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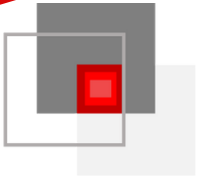


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27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF CENTRAL  
EUROPEAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

**WAR AND DEMOCRACY:  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN  
DEMOCRACIES UNDER  
PRESSURE**

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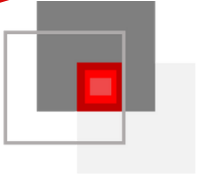
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The Russian aggression on Ukraine has, without precedent in newer history, affected the international order and increased conflict between democracies and autocracies. Many stable international political and economic arrangements have been put in question over night; world peace is in danger; military power has erased international guarantees of national sovereignty; the military and economic consequences of the war influence national policy around the world; interpretations of the conflict bring new divisions amongst nations and within national democratic publics; national political dynamics are deeply affected by international affairs. The war itself is interpreted in different ways: as a Russian-Ukrainian conflict; as an attempt of Russia to rebuild the Soviet Union and to change the existing world order; as a war between Russia and the NATO, or between East and West, and finally as a war between democracy and autocracy. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair summarised it with the following words: “We are coming to the end of Western political and economic dominance.”

There is no doubt that the newly created international political and economic circumstances affect Central European democracies in a special way, as the majority of these countries have a rather negative historical legacy of Russian and Soviet domination. The war in Ukraine thus poses a challenge to Central European political systems, foreign policy, defence policy, energy policy, as well as quality of democracy.

We see the 27th CEPSA Conference as an opportunity for political scientists from the Central European region to present their research of contemporary political processes, and to offer possible answers to at least some of the above-mentioned questions.

We are interested in papers and presentations from different subfields and from different theoretical and methodological approaches.



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### **International Relations**

- Ø Russian aggression and the international order
- Ø NATO and Russia: Future relations
- Ø The future of world peace
- Ø Global economic trends and their political consequences
- Ø The role of EU in new geopolitical order
- Ø Are the United Nations dead?

### **Political Theory**

- Ø Peace, war and global democracy
- Ø Ideological reconfigurations of the world order
- Ø The realist challenge to liberal democracies
- Ø The legitimacy of international war crime tribunals

### **Security Studies**

- Ø The future of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict
- Ø Military resources and political consequences
- Ø Changes in global security
- Ø Humanitarian aspects of the war in Ukraine

### **Comparative Politics**

- Ø Autocracies vs. democracies in wartime
- Ø Autocratic trends in Central European democracies
- Ø Central European democracies: New governing styles and democratic deficits
- Ø Changes in political institutions in Central Europe: Parliaments, governments, party competition, and electoral behaviour
- Ø War in Ukraine and social cleavages
- Ø Central European members states and the European Union

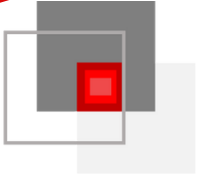
### **Public Policy**

- Ø Changes of policy priorities of Central European governments
- Ø Global economic pressures and state protectionism
- Ø Energy crisis and policy constrains

### **Political Communication**

- Ø The political role of media outlets and the war in Ukraine
- Ø Political communication strategies and styles of warring parties
- Ø Social media and the war in Ukraine

Panel and paper topics are not necessarily limited by the aforementioned suggested topics. The academic programme for the conference will be organised in the usual format of panels. Each panel should ideally comprise four papers and a chairperson. We welcome individual paper proposals and/or complete panel proposals. We appreciate both theoretical and empirical papers, comparative or single-country studies.



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**Panel proposals should include:**

- Name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of the panel chair (panel chairs can also be presenters).
- Panel title and topic summary (approx. 250 words + up to 5 keywords).
- List of possible panellists (ideally four), with names, institutional affiliations, and e-mails, paper titles, abstracts with key-words.

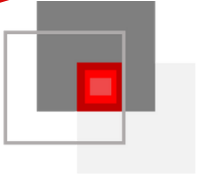
**Paper proposals should include:**

- Name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of the contributor.
- Title and abstract (approx. 250 words + up to 5 keywords).
- Possible panel where the paper could be placed (if known).

**The closing date of both panel and paper proposals is: May 1, 2023**

**Proposals should be submitted to:  
hpd@politologija.hr**

**The academic program and notification of acceptance will be issued around May 15, 2023.**



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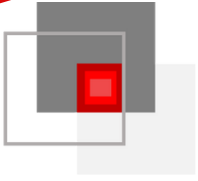
Conference fee: 60 EUR (no charge for political scientists affiliated to institutions from CEPSA countries)

The organizers do not cover any accommodation or travel costs for participants, but will organize meals, sightseeing, and receptions.

**CONFERENCE VENUE:** University of Dubrovnik  
Branitelja Dubrovnika 29  
22 000 Dubrovnik  
<https://www.unidu.hr/eng/>

**RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION:** University of Dubrovnik Student  
Dormitory  
(\*\*\* hotel)  
Marka Marojice 2B  
20 000 Dubrovnik  
<https://www.unidu.hr/student-dormitory-2/>

- All participants will have guaranteed room reservation.
- All rooms are double for single use.
- Accommodation is not limited to conference days.
- Participants can bring partners/children (there is a limited number of rooms that can be equipped with three beds on demand)
- The prices are very competitive given the Dubrovnik high season.



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**We are looking forward to your application!**