

Issue of Identity: Visions of European Integration in V4 and Nordic Countries

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Monday 29	8:30-8:45	Opening and Welcome Address by Krisztián Bene, Dean and Orsolya Vincze, Project Lead
	8:45-9:10:05	Historical Perspectives on Sovereignty, Federalism, and Cultural Transfers: Central and Nordic Experiences (Chair: Peter Stadius)
	8:45	Bernd Christoph Ströhm: Nation, Empire, and Identity: Central Europe’s Struggle for Sovereignty and Unity
	9:05	Peter Stadius: Nordic exceptionalism and European integration
	9:25	Jana Lainto: Scandinavian Horizons: Arnošt Vilém Kraus and Czech-Scandinavian Cultural Transfers at the Turn of the Twentieth Century
	9:45	János Perényi: National and European identity in the speeches of prime minister Victor Orbán
	10:05 - 10:20	coffee break
	10:20-11:40	Identity and Regional Cooperation in a Changing World Order (Chair: István Tarrósy)
	10:20	István Tarrósy: Questions of Identity and Emotion in Contemporary International Politics and the Changing World Order
	10:40	Zoltán Vörös: Dependencies and Nationalisms in an Orderless World Order – The V4 and the EU in the 21st Century
	11:00	Andrea Schmidt: Long live Visegrad? Reshaped Integration Models in Central and Eastern Europe in the Crossroads of Changing Political Environments
	11:20	Arthur Marcin Lorek: Central Europe Reimagined: Identity Alignment and Norm Localisation in 3SI
	11:40-13:00	lunch
	13:00-14:20	Europe’s Future between Sovereignty, Federalism, and Regionalism
Tuesday 30	13:00	Gabriel Szekely: Federalism vs. sovereignty in Europe from the perspective of political scientists
	13:20	Maradyk Nataliya: Sovereignty, Federalism, and Regional Identity in a Changing Europe
	13:40	Zoltán Gál: Is the V4 the growth engine of Europe? Geopolitical & geoeconomic challenges in Central & Eastern Europe
	14:00	Csilla Dömök: Europe today- on the road to integration from nationalism to regionalism
	14:20- 14:35	coffee break
	14:35-16:00	Discussion of Next Steps in the Visegrad Project: Systematic Review and Educational Materials
	18:30	dinner
	8:30 – 10:55	Framing the Past, Choosing the Future: At the Crossroads of National Identity and European Integration
	8:30	Michał Głowczewski: Social representations of history, historical narratives, and collective nostalgia as antecedents of Eurosceptic attitudes among European citizens
	8:50	Paszkał Kiss: Forged by Conflicts: Collective Emotions, Moral Dilemmas, and European/national Identity
	9:10	Zsolt P. Szabó: Why Groups Respond Differently to Victimhood: Toward a Pattern-Based Approach to Collective Victimization Beliefs

9:30	Adrian Wojcik: Trans-Europe Express: Psychological roots of the link between National Identification and European integration
9:50	Orsolya Vincze, Jovan Ivanovic, Milos Jevtic, Zsolt P. Szabó, István Csertő, Sarah Y. Choi: From Freedom-Frame of History to Geopolitical Orientation: Identity-Contingent Paths via EU Attitude.
10:10-10:25	coffee break
10:25-	Doctoral Works-in-Progress (Chair: Orsolya Vincze)
10:25	Sára Papp: Patterns of Collective Victimhood Beliefs and their effect on European and V4 integration
10:45	Barbara Tóth and Subas Amjad: System Justification and Collective Victimhood in Perceiving Threats from the War in Ukraine vs. EU Sanctions, and Links to EU-Scepticism.
11:05	Nikolett Kormos and Sara Bigazzi: Alternative self-concepts in the context of changing intergroup relations in Victor Orban's speeches
11:25	Marcell Fehérvári: Reevaluating European Identity: A Systematic Literature Review of Measurement Approaches.
11:25 – 11:40	Closing section

