

## After the Bundestag Election: What Lies Ahead for German-V4 Cooperation?

**Time: 19 October 2017**

**Venue: Central European University, Budapest, Nádor utca 15, 103 Tiered Room**

Throughout the turbulences of the past years, Germany's role as a reliable and democratic European power has undoubtedly increased, and the federal elections of September 2017 are thus particularly important for the European Union as a whole as we witness populism is rising across the member states. The Visegrad countries emerged in recent years as a potential new power center of Europe with views often contradicting German preferences. How will German-Visegrad relations develop after the elections? In what areas can we expect cooperation and where will position remain at odds? What do Visegrad countries expect from the new German leadership?

- 09:30**                    **Registration**
- 10:00**                    **Opening remarks**  
**Péter Balázs**, Director of CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS)  
**Jan Niklas Engels**, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Budapest
- 10:15**                    **Keynote Address**  
**Kai-Olaf Lang**, Senior Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
- 10:45**                    **Roundtable discussion**  
**Chair: Łukasz Janulewicz**, Research Fellow, CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS)  
**Vít Dostál**, Research Director, AMO Research Center, Prague  
**Paula Marcinkowska**, Assistant Professor, University of Warsaw, Warsaw  
**Tomáš Strážay**, Researcher, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava  
**Dániel Hegedűs**, Research Consultant, Freedom House and Visiting Lecturer, Humboldt University, Berlin
- 12:00**                    **Concluding remarks**  
**Péter Balázs**, Director of CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS)
- 12:15**                    **Refreshments**