



„Christian Democracy and the Remaking of Europe”

International Conference

2024. 09. 30.

Ludovika University of Public Service

Description:

After the Second World War, Christian democracy played a significant role in the reconstruction of Europe and in launching European integrity, which finally led to the foundation of the European Union. The international scientific conference organized by the Ludovika University of Public Service, held on the 70th anniversary of the death of Italian Christian Democratic politician Alcide de Gasperi and the 20th anniversary of the EU’s Eastern Enlargement, aims to present the phenomenon of Christian democracy from Western and Eastern European perspectives. The conference will discuss theoretical concepts related to Christian democracy and empirical findings based on the history of the movement.

Program:

08:00 – 08:30: Registration

08:30 – 09:00: Welcome addresses

BERNÁT TÖRÖK

Director General of the Eötvös József Research Centre (Ludovika University of Public Service)

György HÖLVÉNYI

Member of the European Parliament for the Hungarian Christian Democratic People’s Party

09:00 – 10:20: First section

Christian Democracy from Western-European perspectives

Chair: ÁDÁM DARABOS (Ludovika University of Public Service)

(To be confirmed)

MICHAEL SEVERANCE (Istituto Acton)

The Ecclesiastical Roots of Political Self-Government in Europe

JØRGEN MØLLER (Aarhus University)

Democratic Christianity or the Price of Going Mainstream

TAMÁS NYIRKOS (Ludovika University of Public Service)

Political Spirituality and the Emergence of Christian Democracy in Italy, 1930s-1950s

ROSARIO FORLENZA (Luiss–Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali)

10:20 – 10:50: Discussion

10:50 – 11:15: Coffee break

11:15 – 12:35: Second section

Christian democracy from Eastern-European perspectives

Chair: ANDRÁS JANCSÓ (Ludovika University of Public Service)

The alternative way of organising society – Hungarian representatives of the Solidarist school

PÉTER KRISZTIÁN ZACHAR (Ludovika University of Public Service)

Jenő Kerkai SJ and Christian Democracy

ZOLTÁN KORONKAI SJ

Western or “Eastern”? The ideological foundations of Hungarian Christian democracy in the thought of István Barankovics

ÁDÁM DARABOS (Ludovika University of Public Service)

Inventing the "demos". Christian democrat concepts of the people in post-WWII Hungary

MILÁN PAP (Ludovika University of Public Service)

12:35 – 13:05: Discussion

13:05 – 14:15: Lunch

14:15 – 15:45: Third section

***Rethinking Subsidiarity Multidisciplinary Reflections on the Catholic Social Tradition* – roundtable discussion with the editors of the volume**

Moderator: MILÁN PAP (Ludovika University of Public Service)

MARTIN SCHLAG (University of St. Thomas)

BOGLÁRKA KOLLER (Ludovika University of Public Service)

15:45 – 16:00: Closing remarks