



## University Evenings

### ‘University Evenings’ Lecture Series

In the academic year 2014–15, similarly to the previous years, several academic lectures were organized, providing for the audience from Cluj-Napoca a good opportunity to meet invited experts from home and abroad.

In the second semester of this academic year, in the frame of the University Evenings, and at the invitation of the Department of International Relations and European Studies, well-known scientists, researchers, and experts held interesting lectures at our university. These events were open not only to the staff and the students of the university, but anyone interested in the topic of the lectures was welcome to attend the presentations.

The first lecture was held on 19 February 2015 by dr. Béla Makkai, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Modern and Contemporary World History from the Faculty of Humanities of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary. Topics covered by the lecture focused on the situation of Hungarians from the Romanian Kingdom and the national politics before the I. World War. The presentation gave an interesting historical insight in the special problems of the mentioned period.

On 5 March 2015, Petra Szávics technical expert (project manager) at the Department for Strategic Development of the North-West Regional Development Agency from Cluj-Napoca provided for the audience a comprehensive insight in the process of the EU financing in the 2014–2020 programming period, revealing details also on the Europe 2020 Strategy and the EU regional policy.

On 27 March 2015, the first introduction of the VERITAS Research Institute for History outside of Budapest took place at our university. The activity of the Institute’s research groups was presented by Prof. Dr. Endre Marinovich, Deputy Director, Dr. Gábor Ujváry, Dr. Dávid Ádám Ligeti, Dr. Dávid Kiss, and Dr. János Sáringer, researchers of the Institute. After the presentation, Prof. Dr. Sándor Szakály, historian, Director of the Institute held a very comprehensive lecture entitled: *The Situation and Possibilities of Hungary between 1938 and 1941. The Territorial Re-Annexations and the International Background of Hungarian War Entering.*

On 16 April 2015, our guest lecturer was Dr. Zoltán Maruzsa, Assistant Professor at the Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Deputy State Secretary for Higher Education at the Ministry of Human Capacities of Hungary. Even the title of the presentation raised the interest of the audience, as it was the following: *The Cold War as a Peace Process*, and it was a very interesting lecture indeed.

On 29 April 2015, a round-table discussion on Islamic State, Islam, and Eurabia took place at our university with four invited speakers: Prof. Dr. Miklós Maróth, academician, Prof. Dr. Zsolt Rostoványi, Rector of the Corvinus University, and Dr. Norbert Varga, Assistant Professor at the University of West Hungary in Sopron, political scientist. The moderator of the discussion was Prof. Dr. Márton Tonk, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences and Arts of the Sapientia University. The discussions covered a wide range of issues, as for example the characteristics of the Islamic State, the presence of the Islam in Europe, and so on.

The organizers of the Academic Conferences were the Faculty of Sciences and Arts of the Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, the Robert Schuman Association, and the Students' Organization of the faculty in Cluj-Napoca, and in the case of the event from 27 March, the VERITAS Research Institute for History, too.

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