

Call for Papers

Politics and Society Conference 2019

East Central Europe Thirty Years Following the End of Communism

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The past thirty years following the fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe witnessed impressive change in various aspects of political, economic, social and cultural areas. Democratization, institutional change and marketization have transformed the regional landscape, with many of the countries from the region becoming members of NATO and the European Union, while the rest started the negotiation process. However, recent developments in several countries from the region offered new perspectives on democratic consolidation, with democratic backsliding threatening the accumulation process and questioning the solidity of numerous transformations pertaining to Europeanization and the rule of law.

The democratic backsliding occurs in a context marked by consistent change in the international relations, where the advancement of NATO in Eastern Europe triggered the response from the Russian Federation, making the EU neighborhood policy a very complicated matter with respect to the frozen conflicts and de-facto states from the region. Moreover, domestic issues now combine in very intricate ways with regional and international topics, mixing migration policies, economic development and state (lack of) sovereignty with national and European elections. From the optimist perspective of ending post-communist transition with a consolidation phase, this is quite a surprise to see how de-democratization, the rise of the radical parties, protest, new media, widespread populism and fake-news combine in public sphere.

The *Politics & Society Conference 2019* aims at shedding new light on new developments in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as at offering a broader perspective on the long-term political, social and economic processes that have transformed the region. The conference encourages papers that address the following issues, but are not limited to:

- Democratization and de-democratization
- The rise of new populist radical parties
- Political ideologies in times of crisis
- Political participation in the era of mass communication
- Local governance and local democracy
- The tension between EU integration and state sovereignty
- NATO Eastern enlargement and regional tensions

- De-facto states and frozen conflicts
- The changing relations between Russia and East Central Europe
- Migration and social change
- The evolution in dominant social values
- The (trans)formation of class in the process of full marketization
- Nationalism as a political force

Conference tracks

Track 1: Parties and ideologies

Track 2: Political marketing

Track 3: Challenges to Local Government in ECE Countries

Track 4: The Germans in East Central Europe: local identities, transnational identities

Track 5: Flight and Migration: Research, policies and practice in different European countries

Track 6: Russia and East Central Europe: Thirty years of tense relations

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Registration fees and deadlines

Fees

Early bird – PhD/MA students: 30 euros

Early bird – Scholars from Romania, CEE, CIS: 40 euros

Early bird – Scholars from other countries: 50 euros

Late registration: 60 euros (participants who register after September 15, 2019)

The conference fee covers the conference package, coffee breaks, lunches, and the conference reception.

The paper proposals can be submitted via the on-line conference system available at <http://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/crissp/ocs/index.php/psc/psc2019>. The language of the conference is English.

Deadlines

Application with paper proposals – May 20, 2019

Applicants are notified on the status of their proposal – May 31, 2019

Registration deadline – September 15, 2019

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