCIAN,</b> <b>Viktor DENISENKO,</b> <b>Irmīna MATONYTĖ</b>	International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies, Prague; General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Pathways to Agonism: Managing Competing Memories and Peacekeeping in Disputed Territories	<b>Tomasz RAWSKI,</b> <b>Christina HORVATH</b>	University of Warsaw, University of Bath
Eastern European Common Past? Trauma and Coloniality in the De-imperial Project of the Shared Memory	<b>Bartłomiej KRZYSZTAN</b>	Institute of Political Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences
The problem of hermeneutical method when applying it for the understanding of Russia	<b>Tomas KAVALIAUSKAS</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
The president as the culprit? Edvard Beneš and February 1948 in the context of history textbooks	<b>Jan BUREŠ</b>	Metropolitan University Prague

**Panel 21**  
(Room 002)

**Security studies and cooperative strategies**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Ieva GAJAUSKAITĖ,** General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

The changes of security policies of Baltic States in the face of the Russian aggression against Ukraine”	<b>Konstantinas LOTIUK</b>	Klaipėda University
Implications of the Middle East conflict in 2023-2024 for the European Union – sectoral analysis	<b>Anna SŁANIA</b>	University of Silesia in Katowice
Strategic Narratives, Reflexive Control and Russia's Nuclear Deterrence	<b>Ieva KARPAVIČIŪTĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Russia and Iran: Forever Friends?	<b>Matej MACHACEK</b>	Masaryk University

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**Panel 22**  
(Room 311)

IPSA RC13 - Democratization in comparative perspective

**Democratic backsliding: from Brazil to Latvia**

**Panel chair: Prof. Irmīna MATONYTĖ,** Military Academy of Lithuania

**Discussant: Assoc. prof. Liutauras GUDŽINSKAS,** Vilnius university

The Rise of a Populist or the Misuse of Impeachment? Unveiling the Cause of Brazilian's Democratic Backsliding	<b>Gustavo VENTURELLI</b>	Skidmore College
Takeover by Taliban in Afghanistan: A Case Study of De-Democratization in South Asia	<b>Mithila Bagai VERMA,</b> <b>Smriti SINGH</b>	University of Delhi
Causes and Manifestations of De-democratisation: The Concepts of Clientelist, Illiberal and Progressive Democracy in the Context of Central Europe	<b>Michal KLÍMA</b>	Metropolitan University Prague
Major cities as “democratic enclaves” in de-democratising countries. Analysis of Polish cities of Warsaw and Rzeszów	<b>Adam SZYMAŃSKI</b>	University of Warsaw

Latvia and the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities: uneasy dialogue and some glances at the Lithuania's case	<b>Kiryl KASCIAN</b>	International Centre for Ethnic and Linguistic Diversity Studies, Prague
Better We Don't See Each Other? Intergroup Contact and Satisfaction with Democracy in the Western Balkans	<b>Nemanja BATRIČEVIĆ, Nemanja STANKOV</b>	University of Montenegro

**Panel 23**  
(Room 313)

**Political ideologies and post-communism**

**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Rytis BULOTA**, Vytautas Magnus University

Remainings of Socialism? A Possible Political Cultural Legacy of the Socialist Era among Hungarian Youth	<b>Viktor PAPHÁZI</b>	HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest
Ideological preferences and attitude towards clientelism. The case of young voters in Poland	<b>Piotr SULA, Kamil BŁASZCZYŃSKI, Michał KUŚ</b>	University of Wrocław
Between East And West: Political Trust, Party Preferences And Geopolitical Alignment In Slovakia	<b>Jozef ZAGRAPAN</b>	Institute for Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
Sneaky autocratization in Hungary, Slovakia and Poland	<b>Sonja PRIEBUS, Darina MALOVÁ</b>	Comenius University Bratislava/European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)
Electoral Behavior of Post-Communist Peripheries, Evidence From The Czech Republic	<b>Šárka PITTNEROVÁ</b>	Masaryk University
The Soviet past and the Baltic security challenges	<b>Rytis BULOTA</b>	Vytautas Magnus University

**Panel 24**  
(Room 002)

**Migration and Ethnic minorities in CEE countries**

**Panel chair/-s: Assist. lecturer Mariann TÁNCZOS**, Ludovika – University of Public Service

Migration trends and policies in Hungary after EU accession	<b>Sándor GALLAI</b>	Corvinus University of Budapest and Mathias Corvinus Collegium
The New Pact on Migration and Asylum A Solution or a Patch?	<b>Mariann TÁNCZOS</b>	Ludovika – University of Public Service
Assessment of the Visegrad Group Discourse on the Migration Crisis Compared to EU Institutions	<b>Tofiq ISMAYILZADA</b>	Corvinus University of Budapest
Navigating Ethnic Minority Challenges: Political, Social, and Cultural Dynamics in Latvia and Lithuania	<b>Aistė ŽEMAITYTĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Minority religions in Lithuanian Parliamentary debates: any discourse shifts in 1990-2023?	<b>Eglė ALEKNAITĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
The illiberal post-secular turns and its effects for Muslim communities in Hungary	<b>Dániel VÉKONY</b>	Vytautas Magnus University

**Panel 25**  
(Room 312)

**EU as international actor: policies and impact**  
**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Ieva KARPAVIČIŪTĖ**, Vytautas Magnus University

The EU as a normative power: challenges in relations with the Indo-Pacific	<b>Lucia HUSENICOVA</b>	Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
EU Integration Process in the South Caucasus after the Second Nagorno-Karabakh War	<b>Shirak SAFARYAN</b>	University of Wrocław
The Impact of CEE Countries on the Evolution of Space Exploration and Governance	<b>Matúš BABJÁK</b>	Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica
The EU – Central Asia cooperation: “mission (im)possible”?	<b>Giedrius KVIKLYS</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Great Power Competition in Territorial Autonomies: The Case of Gagauzia	<b>Marcin KOSIENKOWSKI</b>	The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

**Panel 26**  
(Room 310)

**International Relations and Security Studies**  
**Panel chair: PhD Justinas JUOZAITIS**, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

(More than) 20 Years of Experience. Selected Central and Eastern European Countries as ODA Donors	<b>Monika SZYNOL</b>	University of Silesia
Development Of European Defence Capabilities: Challenges And Opportunities	<b>Gerda JAKŠTAITĖ-CONFORTOLA</b>	General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Differentiated integration and PESCO – case study analysis	<b>Molnár ANNA</b>	University Of Public Service
State and state-sponsored terrorism: A case analysis of Russia	<b>Agnietė ZOTKEVIČIŪTĖ-BANEVIČIENĖ</b>	General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
Defence Priorities of Baltic Countries in the Context of Escalating Geopolitical Threats	<b>Mindaugas NORKEVIČIUS, Vigilija ŽIŪRAITĖ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Lithuania's Defence Paradigm Shift: Integrating Collective and Total Defence Strategies	<b>Giedrius ČESNAKAS</b>	General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania

**Coffee break**

**Panel 27**  
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**Public Policy 2**  
**Panel chair: Assoc. prof. Remigijus CIVINSKAS**, Vytautas Magnus University

Housing as a Right, Not a Commodity - Reflections on the Anniversary of EU Expansion	<b>Mateusz ZIELIŃSKI</b>	Uniwersytet Wrocławski
Incorporating Alcohol's Harm to Others into Lithuania's Policy Agenda: Barriers and Pathways	<b>Ilona TAMUTIENĖ, Daumantas STUMBRYŠ</b>	Vytautas Magnus University
Changes in teaching about the EU and young people's knowledge and skills in this area – the case of the Polish matriculation exams in civic education from years 2020-2024	<b>Agnieszka BEJMA, Piotr ZAŁĘSKI</b>	University of Warsaw
The Ethical Aspect in European Intelligence Cooperation - Forms and Narratives	<b>David SHAKARISHVILI</b>	Klaipėda University

**Panel 28**  
(Room 310)

**Parliamentarism and national bargaining in the EU**  
Panel chair: PhD Marko KUKEC, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg

The Politics of Investigative Parliamentary Committees: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe	<b>Marko KUKEC</b>	Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg
Drifting towards the East? An AI-supported analysis of the sentiment of Central-Eastern European parliaments towards great powers	<b>Miklós SEBŐK, Levente PAKOT, Orsolya RING, Csaba MOLNÁR, Ákos HOLÁNYI</b>	HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest
The comparative advantages of the Visegrad countries after participating in the EU and the capitalist political response	<b>Thi-Ly NGUYEN, Norbert SZIJARTO</b>	Corvinus University of Budapest
Presidency as a Task: Reflection of the Czech Presidency 2022 by Czech Insiders in Brussels	<b>David BROUL, Jakub JANEGA</b>	Palacky University Olomouc
THE FRANKFURT (SIDE-)EFFECT? Eurozone membership (and non-membership) and the quality of democracy in Central and Eastern Europe	<b>Krisztina ARATÓ</b>	ELTE Faculty of Law, Institute of Political Science, Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre

**Panel 29**  
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**Conspiracy theories and manipulations**  
Panel chair: Agnieszka TURSKA-KAWA, University of Silesia

European Crises as a Source of Social Frustrations and Conspiracy Beliefs. Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe	<b>Agnieszka TURSKA-KAWA, Christian WELZEL, Boglárka KOLLER</b>	University of Silesia, Leuphana University in Luneburg, University of Public Service
How Contagious Are Political Conspiracy Theories?	<b>Paweł MATUSZEWSKI</b>	Collegium Civitas
Unveiling the Veil: Exploring Conspiracy Theories Surrounding the Introduction of the Digital Euro in Slovenia	<b>Tine ŠTEGER</b>	University of Ljubljana
The Euro as a political tool	<b>Laura GHEORGHIU</b>	Karl Franzens University Graz



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