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# A politika mint erkölcsi probléma (Politics as a Moral Problem)

by

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Topics of the book will be discussed by the  
author with

**Márton Gulyás** (founder, Country for All  
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and  
**Zoltán Miklósi** (associate professor, CEU  
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Moderator:

**Dóra Ónody-Molnár**, journalist

*The language of the event is Hungarian.*

**Date: 17:00-18:30, September 29, 2017**

**Venue: Nádor 15, Auditorium B**

**ABSTRACT** / The present crisis of liberal democracy is, to a large extent, a moral crisis. It is driven by significant segments of the electorate having lost their faith in the honesty, trustworthiness, and commitment to the service of the common good of the political elites. These are empirical facts but they raise normative questions: do moral standards like these apply to political action at all? Is it correct to hold politicians accountable to them? „Realism” insists that moral norms and principles have no role in assessing political action. „Moralism” is said to hold that the usual moral criteria apply straightforwardly to politics. This book gestures towards a third position: politicians may be permitted to act with dirty hands – but this raises serious problems both to them and to their electorate.