



Lectures and Discussions

Organised by the Department of Juridical Sciences and European Studies of the Sapientia University

In the academic year 2011/2012 our university continued its traditional programme entitled Egyetemi Esték – Világpolitika a XXI. században (University Evenings – World Politics in the 21st Century), hosting several interesting lectures on diverse topics related to political science and international relations.

On October 19, 2011, explaining why the Netherlands vetoed Romania's accession to the Schengen region, Dr L. K. Marác, associated professor at the University of Amsterdam held a lecture on the internal politics of the Netherlands, entitled *The Wilders-phenomenon and the Dutch Foreign Policy in the Case of Romania's Schengen Accession*.

On March 8, 2012, Sándorné Dr Kriszt Éva, a renowned expert of educational policy and the rector of the Budapest Business School, held a lecture on the mission and the interpretation of higher education and the measurability of its performance. The Budapest Business School being a partner of the Sapientia University, she presented the most important achievements of the institution and the MA courses as well.

On April 4, 2012, Dr András Dorottya, associated professor of the Pázmány Péter Catholic University held a lecture on linguistic rights and their consequences in Central and Eastern Europe. The lecture was widely appreciated not only by our students, but by the academic sphere of Cluj-Napoca as well.

The last lecture organised in the series of events entitled University Evenings – World Politics in the 21st Century was held by Dr Mezey Barna, rector of the Eötvös Loránd University, on May 22, 2012. Although not related to international relations, the lecture of professor Mezey on the prison conditions in Feudal Hungary enjoyed great success.

Besides the University Evenings series, the Department of Juridical Sciences and European Studies of the Sapientia University in collaboration with the Jakabffy Elemér Foundation launched a series of debates on topics crucial to the fate of the Hungarian minority from Romania. The event, entitled Jakabffy-Sapientia Club, organised discussions on the emerging electoral law in Romania, the educational law and the

rectoral election of the Babeş-Bolyai University from Cluj-Napoca, the economic crisis and the Slovakian elections.

The most important objective of the discussion-series is to start a debate between the different members of the social science profession, involving politicians and intellectuals as well. All the meetings of the Jakabffy-Sapientia Club were open to the members of the press; most of them were recorded and will be reachable online as well.

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