

Alumni Conference

5-6 May, 2016

Day 1 (Thursday, 5 May)	
9.00-9.30 <i>Registration</i> at the Registration Desk in front of the <u>Auditorium</u>	
9.30-10.00 <i>Conference Opening (Auditorium)</i> Laszlo Kontler, Pro-Rector for Social Sciences and Humanities & Hungarian Affairs; Serge Sych, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Alumni Relations; Ruben Mnatsakanian, Head of Department; Jennifer Lenhart, MESPOM '07	
10.00- 10.30 <i>Coffee Break</i> (In front of the Auditorium)	
<u>Auditorium</u>	<u>Gellner Room</u>
10.30-12.00 <i>Session A1:</i> Environment, People & Communities Moderators: Guntra Aistara and Laszlo Pinter	10.30-12.00 <i>Session G1:</i> Sustainable Energy Moderators: Aleh Cherp and Michael LaBelle
12.00- 13.30 <i>Lunch Break</i> (No catered lunch is provided)	
13.30-15.00 <i>Session A2:</i> Environmental Change and Open Societies Moderators: Alexios Antypas and Stephen Stec	13.30- 15.00 <i>Session G2:</i> Education and professional careers Moderators: Ruben Mnatsakanian and Alan Watt
15.00 - 15.30 <i>Coffee Break</i> (In front of the Auditorium)	
15.30 -17.00 <i>Discussion</i> on “ Department and the Challenges of Tomorrow ” (<u>Auditorium, Gellner Room, FT 409, FT 508, FT 609</u>) International post-graduate environmental education has evolved over the last 25 years. To continue being relevant, the Department is exploring new ways to educate future environmental professionals. In this session we are asking the alumni to provide their open thoughts and critical reflection on the education they received at CEU, the competencies they’re looking for in young professionals and the role of the Department and MESPOM in 10 years from now. The session will be organised in groups facilitated by alumni and attended by Department faculty. Participants will be assigned to the groups at registration. Each break-out group will summarise their thoughts on a poster and appoint a representative to discuss the poster in a World Cafe format in front of the Auditorium.	
21.00 - midnight <i>Dinner</i> Trofea Grill Restaurant, Budapest XIII, Visegrádi u. 50/A	

Day 2 (Friday, 6 May)		
9.30 – 10.00 <i>Morning Coffee</i> In front of the Auditorium		
<u>Auditorium</u>	<u>Gellner Room</u>	
10.00 -11.30 <i>Session A3:</i> Biodiversity and Natural Resources Moderator: Brandon Anthony	10.00- 11.30 <i>Session G3:</i> Environment, Development & Industry Moderator: Zoltan Illes	
11.30- 12.45 <i>Lunch</i> No catered lunch is provided		
<u>Auditorium</u>	<u>Gellner Room</u>	<u>Popper Room</u>
12.45- 14.30 <i>Group Session 1</i> Greener Forests and Greener Pockets? Environmentalism and the Market (Tim Cicyota and Francesca Favorini-Csorba)	12.45- 14.30 <i>Group Session 2</i> Citizen Driven Environmental Action/Activism in Budapest: Scenes from the ground level in the conscious food and public parks preservation movements in Budapest. (Logan Strenchock, Virag Kaufer, Zoltan Illes)	12.45- 14.30 <i>Group session 3</i> Effective Environmental Communication Strategies (Sarah Czunyi)
14.30- 15.00 <i>Coffee Break</i> In front of the Auditorium		
15.00-16.00 Conference Wrap-up Session (<u>Auditorium</u>)		

Session A1

Environment, People and Communities

5 May, 10.30-12.00

Auditorium

1. **Liudmila Liutsko.** Effects of Outdoor Air Pollution on Children Respiratory Morbidity (in some Regional Cities in Belarus)
2. **Mariana Lara.** For a better resilience
3. **Kathleen Klaniecki.** Exploring Scales of Nature Connectedness as a Leverage Point for Sustainable Transformation
4. **K. Sepp.** The definition of High Nature Value Farmland in Estonia
5. **Arjun Dhakal.** A practical approach for increasing community adaptation capacity through sustainable use and conservation of ecosystem
6. **Denise Matias** Sustainability of indigenous community forest enterprises: a case study of wild honey enterprise in the UNESCO MAB Reserve Palawan, Philippines

Session G1

Sustainable Energy

5 May, 10.30-12.00

Gellner Room

Part 1. Sustainable energy use

1. **Jennifer Lenhart.** “Urban Climate Agenda”
2. **Katarina Korytarova.** Energy Savings Potential in Slovak Public Buildings

Part 2. Sustainable energy supply

1. **Jan Weger.** Perennial energy crops on agricultural land – main conclusions from twenty years of research and practice in the Czech Republic
2. **Tom Figel.** Community Solar in the United States: including low-income communities in the clean energy transition
3. **Susana Guerreiro.** Community Renewable Energy Cooperatives - A social innovation approach to RE implementation in Portugal
4. **Bedri Drini** Environmental Impact Assessment of a double circuit 110 kV OHL Peja 3 – Peja 1

Session A2

Environmental Change and Open Societies

5 May, 13.30-15.00

Auditorium

1. **Anna Firsova.** Climate policies in Australia and Russia: history, structure and discourses.
2. **Sergii Mirnyi.** Contemporary (eco)disaster: A general pattern
3. **Farhad Mukhtarov.** The role of emotions for public engagement in environmental citizenship: review of debates
4. **Pavel Antonov.** CEU's Environmental Sciences Department as the cradle for civil society networking and independent journalism in Bulgaria and CEE
5. **LI Yifeng.** The Rise of Populism in China's Environmental Protection: The case of air pollution in Beijing
6. **Naira Harutyunyan.** Measuring water services in Armenia: public satisfaction and willingness to pay for improvements

Session G2

Education and Professional Careers

5 May, 13.30-15.00

Gellner Room

1. **Emily Nilson.** Driving environmental decision-making through education & data
2. **Peter Kiryushin.** Developing of Green University Approach
3. **Vladimir Morenko.** Corporate Environmental Education Structure on the example of Kashagan Project operator - NCOC N.V.
4. **Bernadett Virókné Fodor.** 'Eco-school' concept (case study of primary school in Szögliget, Hungary)
5. **Anna Cole.** Educational experience of environmental practitioner

Session A3

Biodiversity and Natural Resources

Friday, 6 May 10.00 -11.30

Auditorium

1. **Tatyana Glushko.** Protected tortoise: implementing the international environmental standards in Russia.
2. **Erika Navarro Ang.** Kemp's Ridley Binational Recovery Program
3. **Dalia Bastyte.**Development of a Pilot Ecological Network
4. **Natalia Pervushina.** Overview of the Global Tiger trade and existing strategies to address the issue undertaken by international environmental organisations
5. **Kristina Rodina.** FairWild Standard and certification system for the sustainable management and collection of wild plants in Europe

Session G3

Environment, Development & Industry

Friday, 6 May 10.00 – 11.30

Gellner Room

1. **Olena Borysova.** International financial institutions and their role in 'greening' transitional economies
2. **Paul Arijit.** A Guiding Framework for Multilevel Assessment of Corporate Response to Climate Change
3. **Katrin Tomova.** Integrating Payments for ecosystem services (PES) scheme into the regional planning of Municipality of Chiprovtsi, Bulgaria
4. **Liudmila Liutsko.** Dendrochronological message about past events to future: keys for its applications
5. **Mark Ryan.** Climate Change Adaptation through Development – Paris 2015, a Turning Point
6. **Tim Cycyota.** Informal Session on Future Emissions Trading Markets

Descriptions of Day 2 afternoon group sessions

Session 1: Greener Forests and Greener Pockets? Environmentalism and the Market (Tim Cycyota and Francesca Favorini-Csorba)

A great deal of modern environmental problem solving involves internalizing the cost of negative externalities, including deforestation, emissions, and resource use. This process can occur through voluntary agreements and certifications, but also through market-based policies like tradable permits and labeling laws. These approaches require governments, individuals, and businesses to work in concert to achieve balanced environmental and economic development. This discussion-based session, driven by diverse alumni experiences from supply chain management to emissions trading, aims to explore how to achieve that balance, and indeed, whether such a balance is truly possible or desirable. How do we internalize the externality? What do we gain from a market-based approach to the environment, and what do we lose?

Francesca Favorini-Csorba is a Project Manager at The Forest Trust (TFT), an international non-profit organization working to enable its members to source responsibly produced materials. TFT harnesses the power of supply chains and the market leverage of companies to drive positive change upstream, through to the raw material source. Csenka deals primarily with the palm oil supply chain, helping brands, retailers, manufacturers, and producers work together to address and mitigate the potential negative effects of palm oil on forests and local communities.

Tim Cycyota is an Associate at Tradewater, a Chicago based environmental project development firm specializing in pollution prevention to generate carbon offsets. His work involves the identification, collection, and destruction of ozone depleting substances, preventing material with high global warming potential from entering the atmosphere as well as generating carbon credits through the California cap and trade program.

Session 2: Citizen Driven Environmental Action/Activism in Budapest: Scenes from the ground level in the conscious food and public parks preservation movements in Budapest.

This session will introduce two contemporary citizen driven movements in Budapest which have complex social, political and environmental implications. Logan Strenchock will introduce the positive social and environmental impacts of environmentally conscious farming movements in Hungary and share his experiences gained as a team member at Zsamboki Biokert, a participant in the local conscious food movement, and share the story of he and his colleagues quest to develop their own local food distribution and cargo bike logistics center in Budapest. Virag Kaufer will introduce the "[Ligetvedok](#)", or Liget Protectors movement which has developed recently as a response to the city's plans to develop the City Park and other important parks and urban spaces in Budapest without comprehensive public consultation. The Ligetvedok movement is a civil initiative of young people from the capital and other cities, seniors, middle aged men and women which stands to protect and preserve Városliget, the largest public park of Budapest. This session will also include commentary from CEU Professor Zoltan Illes, who has also been engaged in the park protection movement a deliberations on the park development project since their initiation. The discussion will explore the crossover points between activism, research and civic engagement using the two Budapest based movements as case studies.

Session participants: Logan Strenchock, Virag Kaufer, Zoltan Illes

Session 3: Effective Environmental Communication:

Exploring the importance of looking for new and inspiring ways to get into people's minds, in order to raise awareness and help promote more sustainable behavioural changes.

Sarah Czunyi is the Research Manager at [BEE Environmental Communication](#), a Budapest-based startup focusing on creative ways to communicate complex environmental information. Sarah has a background in sustainable development policy, and has experience in research and project management with several international organizations, including the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Institute for Sustainable Development. Sarah is a MESPOM graduate (2012).

Dear Alumni of the Department of Environmental Sciences & Policy!

Welcome back to Budapest! We hope you will have a fruitful conference together with your colleagues from all over the world!

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