



Political Science Summer Camp at Torockó/Rimetea

Between the 5th and 8th of July 2012, the 11th Students' Summer Camp at Torockó/Rimetea took place. The event was organised by the Hungarian Political Science Association in Romania - POLITEIA, the Eötvös Loránd University Institute of Political Sciences and the KoMPOT, the Association of Hungarian Students of Political Sciences of Kolozsvár/Cluj. The participants were students of political sciences from the Eötvös Loránd and Babeş-Bolyai Universities, as well as the students of International Relations from the Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania.

A number of very informative scientific presentations were held and several members of the Transylvanian and Hungarian political life visited the camp.

Associate professors Miklós Bakk and Barna Bodó discussed the situation of Transylvania in their presentation. András A. Gergely's and Krisztina Arató's papers raised further questions mainly concerning the roles assumed by the civil society in Transylvania.

The presentation by Alpár Zoltán Szász on democracy and the Romanian parties and party system created the grounds for the understanding of the following papers detailing the very specific problems of the current political situation in Romania.

The political scientist István Gergő Székely analysed the local elections in Romania, while Gergő Illyés, also political scientist, presented Romania's new election law and its consequences. Associate professors Sándor Pesti and Emőd Veress detailed the specificities of the Hungarian and Romanian constitution.

The seriousness of the scientific proceedings was slightly broken by the humorous but still very important and informative dialogue of the two Kolozsvár/Cluj mayoral election candidates' discussion.

A specific element was the students' section, where talented young researchers had the opportunity to present the results of their work.

A wide variety of leisure time activities made the programme more colourful. The brave participants of the camp had the chance to climb the 1,129 meter high Székelykő in the summer heat, and then to get acquainted with the taste of the wines of Nagyenyed/Aiud.

The camp proved a good opportunity not only for professional discussions but also for the formation of new friendships across the border.

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