

# The Lands In Between – Russia vs. the West and the New Politics of Hybrid War

**Date and time: October 1, 2019, from 15:00 to 17:30**

**Venue: CEU, Nádor utca 15, 103 Tiered Room**

Russian hybrid warfare, especially since the annexation of Crimea in 2014, could prove to be highly successful because it found the West unprepared. Before the 2020 elections in the United States, and after several years of exposure to the active measures of Russia -including using information as a weapon and interfering in elections - it is time to assess what the West has learnt from the experiences of hybrid war (if any). Professor Mitchell Orenstein from the University of Pennsylvania is one of the leading experts on the influence of Russia in the West, who, in his book “The Lands In Between – Russia vs. the West and the New Politics of Hybrid War“ combines a catchy, interesting, easy-to-read style with academic depth and extensive and up-to-date knowledge on Central and Eastern Europe. This book provides an elegant, holistic picture on the topic and puts a strong focus on policy solutions.

**Maryna Vorotnyuk**, a researcher from the Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS) will deliver the opening remarks. Then Professor **Mitchell Orenstein** introduces the main findings of his book in a keynote address, and a roundtable of experts (featuring **Jekatyerina Dunajeva** from Pázmány University and **Péter Krekó**, director of Political Capital, moderated by **Dorka Takácsy** from Political Capital) will discuss the experiences of the West, the lessons learnt and the lessons that should be learnt. The discussion will be followed by a Q&A and a coffee break.

