



Historical sources of development in Central and Eastern Europe

WEAST WORKSHOP ON ECONOMIC
HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY
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Conference brochure





Introduction

Dear Participant!

Let us first thank you for accepting our invitation for participation at the upcoming WEast workshop and share our excitement about the prospect of welcoming you in Budapest. It seems fair to say already that the collaboration between the WEast initiative and the Economics Department of the CEU to organize an economic history and development workshop on Central and Eastern Europe has reached its stated objective - of attracting a highly qualified and very diverse pool of young scholars and promoting further internationally recognized research in the area through an enjoyable and fruitful workshop.

To help you prepare your trip to Budapest, we would like to draw your attention to this little brochure containing important information on hopefully all the relevant aspects of the workshop – including the organizers and hosts, the workshop schedule and participants, as well as practicalities concerning accommodation and getting around in Budapest. Please read it carefully and do not hesitate to approach us with any related concerns or questions you might have.

We wish you all a great festive season and very much look forward to getting to know you and your work at CEU in Budapest!

Pawel Bukowski, Attila Gaspar, Balint Menyhert and Rita Peto

WEast


WEast is an international initiative promoting research on the economic history of East, Central and South-East Europe. Its aim is to strengthen collaboration between economic historians and economists with shared interest in this region representing both Western and Eastern universities and research centres. In order to promote this research agenda, WEast regularly organizes workshops and convenes sessions at major international conferences and congresses. It is managed by a core group of international scholars: Tamas Vonyo (Bocconi University), Jacob Weisdorf (University of Southern Denmark), Mikolaj Malinowski (Utrecht University) and Stefan Nikolic (University of York). Further information about WEast as well as its past and upcoming event can be found at <http://weast-initiative.blogspot.com/>.

Central European University

Central European University is a graduate-level private university accredited in both the United States and Hungary. Located in Budapest, CEU has been a hub of exchanging ideas and critical discussion in the social sciences and humanities since 1991. With approximately 1,400 students and 370 faculty members from more than 130 countries, CEU is one of the most international universities in the world. While it follows the best Anglo-Saxon tradition of higher education, CEU also cherishes its historical heritage by actively promoting the concept of open and democratic societies. As such, it is in a unique position to serve as a bridge between Eastern European and Western scholarship.

Budapest

Located in the heart of Central Europe, the capital of Hungary has an unrivalled historical heritage. Ever since the Roman times, the present-day area of Budapest has continuously found itself at the crossroads of different and often antagonistic political and social movements and ambitions. From the foundation of the Kingdom of Hungary in 1000 AD onwards, this has largely translated into an opposition between Eastern and Western powers – be them the prolonged warfare between the Habsburg and Ottoman empires in the 16th-17th centuries, national independence and identity struggles in the post-absolutist period, or the ideological conflicts of the 20th century symbolized by the Iron Curtain. Still bearing the marks of all this historical turbulence, the ‘Pearl of the Danube’ (as Budapest is often referred to) is a fascinating place to visit and a perfect home for such a workshop.



Workshop Schedule

Friday, 9 January 2015

9.00 -9.20	Welcome address by John Shattuck, the President and Rector of Central European University
9.20 - 10.50	Session 1: State formation and institutional development (chaired by Mikolaj Malinowski) Alex Klein (U Kent): Was Domar right? The second serfdom, the land-labour ratio, and urbanization in 18th-century Bohemia Marvin Suesse (Humboldt University of Berlin): Market integration and the origins of economic nationalism Leigh Gardner (LSE): State centralization on Europe’s periphery in the middle ages: Scotland and Poland compared
10.50 - 11.20	Coffee break
11.20 - 12.50	Session 2: Income inequalities (chaired by Tamas Vonyo) Michael Pammer (Johannes Kepler Universitat Linz): Income inequality in imperial Austria, 1911 Palma Mosberger (CEU): Top income shares in Hungary, 1914-2008: capital and labor Mikolaj Malinowski (Utrecht University): Gross domestic income and its distribution in early modern Poland
12.50 - 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 - 16.00	Session 3: Financial stress in a historical perspective (chaired by Rita Peto) Ali Coskun Tuncer (UCL): International financial control and fiscal centralisation in the Middle East and the Balkans, 1870s-1914 Flora Macher (LSE): The Hungarian twin crisis of 1931 Franciszek Tyszka (EUI): Foreign debt, crisis management, and systemic transformation. The case of Poland, 1981-1995
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 - 18.30	Jacek Kochanowicz keynote lectures (chaired by Pawel Bukowski) Sevket Pamuk (Bogazici University, Istanbul): Debasements in Europe, East and West, and Their Causes, 1500-1800 Nikolaus Wolf (Humboldt University of Berlin): The Economics of Density: Evidence from the Berlin Wall
19.30 -	Workshop dinner

Saturday, 10 January 2015

9.00 - 11.00	Session 4: Institutional persistence and path-dependency (chaired by Almos Telegdy) Cagatay Bircan (EBRD): Entrepreneurship, victimization and the historical legacy of war: evidence from Eastern Europe and Central Asia Elira Karaja (Columbia University): The rule of Karlowitz: fiscal change and institutional persistence Johannes C. Buggle (Sciences Po): The economic legacy of Russian serfdom Agnieszka Wysokinska (University of Warsaw): Role of institutions and culture in long-term development
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 13.00	Session 5: Convolusion of norms and identities (chaired by Jacob Weisdorf) Matthias Blum (QUBMS): Quantifying contributions of German migrants to Balkan economies during the Josephinian Settlements, 1784-86 Rita Peto (CEU): The economic incentives of assimilation - Name changers in the early 20th century Budapest Jan Fidrmuc (Brunel University): How persistent is social capital?
13.00 - 13.45	Lunch break
13.45 - 14.45	Session 6: Historical legacy of absolutism on the European periphery (chaired by Balint Menyhert) Elena Korchmina (Higher School of Economics): Tax arrears in post-Petrine Russia as an Indicator of state capacity Piotr Korys (University of Warsaw): Unfinished transition? The occupational structure of Poland, 1900-1921
14.45 - 15.00	Coffee break
15.00 - 16.00	Session 7: Human capital and economic growth - what causes what? (chaired by Attila Gaspar) Ralph Hippe (LSE): The long-run impact of human capital on innovation and economic development in the regions of Europe Tomas Cvrcek (UCL): School, what is it good for? Useful human capital and the history of public education in Central Europe

Keynote speakers

Nikolaus Wolf

Professor Wolf is the Director of the Institute of Economic History at the Humboldt University of Berlin and is also affiliated with The Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), CESifo Institute (Munich) as well as The Centre for Economic Performance at LSE. He is the editor of some of the most prestigious economic history journals such as the *Journal of Economic History* and the *Economic History Review*. His research focuses particularly on international trade history, economic integration and the economics of war and peace.

Şevket Pamuk

Professor Pamuk is currently affiliated with the Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History as well as the Department of Economics at the Bogaziçi (Bosporus) University in Istanbul, Turkey. His research focuses primarily on the economic history of the Ottoman Empire and the Middle East in the 19-20th century, and in particular on how social development is driven by institutional factors. He has authored and co-authored some of the most influential books and articles on Middle Eastern economic development.

List of invited participants

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Practical information

The workshop will take place in the historical center of Budapest, with all important locations within a short walking distance from one another. Those wishing to explore other parts of the city are advised to use public transportation (further information are available at <http://www.bkk.hu/en/main-page/news/>) or profit from the newly launched public bike-sharing scheme (further information at <http://molbubi.bkk.hu/>).

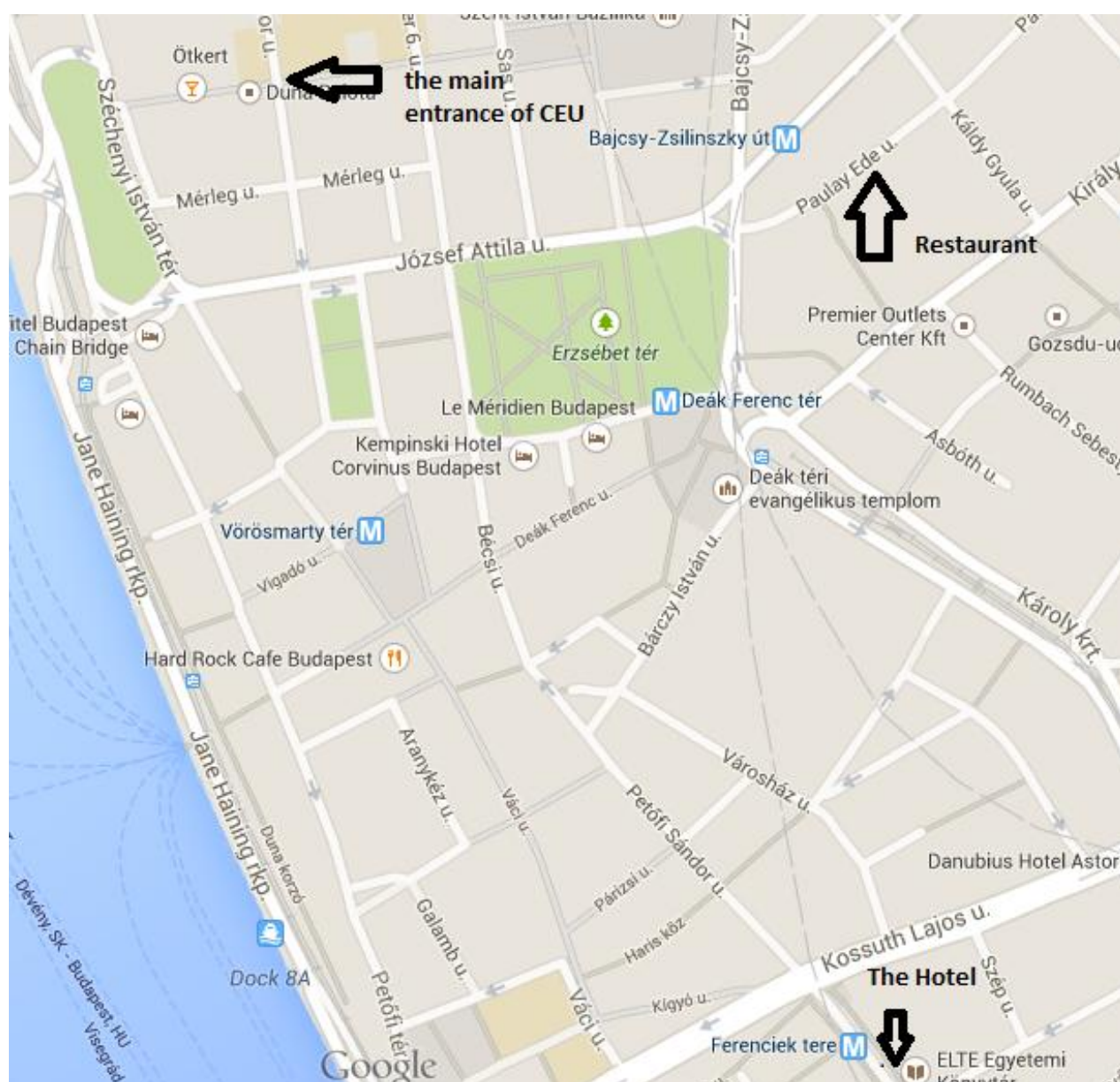
Getting to downtown Budapest

Participants coming by train will have a direct connection to metro network that allows for reaching the Ferenciek tere (Ferenciek square) station of metro line M3 directly or with a single correspondence. Those arriving at the Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport have various options to get to downtown Budapest:

- **Airport shuttle** - Reservations can be made in person at the airport or by phone (+36-1-296-8555) or online (<http://www.airportshuttle.hu>) at least 12 hours before your flight departure. One-way and return trips cost 3200 and 5500 HUF, respectively.
- **Taxi** - Reservations can be made in person at the Főtaxi booths located at the exits to Terminals 2A and 2B. Taxis operate continually on a first-come/first-served basis, and take passengers to the city center for a fee that should not exceed 6000 HUF for a one-way trip under normal traffic circumstances.
- **Public transport** – During the day, bus number 200E commutes between the airport and the Kőbánya-Kispest metro terminal for line M3. From here, participants can take the metro to reach Ferenciek tere (Ferenciek square) in the city center directly, only a short walk away from the hotel.

Accommodation

Accommodation for workshop participants will be provided by the three-star **Hotel Erzsébet City Center (1053 Budapest, Károlyi street 11-15.)** in individual rooms, with buffet breakfast included. Check-in begins at 14:00 on Thursday afternoon. For further details, check the website of the hotel at <http://www.danubiushotels.com/our-hotels-budapest/hotel-erzsebet-city-center>.



Workshop venue

The workshop sessions and keynote lectures will be held at the historical premises of the Central European University. The conference sites – the Gellner room and the Auditorium - are located in the main **University building (1051 Budapest, Nádor street 9.)**, designed by prominent classicist architect Mihály Pollack in the 1820s for the noble Hungarian Festetics family.

Friday dinner

The Friday dinner will take place at **Vakvarjú Restaurant (1061 Budapest, Paulay Ede street 7.)** that offers a traditional Hungarian culinary experience tinged with some creative touch.