

INAUGURATION

Shalini Randeria

SIXTH PRESIDENT AND RECTOR OF
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

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American-born Indian social anthropologist/sociologist Professor Shalini Randeria was educated at the Universities of Delhi, Heidelberg and Oxford, where she belonged to the first cohort of women Rhodes Scholars. She received her PhD and her Habilitation from the Free University of Berlin. She has held faculty positions at the Free University, Berlin; the University of Munich and University of Zurich. She was Founding Chair of CEU's Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology. She is a former Rector of the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna and Professor of Social Anthropology and Sociology at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) in Geneva, where she was also Director of the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy.

A public intellectual, Professor Randeria has published widely on the anthropology of globalization, law, the state and social movements. Her research on "soft authoritarianism"; democracy and demography; forced displacement and dispossession; and the politics of (un)accountability has been carried out in collaboration with historians, political scientists and legal scholars.

Democracy in Question, Professor Randeria's influential podcast series, offers a wide-ranging exploration of the diversity of experiences of democracy and the challenges and dilemmas facing liberal democracies around the world today.

30th Anniversary Celebration

/ TIME / 2-3.30 PM

In the wake of the collapse of the Soviet Union, a group of central European intellectuals and other leaders of the democratic revolutions came together to discuss post-soviet higher education. Led by George Soros, the group had a vision for a new kind of institution. They imagined a university that would train post-communist leaders in the principles and practice of open society, democracy, and human rights. In 1991, CEU opened its doors to its very first student intake, numbering just over 100.

Thirty years on, CEU is a remarkably diverse, globally networked university with students from over 100 countries, and faculty and staff from nearly 50. Noted for its excellence in teaching and research in the social sciences and humanities and for the quality of its graduates, CEU continues to trailblaze.

KEYNOTE / ANTI-INTELLECTUALISM IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Istvan Rev / Director, Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives
/ Professor of History, CEU

PANEL DISCUSSION / WHITHER ACADEMIC FREEDOM?

/ CHAIR /

Shalini Randeria, President and Rector, CEU

/ PANELISTS /

Elisabeth Holzleithner, Professor of Legal Philosophy and Legal Gender Studies,
University of Vienna

Sonja Puntischer-Riekmann, Professor Emeritus, University of Salzburg
/ Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

Istvan Rev / Director, Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives
/ Professor of History, CEU

Inauguration

/ TIME / 4.30-5.30 PM

/ FANFARE / All stand

/ INTRODUCTION /

Liviu Matei / Provost, Master of Ceremonies

ORDER OF SPEAKERS

Heinz Fassmann / Austrian Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research
Birgit Rumpler / Graduate Student at CEU (MA in Economic Policy in Global Markets)

Michael Ignatieff / Professor of History, CEU
Short film / CEU in Vienna

Alexander Soros / Alexander Soros Foundation, New York
Leon Botstein / Chair, The Board of Trustees

/ INTERLUDE /

Mozart: Divertimento in D major, K. 136 / **Selini Quartet**

/ INVESTITURE /

Investiture of **Shalini Randeria** as President and Rector of Central European
University by **Leon Botstein** / Chair, The Board of Trustees

/ INAUGURAL ADDRESS /

Shalini Randeria / President and Rector, CEU

/ CLOSING /

Liviu Matei / Provost, CEU / Professor of Higher Education Policy, CEU

/ FANFARE / All stand



/ TRUMPETS /

Marlene Kogler

Kerstin Gruber

/ SELINI QUARTET /

Nadia Kalmykova / *Violin*

Ljuba Kalmykova / *Violin*

Loredana Apetrei / *Viola*

Loukia Loulaki / *Cello*

/ JAM MUSIC LAB JAZZ QUINTET /

JAM MUSIC LAB Private University for Jazz & Popular Music Vienna

Madeleine Kaindl / *Saxophone*

Jakob Stain / *Piano*

Tobias Poecksteiner / *Double Bass*

Konstantin Kraeutler / *Drums*

Matthias Leichtfried / *Guitar*

CEU AND VIENNA
directed by **Sotiris Bekas**

Professor Shalini Randeria portrait:
CEU / **Zsolt Marton**

Central European University

Central European University (CEU) is a private research university accredited in Austria, Hungary, and the United States, with campuses in Vienna and Budapest. The university is known for its strength and highly intensive programs in the social sciences, humanities, business and law, low student-faculty ratio, and international student body.

Founded in 1991 by Hungarian-American philanthropist George Soros, a central tenet of the university's mission is the promotion of open societies. A founder member of OSUN, the Open Society University Network, CEU is also one of eight members comprising the CIVICA Alliance, a group of European higher education institutions in the social sciences, humanities, business management and public policy.

The university is made up of 14 academic departments, 14 research centers, including the Democracy Institute, and the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations.

Programs of study at Central European University (CEU) rank among the best in the world according to the prestigious QS World University Rankings by Subject

CEU's alumni include notable politicians, academics, and activists, such as former President of Georgia, **Giorgi Margvelashvili**, **Olena Tregub**, Director for International Assistance Coordination at Ukraine's Ministry of Economic Development and Trade; **Zulfia Sabirova**, Head of Area Office for the UN World Food Programme (WFP) in Kassala, Sudan; **Dr. Uchenna Emelonye**, Country Representative of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Uganda; and **Lívía Járóka**, the first Romani woman ever elected to the European Parliament.

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