



## Conference: Elections – Democracy – Covid-19. Lessons from Europe

### Day 1: Thursday, 24th of February

Join via Zoom: [LINK](#)

Meeting ID: 823 4457 6550. Passcode: 782415

#### Opening of the Conference (08:50-09:00)

#### Panel 1 (09:00-10:30) New reality: Covid-19 and elections

Chair: Piotr Tosiek (University of Warsaw)

Cristina Matiuta (University of Oradea, Romania)

- *Social networks as a tool for populist parties in pandemic times. Case study: 2020 Romanian parliamentary elections*

Renata Treneska Deskoska (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia)

- *Covid-19 and elections in North Macedonia*

Dorina Berdufi, Andon Kume, Olta Qejvani (Aleksander Moisiu University of Durrës, Albania)

- *Parliamentary elections in Albania during Covid-19 pandemic through political and legal lenses*

Mihaela Ivanescu (Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania)

- *Pandemic side-effects or same old electoral apathy? The impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the 2020 general and local elections in Romania*

#### Panel 2 (11:00-12:30) Populism in times of the pandemic

Chair: Dominika Harasimiuk (University of Warsaw)

Ladislav Cabada (Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic)

- *Covid-19 as the new cleavage in the Czech politics?*

Yiannos Katsourides (University of Nicosia, Cyprus), Leandros Savvides (independent researcher)

- *ELAM's political evolution to "Cyprus First"*

Mirko Crulli (University of Pisa, Italy)

- *Common sense versus scientific knowledge: The expansion of the "elite" concept in the Italian populist rhetoric during the pandemic crisis*

Dusan Dostanic (Institute for Political Studies, Serbia)

- *Is there a rise of right-wing populism in Europe?*

### **Panel 3 (14:00-15:30) Challenges of electoral management during the pandemic**

**Chair: Jelena Loncar (University of Belgrade)**

Dijana Vukomanovic (Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia)

- *Innovative election management methods during Covid-19 crisis*

Jennifer Kavanagh (Waterford Institute of Technology, Republic of Ireland)

- *Covid and contingencies - Assessing the adaptation of electoral law to the Covid bye election*

Gabor Kurunczi (Pazmany Peter Catholic University, Hungary), Andras Teglassi (National University of Public Service, Hungary)

- *Solutions and challenges for online meeting of electoral bodies*

Cristina Berlinschii (Free International University of Moldova), Mariana Iatco (Moldova State University)

- *Professional stress and emotional stability of election officials during Covid-19 pandemic time: Moldovan experience*

### **Panel 4 (16:00-17:45) Political competition in hybrid regimes and flawed democracies**

**Chair: Malgorzata Kaczorowska (University of Warsaw)**

Maciej Skrzypek (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland)

- *Polish presidential elections in 2020 as an exemplification of victory of neo-tribalism in Polish political life*

Vujo Ilic (Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Serbia)

- *Choosing between bad and worse: Opposition parties and the 2020 election boycott in Serbia*

Joanna Rak (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland)

- *Between repression and delegitimization of political opponents during the 2020 electoral campaign in Poland*

Nysjola Dhoga (University of Tirana, Albania)

- *Politicization as an electoral resource: The case of Albanian 2021 parliamentary elections*

Despot Kovacevic, Nikola Jovic (University of Belgrade, Serbia)

- *The ideological incongruence of new political parties and organizations: Case studies "Movement of Free Citizens" and "Do not let Belgrade drown"*

### **Panel 5 (18:00-19:45) Paneuropean trends: Covid and beyond**

**Chair: Dragos Dragoman (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)**

Ayce Sepli (Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey)

- *The rise of euroscepticism in the Covid-19 outbreak*

Michael Hunter Driggers (Eastern Illinois University, USA)

- *Toward a theory of gendered populism: Findings from the EVS/WVS 2017-2021 dataset*

Jelena Todorovic Lazic (Institute for Political Studies, Serbia)

- *The rise of the greens in Covid-19 Europe*

Vadym Zheltovskyy (University of Warsaw, Poland)

- *European Parliament response to major developments in the Eastern partnership countries*

Dusan Vucicevic (University of Belgrade, Serbia), Dejan Bursac (Institute for Political Studies, Serbia)

- *Voting local? Electoral rules and geographical representation in Europe*

## **Day 2: Friday, 25th of February**

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### **Panel 6 (09:00-10:30) New reality: Covid-19 and elections, pt. 2**

**Chair: Spasimir Domaradzki (University of Warsaw)**

Viorela Agolli (Aleksander Moisiu University of Durres, Albania)

- *Populism during the Covid-19 pandemic in the Western Balkans*

Mihaela Ilie (University of Craiova, Romania)

- *The rise of a nationalist-populist party in Romania – The Alliance for the Union of Romanians*

Barbara Bieniek (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)

- *Swedish populism – The collapse of democracy in Sweden?*

Marko Krtolica (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia)

- *Covid-19: Short run poison and long run space fuel for radical right political parties in Europe*

### **Panel 7 (11:00-12:15) Measures & mandates: Pandemic policies & politics**

**Chair: Dejan Bursac (Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade)**

Ewa Bujwid-Kurek, Karolina Rybak (Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland)

- *The pandemic world of Covid-19 in Europe. Politological reflection on state of exception in selected countries from the perspective of social policy models*

Beka Chedia (East European University, Georgia)

- *Impact of the pandemic on damaging the democratic process in a hybrid regime in Georgia*

Biljana Vankovska ((Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia)

- *Covid-19 and the Macedonian elections 2020/2021: A story of double standards*

### **Closing remarks (12:15-12:25)**

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