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Radical politics: Hungary, Poland, Europe

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Orbán 's Hungary : how far from liberal democracy?

Zoltán Miklósi, Ágoston Sámuel Mráz, György Schöpflin, Gabor Attila Tóth, Balázs Váradi

Questions and comments: audience

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The Polish right in search of identity: The Hungarian example

Agata Bielik-Robson, Ludwik Dorn, Robert Krasowski, Radostaw Markowski,
Przemysław Wipler

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Against liberal democracy & the European Union – new political trends in Europe

Sylvie Kauffmann, Iwan Krastew, Jacques Rupnik, György Schöpflin

Questions and comments: audience

Chair: **Aleksander Smolar**

Bio notes

Agata Bielik-Robson (1966) is a philosopher (dr hab.), assistant professor at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, lecturer at the Theology Department of Nottingham University and the Institute of Americas and Europe of Warsaw University. She is also a columnist of the *Wysokie Obcasy*. She specializes in the philosophy of subjectivity, the Jewish thought, as well as the influence of psycho-analysis and Romantic Movement on philosophy. She has recently published *Duch powierzchni. Rewizja romantyczna i filozofia* (2010), *The Saving Lie: Harold Bloom and Deconstruction* (2011), *Errors. Mesjański witalizm i filozofia* (2012), *Żyj i pozwól żyć* (interviewed by Michał Sutowski, 2012).

Ludwik Dorn (1954) is a politician, sociologist and commentator. He has been a Member of the Polish Sejm from 1997. He was an activist of the Workers' Defense Committee and later of the Solidarity trade union. He also worked at the Centre for Social Studies of the Solidarity Independent Self-governing Trade Union of the Mazowsze Region. He was editor of the independently published *Głos* magazine. Dorn was co-founder and vice-chair (1992) of the Centre Agreement political party and co-founder and vice-chair (in 2001-2007) of the Law and Justice party. Currently he is a member of the United Poland parliamentary faction. In 2007 he was the Speaker of the Parliament and deputy-minister and later minister of the interior and administration (2005-2007).

Sylvie Kauffmann (1955) is a journalist, editorial director of *Le Monde*. In 1987 she became *Le Monde's* correspondent in Moscow and in 1988-1993 she was the daily's correspondent for Central and Eastern Europe. From 1996 till 2001 she was New York bureau chief and in 2010-2011 she was the executive editor of the *Le Monde*.

Robert Krasowski (1966) is a journalist and columnist. In 1993–1995 he was a journalist of the *Życie Warszawy*, editor of the opinion section of the *Życie* daily from 1996 till 2002, and deputy-editor-in-chief of the *Fakt* in the following years. In 2006-2009 Krasowski was the editor-in-chief of the *Dziennik. Polska. Europa. Świat*. He also cooperated with the *Europa – Tygodnik Idei* (supplement to the *Fakt* and later to the *Dziennik*). He is also a founder and co-owner of the *Czerwone i Czarne* publishing house. He has recently published *Po południu. Historia polityczna III RP, T. 1, Lata 1989-1995* (2012).

Iwan Krastew (1965) is a political scientist and international affairs analyst. He is the president of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, member of the Board of the European Council on Foreign Relations in London, member of the editorial boards of *Europe's World*, *Journal of Democracy* and *Transit – Europäische Revue*. In 2005-2011 he was the editor-in-chief of the Bulgarian edition of the *Foreign Policy*. He specializes in post-communist societies. He has recently published *Can Democracy Survive When We Don't Trust Our Leaders?* (2013).

Radosław Markowski (1957) is a political scientist (dr hab.), professor at the Institute for Political Sciences of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities. He is a member of the Board of the Stefan Batory Foundation, member of the International Political Science Association, and European Consortium for Political Research. He is also member of editorial boards of such journals as the *European Journal of Political Research*, *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, and *Central European Political Science Review*.

Zoltán Miklósi is a philosopher and political scientist (PhD). He is an assistant professor at the Central European University in Budapest. He specializes in the study of institutions and the theory of justice. He has authored a number of publications, including *Against the Principle of All Affected Interests* and *How Does the Difference Principle Make a Difference?*.

Ágoston Sámuel Mráz (1980) is a political scientist (PhD candidate), and lecturer at Loránd Eötvös University, where he works on domestic politics in Europe, especially in Germany as well as the relations between religion and politics. He is also the director of the *Nézőpont Intézet* consulting company that provides consulting services in different policy areas including the political situation in Hungary.

Jacques Rupnik (1950) is a political scientist and historian. He is the scientific director of the Centre for International Studies and Research (CERI), professor of the Institute of Political Studies in Paris (from 1982) and director of the International Commission on the Balkan Wars of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in 1995-1996. From 1999 to 2000 he was a member of the Independent Commission on Kosovo. In 1977-1982 he cooperated with the BBC World Service and from 1990 to 1992 he was an adviser to the president Václav Havel. He specializes in the Central and Eastern European affairs.

György Schöpflin (1939) is a politician and political scientist. He is a Member of the European Parliament (Fidesz list), the European People's party faction and a member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee. In 1963-1967 he worked for the Royal Institute for International Affairs in London and then until 1975 for the BBC. From 1976 till 2004 he was a lecturer at the School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies of the University College London and director of the Centre for the Study of Nationalism. Until 2011 he also lectured at the Political Sciences Department of Bologna University in Forlì. He has recently published *The Dilemmas of Identity* (2010), *Politics, Illusions, Fallacies* (2012).

Aleksander Smolar (1940) is a political scientist and commentator. He is the President of the Board of the Stefan Batory Foundation, member of the Board of the European Council on Foreign Relations and deputy-chair of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Human Sciences in Vienna. For the period of 1971-1989 he emigrated from Poland for political reasons. In 1974 he became a co-founder and editor-in-chief of the Aneks political analysis quarterly. In 1989-1990 he was a political adviser to Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki and from 1992 till 1993 – a foreign policy adviser to Prime Minister Hanna Suchocka. He has recently published *Tabu i niewinność* (2010).

Gabor Attila Tóth is a lawyer, constitutionalist, professor at the Law Department of the University of Debrecen. In 2000-2010 he was an adviser to the Hungarian Constitutional Court. He is also a co-founder and the president of the Hungarian Union for Civil Liberties, established in 1994, one of the biggest non-governmental organizations focused on protection of human rights in Hungary, including promotion of legal assistance for addicts and the sick, freedom of speech and association, as well as the right to abortion and euthanasia. He has authored a number of works on constitutional law and human rights.

Balázs Váradi (1969) is an economist, professor at the Political Sciences Department of the Central European University in Budapest and fellow of the Institute of Economy of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He received his PhD from Yale University. He was an adviser to the Hungarian government on education, healthcare, and socio-political affairs as well as a World Bank adviser to the Georgian government.

Przemysław Wipler (1978) is a politician, lawyer, Member of the Polish Sejm and member of the Law and Justice party. He is a columnist of the Rzeczy Wspólne quarterly. He is also a lecturer in energy security at the Collegium Civitas. In 1999 he was a co-founder and later president of the KoLiber Association. In 1999-2001 he was the editor of the Najwyższy CZAS!. He worked at Adam Smith Centre and Economic Action Foundation. In 2002-2005 he was the president of the Civic Responsibility Foundation and director of the Department for Diversification of Energy Supply at the Ministry for Economy. In 2009 he founded and became the president of the Republican Foundation. From 2010 he is the president of the 10th of April Movement.