



**EU Consent – Wider Europe, Deeper Integration?
Constructing Europe Network
WP II/III. Team 5**

Overcoming the EU crisis: EU perspectives after the Eastern enlargement

Conference in Budapest on 26-28 October 2006

Final programme

The general framework of the second conference of the team 5 is the problematization of widening and deepening in the EU. The panels will discuss three dimensions of this relationship in the present crisis:

- 1) The developments in the new member states
- 2) The next entrants and the 'Borderland Europe' and
- 3) The future of the EU27 as coming out of crisis.

Venue of the conference: Hungarian Institute of Public Administration, Budapest 1054 Alkotmány u. 25. (The "Broad Street" leading to the Hungarian Parliament)

The conference programme in three panels

Venue of the welcome addresses: Institute of Political History, Budapest 1054, Alkotmány u. 2. (The "Broad Street" leading to the Hungarian Parliament)

26 October, Thursday afternoon

17:00-18:00	Welcome addresses of the organizing institutions
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The welcome addresses will be followed by a *reception* by the Táncsics Foundation.

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Panel 1: 27 October, Friday morning

'Debate Europe': The general situation in the EU after the 'annus horribilis' (2005). Completing membership in the new member states. Introduction of euro and joining the Lisbon Strategy and their socio-economic and political implications. Problematization of widening and deepening in the EU10.

Chairperson: Attila Ágh

Discussant: Jürgen Dieringer

9:00-9:30	<i>Keynote address:</i> Jean Blondel: The challenge of integration between East and West in the European Union
9:30-10:30	Presentations and discussions Wolfgang Quaisser: Deepening and Widening of the EU: Challenges in the major economic projects and policy fields Ognian Hishow: Does Europe's social model endanger the convergence process in EU-25/27?
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-12:30	Presentations and discussions Darina Malová: The return of extremism in Central Eastern Europe: an inevitable consequence of EU-driven democratization? Béla Greskovits: Mass exit, extreme voice and the fiasco of reform-mongering: Political obstacles to resurgent neoliberalism in Central and Eastern Europe Kálmán Dezséri: Sooner or later: introducing the Euro in the new member states. Economic and social implications
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Panel 2: 27 October, Friday afternoon

The 'borders of Europe' and the limits of the EU's absorption capacity. The deep impact of the new entrants (Bulgaria, Romania) on the EU25 and the perspectives of the EU foreign policy in the global world. The West Balkans and the European Neighbourhood Policy.

Chairperson: Jaroslaw Pietras

Discussants: Attila Ágh and Zoltán Németh (Slovakia)

14:00-15:30	Presentations and discussions Visna Samardzija: Prospects for South Eastern Europe in the context
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	<p>of EU enlargement</p> <p>Svetlozar Andreev: Path dependence during the EU's fifth Enlargement: Comparing East-Central and Southeast Europe</p> <p>Davor Vuletic: The Western Balkans and the consequences of failed expectations: the cost of non-accession</p>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00-17:30	<p>Presentations and discussions</p> <p>Lucia Rossi: EU differentiated integration on internal and external level</p> <p>Edit Soós: The Western Balkans and the European Neighbourhood Policy</p>
18:00	<i>Reception by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Venue: 1054 Alkotmány u. 2.)</i>

Panel 3: 28 October, Saturday morning

'Constitutionalizing' Europe: Institutional reforms and international competitiveness. The EU self-image and EU identity in an enlarged Europe. The achievements and difficulties of the EU25. The future of the EU25(27). The perspectives of Social Europe and Political Europe in the next decade. The new modes of the European governance.

Chairperson: Darina Malová

Discussants: György Csáki and Lucia Rossi

9:00-10:30	<p>Presentations and discussions</p> <p>Jaroslav Pietras: Impact of enlargement on the perspective of the European Union in the light of experience of the newly acceded Member States</p> <p>Julie Smith: Working together: the need for bilateral and small group cooperation in the enlarged EU</p> <p>Paul Luif: End of permissive consensus</p>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-12:00	<p>Presentations and discussions</p> <p>Panel of legal experts on the EU 'Constitution-making':</p> <p>Tímea Drinóczy: European Constitutionalism in the Field of Economic Policy</p> <p>Judit Tóth: Constitutionalism in the EU and in its Member States</p>
12:00-12:30	Closing discussion – summary by Attila Ágh
12:30	<i>Lunch and farewell</i>

