

Call for Papers

11th CEE Forum Conference in Bratislava, Slovakia
25-26 April 2019

Central and Eastern Europe as a Double Periphery?

The 2019 CEE Forum conference will be hosted by the Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Law, Department of Theory of Law and Social Sciences. The University, founded in 1919, is one of the leading research centers in Slovakia, with a broad array of international contacts and cooperation both in the field of natural sciences as well as in social sciences and humanities. The host institution thus offers an ideal venue for an interdisciplinary event of young legal, political and social theorists.

In the most general terms, the agenda of the conference will be focused on the reassessment of the Central and Eastern European position in Europe and in the world, seeking for the specificities of this region, being often perceived as a double periphery – of the West and of the East. Since almost thirty years have passed since the disintegration of the bipolar world, the time has come for a critical reconsideration of the earlier scholarly findings or commonplaces and the formulation of more nuanced and refined conclusions.

The organizers cordially invite contributions from the fields of legal, social or political theory related to this complex issue. Although the organizers will consider any application, special emphasis will be put on the following sub-topics, while expecting a thorough theoretical analysis of these:

- (1) *Colonialism, Postcolonialism and Neocolonialism* : positioning and reconsidering the CEE in terms of province/periphery vs. centre, dominance/hegemony vs. subordination/subaltern status, power vs. weakness, globalization, Europeanization, Americanization
- (2) *CEE on the Map of Europe – States with Expiration Dates?* Continuities and discontinuities in constitutional terms; constitutional transitions; the end of history?; fluid borders and imagined borders: ideoscapes – mediascapes – ethnoscapes
- (3) *States vs. Nations/People?* Neoconstitutionalism or guarantism? : Rule of Law, of the Constitution, of the People, or of the Judges?; democracy or partocracy?; legal and political problems with nations and nationalism in the CEE region
- (4) *CEE Legal Culture?* From Kelsen to Weinberger; from Marxism-Leninism to (post)marxism; migrating legal concepts – legal transplants, legal imports and exports in the CEE region; uniformity vs. hybridity; open or closed cultures?; legal multiculturalism?
- (5) *A Bridge or a Battlefield between the Worlds?* The “Carpathian capitalism”; the state of civil society and free media in the CEE region; the “Other” (migrant, LGBTI, foreigner, non-Christian) in the CEE region; cyberattacks, hoaxes and conspiracy theories

In addition, there is also going to be an open session included.

As in the previous conferences, the target audience is the community of young theorists either working in Central and Eastern Europe or studying topics with Central and Eastern European dimensions. The organizers also encourage the participation of young academics affiliated to the universities or research institutes outside the CEE region, with Central or Eastern European research interests.

The conference language is English. A 500-700 words abstract should be submitted by 31 December 2018 to tomas.meszaros@flaw.uniba.sk. Acceptance of the papers will be communicated by 31 January 2019. Participation without presentation is possible as well; please use the application form as well.

The conference fee for all participants is 60,- € (see the payment instructions). All participants will obtain conference material, drinks and snacks during the breaks, and altogether three meals. Participants shall make arrangements and pay for their travel and accommodation individually. Please note the information on lodging options and directions.

Payment instructions: will be published soon on <http://www.cee-forum.org/2019>.

After the conference, all participants will be invited to submit their papers in order to be published in a volume of the conference proceedings – in the *Central and Eastern European Forum for Legal, Political, and Social Theory Yearbook*.

For all updated information please visit the conference website:
<http://www.cee-forum.org/2019>.

We are looking forward to hosting you in Bratislava in 2019!

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