

‘University Evenings’ Lecture Series

‘University Evenings’ always offer interesting lectures for the audience as the invited experts are usually well-known scientists, researchers from home or abroad, and the topics discussed are relevant, interesting, awareness-raising. These events are advertised in several ways in order to access the larger audience from Cluj-Napoca or other places, as the lectures are open not only for the students and the staff of our university but anybody interested is welcome to attend the presentations.

In the first semester of the academic year 2015–2016, the Department of International Relations and European Studies invited two well-known experts from Hungary to hold a presentation within the framework of the ‘University Evenings’.

On 22 September 2015, *Prof. Dr Máté Szabó* from the Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law, Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, former Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil Rights and former general Ombudsman of Hungary, held an interesting lecture entitled: *Ombudsmans for the Human Rights: Europe, Hungary and Romania. Problems and Results*. The lecture offered a comprehensive insight into the functioning, role, and activities of the ombudsman institution, revealing aspects and details in an international comparison, focusing primarily on the Hungarian and Romanian case.

Our second invited lecturer was *Dr Levente Püski*, historian, Associate Professor at the University of Debrecen, Faculty of Arts and Humanities. The presentation took place on 4th November 2015 and it was entitled *The Opposition Parties’ Political Possibilities in the Hungarian Parliament between the Two World Wars*. The lecture covered a wide range of interesting topics as, for example: the composition of the Hungarian parliament and the relation of the government party and the opposite parties in the period between the two world wars, the politics and influencing possibilities of the opposite parties, the characteristics of the parliamentary work: the style of the speeches and debates, the course of the legislative work, the method of the parliamentary boycott, and so on.

Organizers of the ‘University Evenings’ 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 from Cluj-Napoca.

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