

# CEEISA

## CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

10th Convention of the  
Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA)

**Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania**

**12–14 June 2014**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANEL PROPOSALS**

#### **“Identity politics and dynamics of (dis)integration in Europe”**

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The 10<sup>th</sup> Convention of the CEEISA will feature a diverse set of panels organized around multiple aspects of the study of international relations. **Submissions of papers, panels, and roundtables on any aspect of international relations broadly understood are welcomed and encouraged.**

We particularly invite submissions in which scholars turn their focus to this year’s convention theme: **“Identity politics and dynamics of (dis)integration in Europe”**

A recurring theme at the heart of all politics is struggle for self-determination, at the individual and the group level. At the individual level, struggles for self-determination support drives to liberate, liberalize, and democratize polities. Self-determination here means limiting interference and repression by authorities as well as building channels through which citizens can participate in making decisions that affect their lives.

At the group level the picture becomes more complicated. Individuals experience affinities to different social groups, such as ethnic groups or nations. Group-based identification creates in-group out-group dynamics that feed social competition and, potentially, conflict. Identity politics typically are expressions of such competition, which may have deep historical roots. While group-based demands for recognition, rights, or autonomy often seem legitimate to outsiders, they can easily be seen as offensive by competing or “othering” groups, especially in times of economic and social crisis. This sets in motion social conflict with the potential of political destabilization.

Democratic polities are built on multiple social identities. This is particularly obvious in large, federal, and multi-national structures. *E pluribus unum* was the de facto motto of the US until 1956. Since 2000 the EU’s official motto is “United in Diversity” (*In varietate concordia*). Such mottos reflect what might be considered the core challenge of democratic political culture: How can group-level struggles for self-determination be evaluated, mediated, and “managed” to allow for self-expression and political agency by groups while at the same time keeping social conflict at a level non-threatening to the polity’s integrity? For the CEEISA’s 2014 convention we particularly welcome papers which reflect on empirical as well as theoretical responses to this challenge in Europe, east and west. Our location at the multicultural Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj in Transylvania is ideal for this purpose.

Conference participants are especially invited to respond to the following four “theme” questions from within their own sub-fields and research specializations:

- Where can we today observe important group-based, *internationally relevant* struggles for “self-determination” in Europe, broadly defined to include struggles for greater recognition or additional rights and privileges? What are the conflict dynamics associated with these struggles?
- Most individuals experience multiple group identities. This can create dilemmas and behavioral instability but also serve to unify communities across group divisions. Where and how can we see multiple or overlapping social identities helping to the prevent disintegration in Europe or its member states today?
- Focusing directly on the current crisis of European Union, how should we interpret the cleavages emerging in Europe in reaction to economic crisis and political responses to it? To what extent and how is political-economic pressure on member states in crisis or on specific social groups risking the EU’s disintegration?
- Moving beyond Europe, what can we learn for the current European experience from inter- and transnational social struggles for recognition that have taken place at other times and in other places? More generally, how can we make progress in *theorizing identity politics in inter-, trans- and supranational environments*?

## REGISTRATION FEES

The CEEISA encourages all the participants who are not yet members of the CEEISA to join the association and enjoy the benefit of **free subscription to the Journal of International Relations and Development** and **reduced registration fees for CEEISA Conventions**. For information about CEEISA membership please visit the CEEISA website at <http://www.ceeisa.org/index.php/membership>.

Convention registration fee: 120 euro

Reduced registration fee for PhD students: 90 euro

Registration fee for CEEISA members: 60 euro

Reduced registration fee for PhD students who are also CEEISA members: 30 euro

## PAPER/PANEL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

To submit your paper or panel proposal, please follow the links below and fill in and submit the on-line form. You will receive a confirmation of your paper/panel submission within approx. a week.

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**Deadline for submissions: 1 December 2013**

**Notification of acceptance (by e-mail): before 1 February 2014**

Should you have any questions regarding paper or panel proposals, please contact us at [ceeisa2014.programme@gmail.com](mailto:ceeisa2014.programme@gmail.com).

Should you have any other questions regarding the upcoming conference, please contact us at [secretariat@ceeisa.org](mailto:secretariat@ceeisa.org).

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