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As new geopolitical realities are producing multiple security threats and fears of new armed conflicts throughout the world, collaboration on other global problems that pose existential threats to humanity are increasingly challenging. There is a war again in Europe. The organisation that was created to prevent such bloody conflicts is helpless, like it has proven to be so many times before. A few years ago, we have seen a similar catastrophe in Syria, earlier we have seen it on the territories of the former Yugoslavia, and we can mention the war in Vietnam, or the Palestinian conflict having remained unsolved for the past 80 years. There have been repeated violations of the UN charter – possibly more than the respect thereof – by its member states: the US in Guatemala in 1953, the Soviet Union in Hungary in 1956, or the Warsaw pact troops in Czechoslovakia in 1968 are just a few of the many examples. The list could go on. Is it a problem of the charter or the organisation? Is it the structure or the application of basic principles? Is the international community keeping alive an obsolete conglomerate or is it missing out on a grand opportunity? Is there or could there be an alternative to the UN, or does need radical reforms to become capable of accomplishing its mission? What role can the EU, the US, and other nation states assume in the efforts to reformulate their political communities and maintain a culture of peace in the face of violence? What possibilities are open for civil organisations in the struggle for peace? As for the European community, will it be realistic for it to maintain its positions of soft-power without the exercise of hard-power? What are the aspirations of the EU as to its migration and integration policies?

The 28th International Summer University, organised by the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg in partnership with UNESCO, ISES Foundation, and the University of Pannonia focuses on war, armed conflicts and the role of the United Nations in dealing with such conflicts. The discussion of war, and the prevention, resolution of armed conflicts, as well as the practices of reconciliation will point to the responsibility, agency, and limitations of the UN, the most unique supra-national organization ever brought to life, and raises the question of the role of other organisations, civil or otherwise, as well as nation states and their alliances in the formulation of the new order and status quo.

Topics we will cover are as follows:

- ▼ Russia and the new global peace order
 - ▼ War and policrisis
 - ▼ The global context where the UN was born: anti-colonial struggles, human rights and neo-colonialism in the second half of the twentieth century
 - ▼ International law and the efficiency of supranational organisations
 - ▼ The past and future of the UN: to reform or to replace?
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- Peacekeeping victories and fiascos: the widely-known failures and lesser-known success stories of the UN
 - Dealing with local conflicts, human security and migrations in diverse geopolitical contexts
 - Human rights and international aid organisations: The UN Refugee Agency and The Red Cross
 - Non-violent movements and civil resistance in Belarus and Russia
 - Narratives of AI and its civilisational impact: information wars, killer robots, algorithms & democracy

DAY 1 SUNDAY JUNE 25TH

15:00-15:30 Registration

15:30 - 16:00 Participants' introductions

MODERATOR: IZABELLA AGÁRDI

16:00 - 16:10 Ferenc Miszlivetz, General Director, iASK

16:10 - 16:20 Miklós Réthelyi, Chair, Hungarian UNESCO Committee (online)

16:20-16:30 András Nagy, Senior research fellow, iASK

16:30 - 16:40 Béla Básthy, Mayor of Kőszeg

16:40 - 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 18:30 Panel

Russia, Europe and the New Global Peace Order

The "special military operation" that the Russian President Vladimir Putin started in Ukraine on February 24, 2022, is reshaping the world order in political, economic, and security terms. The views on this armed conflict vary across political and business circles and elites, dramatically affecting not only Ukraine but also the European Union and Russia. While new division lines between variously perceived political and economic interests become acute, some major questions remain unanswered: what is Putin's endgame? What are the short-term and long-term impacts of the war on Ukraine, Europe, and Russia? Panelists will discuss these and related questions.

17:00 - 17:30 Keynote Address: Lüdger Kühnhardt

17:30 - 18:30 Panel Discussion

CHAIR: MISZLIVETZ FERENC

Panelists:

- Sean Cleary
- Lüdger Kühnhardt
- André Erdős
- István Gyarmati

19:00 Musical performance

20:00 Reception

DAY2 MONDAY JUNE 26TH

REGISTRATION AND LOGIN: 9:30 – 10:00

CHAIR: ATTILA PÓK

MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:00

International Law and the Efficiency of Supranational Organisations

The Hague Peace Conference of 1899 and the later agreements, institutions and contracts could not avoid international conflicts developing into wars. What is the difference between the legal status of the UN and of the previous institutions from the Vienna Conference through the League of Nations to different transnational cooperation? Where are the limits of the legal authority of the UN and what kind of inbuilt contradictions avoid that it could properly function? What can be done for creating a really effective organization?

Panelists:

- ▶ André Erdős (keynote)
- ▶ Zoltán Turbék
- ▶ István Gyarmati
- ▶ László Borhi
- ▶ Mónika Mátay

12:00 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION 1 (group activity): 14:00-16:00

Topic: The UN: To Reform or to Replace?

The "United Nations" was a synonym for those nations that were fighting against fascism, starting 80 years ago. The Charter and the foundation of the organization is nearly the same old, meanwhile the world has changed enormously after that. What were the reforms that shaped and reshaped the UN in its history and what could be the scenarios for an effectively working global organization? Is the UN reformable or should it be replaced? What do think tanks suggest and what is the interest of the real decision makers? How does the next generation look at the UN, is it a dinosaur or a spaceship?

Working groups are lead by morning panelists.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2: 16:00-18:00 Panel Discussion

Topic: The War of Russia on Ukraine: Geopolitical and Historical Perspectives

The panel is aimed to focus on empires that seem to be constant players of world history including the first and second world wars. Empires, imagined or real, play key roles in contemporary relations of between nations being with each other in harmony or conflict. The panel will focus on the historical, sociological, economic and social psychological legacy of empires in the emerging new world order with a special emphasise on the present war between Russia and the Ukraine.

Chair: Izabella Agárdi | Sean Cleary, Andrew Arato, Csaba Olay, György Csepeli

DAY3 TUESDAY JUNE 27TH

DAY TRIP TO THE UN HEADQUARTERS AND TO THE VIENNA SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

DAY4 WEDNESDAY JUNE 28TH

REGISTRATION AND LOGIN: 9:30 – 10:00

MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:00 Panel Discussion

Peacekeeping Victories and Fiascos: The Widely-Known Failures and Hardly-known Success Stories of the UN

From the unresolved Palestinian issue through the Korean war, the failures dealing with the Soviet invasion in Hungary in 1956 and with that of the Warsaw Pact in Czechoslovakia in 1968, through the tragedy in Rwanda, in Yugoslavia, in Iraq, in Syria and currently in Ukraine dramatically raises the question of the trouble-shooting capacity of the UN. What are the analogies between these tragedies, what are the lessons to learn and why was the UN inactive? What is the responsibility of the Charter in these failures and what is the share of the great powers of sabotaging the work of the organization once they created? On the other hand, several peacekeeping operations were and are executed in different parts of the world, in conflict zones, in front lines dividing warrior groups, in disputed areas with growing tensions that we do not read in the papers about, unlike those cases when wars start. How effective are these endeavors? What is it like to be deployed in a conflict zone? What are the controversies, achievements, and conclusions of these operations, when seen through the eyes of a participant?

CHAIR: ANDRÁS NAGY

Panelists (military experts, ex-peacekeepers, historians, political scientists):

- ▶ Lisbeth Pilegaard (keynote)
- ▶ János Bogárdi
- ▶ Zoltán Szenes
- ▶ András Nagy

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH BREAK



AFTERNOON SESSION 1: 13:30-14:30 THEMATIC WORKING GROUP

Topic: News and Information in Times of Conflict

Lead by Péter Krekó

AFTERNOON SESSION 2: 14:30-16:00 THEMATIC WORKING GROUP

Topic: Dealing with Local Conflicts, Human Security and Migrations in Diverse Geopolitical Contexts

Case studies from the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, the 1968 conflict in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslav War of the 1990s, the genocide in Rwanda, the war in Iraq in 2000s, the civil war in Yemen, the Syrian conflict, the war of Russian on Ukraine will be discussed in small groups. The discussions employ historical, political and ethnographical (social) and civilisational perspectives as well.

Working groups are lead by morning panelists.

DAY 5 THURSDAY JUNE 29TH

REGISTRATION AND LOGIN: 9:30 – 10:00

MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:00 Panel Discussion

International Human Rights Organisations and Initiatives

How do different organisations of the UN and other supranational organisations work and how does their work impact human rights? What are their main missions? How effective UN conventions are? These are the questions, and topics, on which experts from different public policy areas will provide important insights.

CHAIR: KATALIN GALAMBOS

Panelists:

- ▶ Anett Matkó
- ▶ Péter Juhász
- ▶ Ferenc Pongrácz
- ▶ Marianna Kármán

12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION: 14:00-18:00 FILM SCREENING AND Q&A SESSION

Topic: The War Machine

The film screening, followed by a Q & A session will discuss the topic of automation and the increasing role of AI in warfare, and its adverse impact on human security. We will discuss the dangers of killer robots, distant operators, algorithmic violence, and other elements of cyber-warfare.

18:00 Wine tasting and Food Pairing Event

DAY 6 FRIDAY JUNE 30TH

REGISTRATION AND LOGIN: 9:30 – 10:00

MORNING SESSION: 10:00-12:00 Panel Discussion

Human Agency in the Age of Artificial Intelligence:

The Role of International Organisations in Regulating Disruptive Technologies

With increased reliance on AI for labour, education and everyday life, humanity could be facing a rapid advancement of machine agency. This panel questions the future of human agency and the role of international organisations in regulating disruptive technologies that are radically transforming the societies at a fast pace. Is it possible to regulate AI to ensure it is being used responsibly worldwide? What kind of global cooperation is required to tackle these pressing issues and how international organizations can work towards safeguarding human values and ethical principles.

CHAIR: IVANA STEPANOVIC

Panelists:

- ▼ Cordel Green
- ▼ Károly Illés
- ▼ Dalma Bíró
- ▼ David Daou
- ▼ László Karvalics

12:00 – 12:30 WRAP-UP, CLOSING REMARKS AND FEEDBACK

BIOGRAPHIES



IZABELLA AGÁRDI

Izabella Agárdi is a historian and holds a PhD from Utrecht University, The Netherlands, an MA in Gender Studies from Central European University, Hungary and an MA in English Studies from the University of Szeged, Hungary. Her research interests are oral history, gender studies, rural women's history, contemporary historiography and literary theory. She is a former member of European research networks of excellence (Ciohres, Athena, ATGEN-DER). Currently she is a member of Memory Studies Association (MSA), American Historical Association (AHA) and American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA).



ANDREW ARATÓ

Professor Arato is the Dorothy Hart Hirshon Professor in Political and Social Theory in the Sociology Department at the New School for Social Research. He has taught at L'École des hautes études and Sciences Po in Paris, as well as at the Central European University in Budapest. Professor Arato has served as a consultant for the Hungarian Parliament on constitutional issues (1996-1997), and as U.S. State Department Democracy Lecturer and Consultant (on Constitutional issues) on Nepal (2007). He was an invited Professor at the College de France (Spring 2012). His Interests include the politics of civil society, constitutional theory, comparative politics of constitution-making, religion, secularism and constitutions. His Concentrations include the history of social and political thought, legal and constitutional theory, historical problems of revolutions and radical transformations, and sociology of law.



BÉLA BÁSTHY

Mayor of Kőszeg from October 2019. He was previously Deputy Mayor and Member of the Vas County Self-Government Office of Vas County from 2006 to 2019. He was originally a language teacher and has worked as an interpreter in several cross-border projects and international cooperation.



DALMA BÍRÓ

For more than 35 years, she has been involved in shaping social attitudes, creating cooperation between civil and socio-political society. She has been lobbying for disarmament, peacebuilding and for a more equal, accessible and liveable world for all. From 1994 to 2004, she worked as Social mobilizing director for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (aka ICBL), for which the organisation was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997. From 2018 and onwards she is leading the International Campaign to Stop Killer Robots - Hungary as an activist coordinator. With growing digital dehumanisation, the coalition works to ensure human control in the use of force and the campaign calls for new international law on autonomy in weapons systems.



JÁNOS BOGÁRDI

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Peter A. Kadas associate professor at Indiana University-Bloomington and scientific counsellor at the Institute of History of the Center for Humanities, Budapest. His books include Hungary in the Cold War (CEU Press, 2004) Dealing with Dictators (Indiana University Press) and Survival (forthcoming with CEU Press, 2024).



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Sean Cleary is Chairman of Strategic Concepts (Pty) Ltd., Managing Director of the Centre for Advanced Governance, Founder and Executive Vice-Chair of the Future World Foundation and Chairman of Atlantic Holdings (Pty) Ltd. He also serves on the International Advisory Board of iASK.



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György Csepeli is a Professor of Social Psychology at ELTE, Budapest and Chair of the Interdisciplinary Social Science Research Doctoral Program. He has PhD from ELTE and a DSc from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He has been teaching at ELTE and at various American Universities including UCLA, the University of Michigan, New School in New York and recently at Montclair State University. His research interests cover areas of social psychology of intergroup relations such as national identity, anti-Semitism, anti-Gypsy sentiments and conflict resolution. He has created a pyramid model of national identity based on empirical survey results. He is involved in various EU FP7 projects on discrimination and European Identity. Most recently his interests turned toward the use of Big Data in resolving social problems.

DAVID DAOU



Dr. Daou has been a researcher for the past 18 years, during which he worked with the top European institutions, such as the Joint Research Centre in Ispra (Province of Varese, Italy) as well as the European Space Agency, the Dutch Meteorological Institute, the Canadian Space Agency, European Lidar Network, Environment and Climate Change Canada, the AEROCAN network as well as working as an expert to evaluate projects for the European Commission. Beside his proficient skills in space and atmospheric physics, Earth Observation, ground-based and satellite remote sensing, Dr. Daou is also known for his skills in ethical AI, data science and analytics, software programming and is currently a research manager for climate risks modelling at UNU-EHS in Bonn. He is also teaching AI and remote sensing courses for the Joint Masters program between UNU-EHS and the University of Bonn.

ANDRÉ ERDŐS



André Erdős has been a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1965. In his work, he primarily dealt with multilateral issues. From 1973, he participated in the work of the European Security and Cooperation Organization as a member of the Hungarian delegation, and from 1986, he served as its leader. From 1978 to 1983, he worked as a staff member at the Hungarian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. From 1992 to 1993, he represented Hungary at the United Nations Security Council. During his several years in New York, he served as a member of various expert groups under the UN Secretary-General, a senior official in UN forums, and he was the chairman of the First Committee of the UN General Assembly on international security and disarmament, which was convened after the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York. From 2002 to 2006, he served as Hungary's Ambassador to Paris. Currently, he holds the position of Vice President of the Hungarian United Nations Association and the Hungarian Atlantic Council.

KATALIN GALAMBOS



Special educational needs teacher, employment counsellor. Her intention is to build bridges among different sectors and the non- and for-profit sphere in order to contribute full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in the society on an equal basis with everyone. She has finished her studies in the Doctoral School of Education at Eötvös Loránd University. Her current research areas are sustainability, resilient operation, service networks in the social sector.

CORDEL GREEN



Cordel Green is an Attorney-at-Law, a former Assistant Attorney-General of Jamaica and a former broadcaster. He is the Executive Director of the Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica (BCJ), which regulates electronic media. Mr. Green has steered BCJ to champion cutting-edge initiatives such as the Caribbean AI Initiative (ai4 caribbean.org) and development of the Caribbean AI Policy Roadmap, the first of its kind for Small Island Developing States. He has been appointed to the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO and represents Jamaica on the Intergovernmental Council for the UNESCO Information For All Programme (IFAP), Paris. He is also Vice-Chairman of UNESCO-IFAP and Chairman of the IFAP Working Group on Information Accessibility



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Ambassador Gyarmati is currently, among others, President of the International Centre for Development and Democratic Transition and Secretary General of the Hungarian Atlantic Council. He was chairman of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, member of the Board of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and the NATO Defense College Foundation, etc. He has a distinguished career in the Hungarian diplomatic service as Head of the Hungarian Delegation to the OSCE, Chair of the Task Force of The Hungarian OSCE Presidency, Director General for Security Policy, etc. He also served as Head of OSCE Missions to Georgia and Chechnya, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Senior Vice President of the EastWest Institute, Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Election Monitoring Mission in Moldova.



PÉTER JUHÁSZ

Teacher core group member, Social Care Executive Training Centre, Semmelweis University Educated as a lawyer and pedagogue, he worked in the public administration for a long time, as a professional adviser and then as the head of the Department of Disability Affairs. He has been teaching disability policy at the Faculty of Special Education at Eötvös Loránd University for almost ten years. He teaches and develops curricula at the Semmelweis University in the Social Care Executive Training Programme, the Social Service Management postgraduate specialization program, and BSc and MSc programs of the Faculty. He is a PhD candidate, his research topic is some aspects of the national implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. As a member of the KRAFT research team, his research area is strengthening social resilience by developing social service providers, creating organizational and community innovation opportunities in the Western Transdanubia region.



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ILLÉS KATONA

Having graduated from noted Eötvös József Secondary School, he has dealt with international law and IR through publications and Model UN since his high school years. He served as a National Youth Delegate of Hungary to the European Union in the 9th cycle of the European Youth Dialogue. He also worked as a paralegal in CMS Budapest law firm between 2022-2023. Since 2019, Illés has been the national youth coordinator in the Hungarian network of international coalition Campaign to Stop Killer Robots as an activist. His main field of research is the legal and security implications of automation in warfare.

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LUDGER KÜHNHARDT



Prof. Dr. Ludger Kühnhardt, born 1958, is Director at the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) and Professor of Political Science at Bonn University. Between 1991 and 1997 he was Professor of Political Science at Freiburg University, where he also served as Dean of his Faculty. After studies of history, philosophy and political science at Bonn, Geneva, Tokyo and Harvard, Kühnhardt wrote a dissertation on the world refugee problem and a second thesis (Habilitation) on the universality of human rights. He was speechwriter for Germany's Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker, advisor to several political and academic institutions and visiting professor at prestigious universities all over the world. He is author of numerous publications, most recently: *The global society and its enemies*, 2017; *Verknüpfte Welten. Notizen aus 225 Ländern und Territorien*, 2022; *Das politische Denken der Europäischen Union*, 2022.

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A budapesti Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetemen filozófiát, matematikát és fizikát tanult, majd a freiburgi egyetemen (Németország) filozófiából doktorált. 2001 óta tanít az Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetemen, jelenleg a Modern és Kortárs Filozófia Tanszék vezetője, ahová 2015-ben nevezték ki egyetemi tanárrá. Fő kutatási területei a 19-20. századi kontinentális filozófia, hermeneutika, Heidegger, Gadamer, Hannah Arendt és a Frankfurti Iskola. Ezekre a területekre könyveket és cikkeket publikált, valamint esszégyűjteményeket szerkesztett, és kurzusokat tartott Berlinben, Dijonban, Oldenburgban, Kolozsváron és Nagyváradon.



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