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Content and Aims

“Small states” was the catchword for a lively discussion during the 1970s and 1980s that tried to capture the specific situation and role of small European states in international relations. The general background of this discussion was the bloc confrontation which provided some European small states with unique opportunities to act as go-betweens, champions of the non-aligned world or peace makers.

Since the demise of the bipolar world new and old European small states have been trying to carve out new roles for themselves. The advance of European integration and the expansion of the Union come with sovereignty losses and a diminished political weight for individual small states. Forging alliances in order to upscale the economic and political performance and the impact of these states is seen as a major remedy. Since, however, not only the small states but also the big players have to operate in uncertain contexts, strategies are fraught with perilous hazards. For one example, it is unclear whether Turkey or the Ukraine may become EU members and when. Neighborhood policy (“wider Europe”) is still in an embryonic stage and can be expected to remain in flux.

The fact should not be obscured that small European states are not all alike. It is hard enough to find a suitable definition of this concept. Despite equal representation in the EU bodies, their political place value varies over the regions.

This conference is to explore the situation of European small states in this new environment, to suggest new or adapted roles and strategies.

The scientific conference will also provide opportunities to establish new contacts and improve existing communication between political scientists and research institutes from eight **CEPSA** member states (Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania, Slovenia, Croatia and Austria).

The **CEPSA** Conference 2005 has prioritized support for young researchers. For this reason the **CEPSA** cooperates with the POWI04 initiative during the conference.

Thursday, 19 May

Collegium Hungaricum
1020 Vienna, Hollandstrasse 4

Introducing the Art College, Pécs University (6 p.m.)

For the first time in Hungary, a new program for the fine arts was started in 1995 at the University of Pécs (South Hungary). For ten years, the Art College has provided opportunity for post-graduate training for talented young artists. They can go into top-level teaching after they have acquired the degree of DLA (Doctor of Liberal Arts). Numerous graduates have made successful careers on a regional or European scale in the performing (music) and visual arts.

Art historian György Várkonyi and Professor Ádám Kismányoki collected an exhibition from statues, small sculptures, ceramics and video installations created by the DLA students over the last couple of years.



Thursday, 19 May

Collegium Hungaricum, 1020 Vienna, Hollandstrasse 4

Evening Session
(7 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

Address of welcome and introductory remarks

Zoltán Fónagy (Collegium Hungaricum)

Sylvia Kritzinger (AUPSA Secretary General)

Erich Fröschl (Renner Institute, Vienna)

Hermann Mückler (Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna)

Dieter Segert (Department of Political Science, University of Vienna)

Panel discussion

A New International Role for Small(er) States
(open to the public)

Participants

Attila Ágh (Corvinus University Budapest)

Emil Brix (Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs)

Bertrand de Crombrughe (Belgian Ambassador to the OSCE)

Otmar Höll (Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna)

Chair

Andreas Pribersky (Department of Political Science, University of Vienna)

Reception

Friday, 20 May

University of Vienna, Department of Political Science, NIG,
1010 Vienna, Universitätsstrasse 7/2

Registration, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Morning Session, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Parallel Panel Meetings (Panels 1, 2, 3)

Lunch

CEPSA Executive Committee Meeting, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Meeting of **CEPSA** representatives from Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Austria

Chair: Attila Ágh/ Institute of Political Science, Corvinus University Budapest

Afternoon Session, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Parallel Panel Meetings (Panels 1, 2, 3)

Dinner at a Viennese Heurigen (6.30 p.m.)

Saturday, 21 May

University of Vienna, Department of Political Science, NIG,
1010 Vienna, Universitätsstrasse 7/2

Morning Session, 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Panel Meeting (Panel 4)

PhD Students Network Meeting

Plenary Session, 12 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lunch

Panels

Panel 1: Regionalization Processes and Comparative Regional Perspectives: ECE, Baltic Area, Southeast Europe, Central Asia - Caucasus

Panel 2: Next Steps of EU Enlargement and EU Neighborhood Policy

Panel 3: Scenarios of European Security and Peace Keeping Policy

Panel 4: Open Panel

Conference language: English

Friday, 20 May Morning Session, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Panel 1: Next Steps of EU Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy

Ana Bojinovič/ Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana
Geographical Proximity and Historical Context as a Basis of Active Foreign
Policy Strategy of Small European States– the Case of Austria and Slovenia
Regarding the Western Balkans

Andras Deak/ Teleki Laszlo Institute, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies
Consolidating the EU's Eastern Policy: Is there a Role for the Visegrad
Countries?

Coffee break

Silvia Miháliková/ Institute of Political Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava
The New Slovakian Borders of the EU. Slovakia between Neighborhood
Policy and Schengen Agreement

Gergely Romsics/ Kodolányi János University College, Székesfehérvár
A Hard Test for European Neighborhood Policy Assumptions: The Republic
of Cyprus and the TRNC in Bilateral Negotiations and the Accession
Process

Chair: Peter Gerlich/ Department of Government, University of Vienna

Friday, 20 May Afternoon Session, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Panel 1: Next Steps of EU Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy

Erzsébet Strausz/ ELTE, Faculty of Law and Political Science
From the European Neighborhood Policy to Enlargement: Dynamic Case
Studies based on A.-M. Slaughter's "Liberal Theory of International Law"

Hans Georg Heinrich/ Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
Customized Neighborhood Policies

Coffee break

Jerzy Wiatr/ WSHE Warsaw
Small Power's Strategy: Poland and the Ukrainian Crisis 2004

Anna Zadora/ Institute of Political Sciences Strasbourg
Belarusian Exception in the European Foreign Policy.

Chair: Daniela Drobna/ Institute of Political Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava

Friday, 20 May Morning Session, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Panel 2: Regionalization Processes and Comparative Regional Perspectives:
ECE, Baltic Area, Southeast Europe, Central Asia (Caucasus)**

Attila Ágh/ Institute of Political Science, Corvinus University Budapest
Small Member States in a Wider Europe

András Bozóki/ Hungarian Minister of Culture; Central European University Budapest,
Political Science Department
Small States - Great Presidents? Presidential Rhetoric in Central Europe

Uros Pinteric/ Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Internationalization of Parliaments in Small Central and Eastern European
Countries via the World Wide Web

Coffee break

Břetislav Dančák, Vít Hloušek/ International Institute of Political Science, Masaryk
University Brno
Central Europe between Austria and Poland

Karin Liebhart/ Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
Cultural Patterns of Enlargement: Do Small ECE States Share Common
Views?

Chair: Ladislav Cabada/ University of West Bohemia, Faculty of Arts, Department of
Political Science and International Relations, Plzen

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**Panel 2: Regionalization Processes and Comparative Regional Perspectives:
ECE, Baltic Area, Southeast Europe, Central Asia (Caucasus)**

Mindaugas Jurkynas/ Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius
University
Baltic Post-Enlargement Identities: Baltic, New North or Going Their Own
Way?

Henriette Riegler/ Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna
SEE Enlargement – Do Small States Have a Specific Role?

Coffee break

István Hegedűs/ Hungarian Europe Society
Attitudes of a New and Small(er) Member State to the EU: Hungary's
Accommodation One Year After Accession

Rachel Ambros/ CEU Budapest
Hungary as Trendsetter? Minority Policy in an Expanded European Union

Chair: Dieter Segert/ Department of Political Science, University of Vienna

Friday, 20 May Morning Session, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Panel 3: Scenarios of European Security and Peace Keeping Policy

Šárka Waisová/ Westbohemian University, Faculty of Arts, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Plzen
Small European States and their Participation on International Conflict Resolution – Strategies and Activities”

Gediminas Vitkus/ Institute of International Relations and Political Science, University of Vilnius
From Iraq to Ukraine: EU Foreign Policy and Ambitions of the Small(er) States

András Rácz/ Teleki László Institute, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Budapest
A Small State and its Growing Importance for European Security – the Case of Moldova

Coffee break

Ivan Grdešić/ Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb
Small States in Big Alliances: US-Adriatic Partnership Charter

Mitja Durnik, Davorin Gjenero/ Slovenian Association for Innovative Political Science SIDIP
The Role of European Union in Resolving Conflict between the Two Small States – The Future Scenario in Relations between Slovenia and Croatia

Teodora Aurora Vrancean/ Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna
Der Aufbau einer Europäischen Sicherheits- und Verteidigungspolitik – wird sie zum neuen Sicherheitssystem EUropas werden?

Chair: Katarzyna Gilarek/ Institute of Sociology, Jagiellonian University Cracow

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Panel 3: Scenarios of European Security and Peace Keeping Policy

Anton Pelinka/ Institute of Political Science, University Innsbruck
European Solidarity - Anything Left for Neutrality?

Tamara Ehs/ Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna
Switzerland – Splendid Isolation or New Intermediary?

Sophie Enos-Attali/ Institute of Political Sciences of Paris
Is Non-Alignment Still a Relevant Foreign and Security Policy Option for Small EU Member States? A Comparative Study of the Choices Made by Austria, Finland, Ireland, Malta and Sweden with Respect to the Changing Global Security Environment

Coffee break

Jan Pospisil, Stefan Khittel/ Austrian Academy of Sciences,
Commission for Social Anthropology
Front-Runners or Appendices? An Assessment of Small-State Potential in Security-Related Development Cooperation

Matej Pinter, Klementina Zapušek/ Slovenian Association for Innovative Political Science (SIDIP)
The Meaning of the Presidency of Small States in International Community: Opportunities and Challenges of Slovenian Presidency in the UN Security Council, OSCE and EU

Chair: **Otmar Höll/** Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna

Saturday, 21 May Morning Session, 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Panel 4: Open Panel

Daniel Klimovský/ University of P.J.Šafárik Košice, Faculty of Public Administration
Democratic Consolidation of Small CEE Countries at the Turn of 20th and 21st Century: The Case of the Slovak Republic (co-author **Zuzana Horanicova**)

Adrianna Kosowska/ University of Wrocław
EU-Union of Small States? On the Example of Battle for Rotational Presidency of European Council

Coffee break

Peter Gerlich/ Department of Government, University of Vienna
Governance Transitions in Central Europe

Josef Melchior/ Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
Reframing European Governance: The Impact of the New Constitutional Treaty

Chair: **Andreas Pribersky/** Department of Political Science, University of Vienna

Saturday, 21 May Morning Session, 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.

PHD STUDENTS' NETWORK MEETING

Organized by POWI04 - *Leila Hadj-Abdou* and *Thomas König/* Department of Political Science, University of Vienna.

The PhD Students' Network Meeting aims to discuss ways how to intensify the scientific exchange and cooperation between young researchers and how to strengthen their position in the Political Science community of Central Europe.

Introductory presentations of existing PhD networks, structures and institutional frameworks in the respective countries will provide a common basis for topic oriented and strategic discussions.

POWI04 is a newly founded section of the Austrian Political Science Association that focuses on promoting the work of young scientists within the Political Science community, building national and international networks and raising awareness about the situation of graduate students. The national initiative is run by graduates and PhD students of the Political Science Programs of the universities of Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck.

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Saturday, 21 May 12 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Plenary Session

Milan Brglez/ Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana
Lessons learned from Small State's Research for Contemporary Diagnosis,
Prognosis, Therapy

General discussion

Chair: Attila Ágh/ Institute of Political Science, Corvinus University Budapest