

On behalf of the CEU Strategic Planning Office, the Nationalism Studies Program, and Romani Studies Program, please join us for a special CEU Lecture by

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Popper, the Open Society and the Central European University: Past and Future

In meeting future challenges, the CEU must recall its founding vision as a university enabling an Open Society in Central and Eastern Europe. Founder George Soros' vision was grounded in Karl Popper's democratic, liberal and cosmopolitan philosophy.

“The Open Society Fund is trying to ... foster an open society and a critical mode of thinking which is indispensable to it ... We have been active in many parts of the world ... but our main emphasis has been in Eastern Europe.”

(Soros to Popper, 28 September 1987)

Followed by a Panel Discussion

Moderator

Michael L. Miller (Chair, Nationalism Studies Program)

Panelists

Tim Crane (Pro-Rector for Teaching and Learning)

Éva Fodor (Pro-Rector for Foresight and Analysis)

Angéla Kóczé (Chair, Roma Studies Program)

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