

## *New Forms of Social and Political Mobilization: Reinventing Democracy and Civic Rights?*

Second Workshop of Working Group 1: *Practices*  
COST Action CA 16211 RECAST  
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 19–20 September 2019  
*Nádor utca (street) 15, room 103 (Tiered) – Map available here: <https://www.ceu.edu/node/174>*

### PROGRAMME

#### Thursday, 19 September 2019

##### 15.15 *Welcome*

José María Rosales, chair of RECAST  
Balázs Trencsényi, Central European University Budapest  
Ruzha Smilova and Meike Schmidt-Gleim, convenors of the workshop

##### 15.30 – 17.00

##### Panel 1: ***New Movements and Counter-Movements: Between Neoliberalism and Illiberalism***

Chair: Prof. Jussi Kurunmäki

Renáta Uitz, Professor, Department of Legal Studies, Central European University  
*The Urban Landscape of Illiberalism: Erasing Traces of Dissent from the Public Square*

Vasil Gluchmann, Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, Institute of Ethics and Bioethics,  
University of Prešov  
*New Civic Movements in Slovakia*

Gonçalo Marcelo, Researcher, University of Coimbra  
*Progressive Politics within the EU's Fiscal Orthodoxy: Lessons from the Portuguese 'Contraction'*

##### 17.30 – 19.00 Auróra u. 11, 1084 (*please note this venue is located 30 minutes by public transport from CEU!*)

##### Panel 2: ***Discussion with Civic Activists and Site Visit***

Chair: Meike Schmidt-Gleim

András Kádár, Attorney-at-Law and Co-Chair of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee  
Pavel Antonov, Co-Founder and Executive Editor of the Bulgarian BlueLink Foundation  
Áron Demeter, Advocacy and Media Manager for Amnesty International Hungary  
Adam Schönberger, Member of Marom Budapest and Director, Quarter7Quarter8 Festival



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**Friday, 20 September 2019**

Nador Street 15, Room 103

**9.00 – 10.30**

**Panel 1: *Beyond Organization: Activism Transformed***

Chair: Prof. Manuel Toscano

Christel Stormhøj, Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences and Business, Roskilde University

*Thinking and Practicing Transformation in Times of Crisis: The Case of Feminist Transformation*

Aleksandra Belina, PhD Student, Institute of Sociology at Warsaw University

*From Formalism to Activism? Social Consequences of Commercialization of NGOs*

Maria Brown and John Portelli, University of Malta

*Toward Robust Democracy and the Ethics of Subversion: Dialoguing the Pitfalls of Neoliberalism*

**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break**

**11.00 – 12.30**

**Panel 2: *New Media and Communicative Practices: Reinventing Democracy***

Chair: Maria Brown

Lilia Rajcheva, Professor, St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University

*Comparing the Communication Practices in the Social Protests 2013/2018*

Přemysl Rosůlek, Associate Professor, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen

*Fake News Attacking Movements: Calling for the Resignation of Prime Minister in Czech Republic and Slovakia*

Gergana Dimova, Lecturer in Politics, University of Winchester

*Reinventing Democracy and Civil Rights: From 'Proactive Majorities' to 'Reactive Minorities'*

**12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break**

**14.00 – 14.45**

**Panel 3: *Life-Act: Civic Activism***

Christoforos Pavlakis, New-Media Artist and Cultural Policy Advisor

*City of Errors, Watch Out My Neighborhood! The Good Practice of a Multimedia Project in the City of Athens, Greece*



**14.50 – 16.20**

**Panel 4: *Beyond 'Pure' Politics: Widening Democracy through Narratives***

Chair: Ruzha Smilova

Meike Schmidt-Gleim, Philosopher, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna  
*Narrating Social Protests or Nothing is Lost for History!*

Lia Duran Mogollon, Research Assistant, University of Siegen  
*The Conscious Consumer and the Politics of Everyday Life*

Natalija Shikova, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, International Balkan University, Skopje  
*Democracy beyond the Ballot Box: Open Government Partnership and Citizens Budget Initiatives*

**16.20 – 16.50 Coffee Break**

**16.50 – 18.20**

**Panel 5: *Equality and Civic Rights: What Next?***

Chair: Gonçalo Marcelo

Aristeidis Myriskos, PhD Student, Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology  
*From Inclusive to Equal European Public Spheres*

Ruzha Smilova, Senior Assistant Professor, St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University and Centre for Liberal Strategies  
*Beyond the Human Rights Movement?*

Leire Rincón, PhD Student, University of Barcelona and Unconditional Basic Income Europe  
*Advocating for UBI in UBIE: Combining Research and Activism*

**18.20 – 18.30 Closing Remarks**

Ruzha Smilova and Meike Schmidt-Gleim

**Organisers**

Working Group 1: *Practices*. COST Action CA 16211 RECAST *Reappraising Intellectual Debates on Civic Rights and Democracy in Europe* ([https://www.cost.eu/COST\\_Actions/ca/CA16211](https://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA16211) & <https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast>)

Central European University Budapest, Department of History (<https://www.ceu.edu/unit/history>)

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