



International Workshop

**Illiberal and Authoritarian Tendencies in Central, Southeastern  
and Eastern Europe**

**13-15 October, 2016**

Hotel Marriott Munich, Berliner Straße 93, Munich

**Program**

**Thursday, October 13**

18.00 **Welcome by the Organizers**

18.15 ***“The Rise of Threatened Majorities”***

Keynote by **Ivan Krastev**, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, Bulgaria; Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Science, Vienna.  
Followed by a discussion

19.30 *Dinner at Marriott Munich Hotel*

**Friday, October 14**

9.00	<p><b><i>Opening</i></b></p> <p><b>Hansjörg Brey</b>, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich</p> <p><b>Nicolas Hayoz</b>, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Fribourg</p>
9.15	<p><b><i>Block 1: General / Conceptual part</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anton Shekhovtsov</b>, Visiting Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna <b><i>“Illiberal Trends in Central and Eastern Europe: A Failing Democratic Transition?”</i></b></li> <li>• <b>Florian Bieber</b>, Professor for Southeast European History and Politics, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz <b><i>“The Balkan Crisis of Democracy as a Part of a Global Trend. The Interrelationship between Challenges to Democracy at Europe’s Core and Periphery”</i></b></li> <li>• <b>Vedran Dzihic</b>, Senior Researcher, OIIP Austrian Institute for International Politics, Vienna and <b>Nicolas Hayoz</b>, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Fribourg <b><i>“Challenged democratization of the Eastern part of Europe - How bad leaders exploit weak political institutions, undermine democratic rules and instrumentalise nationalist sentiments”</i></b></li> </ul>
11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>

11.30	<p><b>Block 2: Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova</b></p> <p><b>"After Euromaidan: Free Elections vs. Personalised Parties and Informal Practices"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Olexij Haran</b>, Professor, University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy; Academic Director, Democratic Initiatives Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Giga Zedania</b>, Professor, Ilia State University, Tbilisi</li> </ul> <p><b>"Twin Temptations: Illiberal and Authoritarian Tendencies in Post-Soviet Georgia"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natalia Timus</b>, Researcher, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht University</li> </ul> <p><b>"Moldova: From a Success Story to a Democratic Failure"</b></p>
13.15	<i>Buffet Lunch</i>
14.15	<p><b>Block 3: Central Europe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Zoltan Kiszelly</b>, College Associate Professor, Kodolányi János Foundation College, Budapest</li> </ul> <p><b>"Hungary's 'Illiberal' State: Model or Outcaste?"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Magdalena Solska</b>, Lecturer, Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe, University of Fribourg</li> </ul> <p><b>"'Good change' under Law and Justice at the Cost of Liberal Democracy in Poland?"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grigorij Meseznikov</b>, President, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava</li> </ul> <p><b>"Multiple Challenges to Liberal Democracy in Slovakia: Worsening of Democratic Environment and the Rise of Right-wing Extremism"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vlastimil Havlik</b>, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Masaryk University, Brno</li> </ul> <p><b>"From Radical Right to the Prague Castle: Populism, Political Culture and Illiberal Tendencies in the Contemporary Czech Republic"</b></p>
16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.30	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Illiberalism and New-old Forms of Authoritarianism in Central Europe, South-Eastern Europe and Beyond</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrea Lorenzo Capussela</b>, Independent Researcher, Milan</li> <li>• <b>Cengiz Günay</b>, Senior Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna</li> <li>• <b>Gudrun Steinacker</b>, Former Ambassador, Vienna</li> <li>• <b>Sergej Sumlenny</b>, Head, Regional Office, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Kiev</li> </ul>
19.00	Conference Dinner at Hotel Marriott Munich

## Saturday October 15

9.15	<p><b>Block 4: South Eastern Europe – part 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Adis Merdzanovic</b>, Junior Research Fellow, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford <b>“Challenges to Liberalism in Post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina”</b></li><li>• <b>Dane Taleski</b>, Visiting Fellow and Fellow, Centre for South East European Studies, University of Graz <b>“Socially Impoverish and Entrap: A Strategy to Maintain a Hybrid Regime?”</b></li><li>• <b>Jovana Marovic</b>, Associate Fellow, Institute Alternative, Podgorica <b>“NGO Activist in the Montenegrin Captured Institution”</b></li><li>• <b>Marko Vujacic</b>, Researcher, European Research Academy Belgrade (EURAK) <b>“Serbia: The State Besieged, the Society in Distress”</b></li></ul>
11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30	<p><b>Block 4: South Eastern Europe – part 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Senada Selo-Sabic</b>, Scientific Associate, Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb <b>“Non-linear and Long-term – Croatian Experience with Liberal Democracy”</b></li><li>• <b>Arben Hajrullahu</b>, Associate Professor, University of Prishtina <b>“Struggling between the Unresolved Issues with Serbia and the Imagined Liberalism in Kosovo”</b></li><li>• <b>Natasha Wunsch</b>, Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz <b>“Democratic Backsliding in Pre- and Post-accession: Two Sides of the Same Coin?”</b></li></ul>
13.00	Conclusions and next steps
13.30	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>

15.00      **Excursion** (optional): Munich Documentation Centre for the History of National Socialism

After the Excursion: **free time for yourself**

20.30      **Dinner at Wirtshaus Ayingers, Platzl 1 a, 80331 München**

## Sunday October 16

Departure of Participants