

**21 – 22 November 2024, Centre Marc Bloch Berlin**  
**”Scaling the Transnational: Entangled  
Political Imaginaries and Practices in  
East and West Europe” [STEPPE]**

**PROGRAM**

**21 November 2024**

- 13:30 -14:00 *Arrival of the participants*
- 14:00** **Opening of the Workshop and Welcome by Isabella LÖHR**, Head of the project STEPPE and **Jay ROWELL**, Director of the Centre Marc Bloch
- 14:10 – 15:50** **Panel 1: Transnationalization of Illiberal Movements**  
**Input by Balázs TRENCSENYI, CEU-Democracy Institute Budapest**
- Nino GOZALISHVILI**, Central European University (CEU), Budapest:  
*Transnationalizing the Far-Right: Dynamics of Illiberal Nationalist Discourses in Georgia and Beyond*
- Kristóf NAGY**, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest:  
*Silicon Valley in Orbán’s Hungary? The Transnational Encounter of Tech Capitalism and Far- Right Politics at the Brain Bar Festival*
- Bianka VIDA**, University of Surrey:  
*Gendered Illiberalism: The Politics of Anti-Gender Discourses, Anti-Colonialism, and De- Democratization in Hungary and Russia*
- 14:50 – 15:50** **Discussion**
- 15:50 – 16:10 *Coffee break*

**16:10 – 18:00**

**Panel 2: Leftist Connectivities – Swimming Against the Stream?  
Input by Camil Alexandru PARVU, New Europe College (NEC)  
Bucharest**

**Una BLAGOJEVIC**, Central European University (CEU), Budapest:  
*The Crisis of the 1968: New Lefts in a Historical and Transnational  
Perspective*

**Jan BOGUSLAWSKI**, Sciences Po, Paris:  
*Between contestation and exploitation: “dependence” as a political  
imagery in the illiberal agendas of Poland and Hungary*

**Manuel MIREANU**, New Europe College (NEC) Bucharest:  
*War and Security in the Political Imaginary of the Contemporary  
European Radical Left*

- online –

**Péter TECHET**, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe,  
Vienna:  
*“Constitutional populism/illiberalism” against Constitutional Courts  
and judiciary – Case studies of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Hungary, Israel, and  
Italy*

17:00 – 17:10

Coffee break

**17:10 – 18:10**

**Discussion**

18:30

*Dinner at „Augustiner am Gendarmenmarkt“ / Charlottenstraße 55 /  
10117 Berlin (10min walk from the CMB)*

## **22 November 2024**

**9:00 – 10:30**

**Panel 3: Transnational Rule-of-Law Activism  
Input by Dietmar MÜLLER, Institute of Political Science at Leipzig  
University**

**Madeleine HARTMANN**, Institute of Political Science, University  
Leipzig,  
*Rule of law from a regional perspective – Analysis of the Polish-Upper  
Silesian discourse (working title)*

**Krystof DOLEZAL**, Central European University (CEU) / The Institute for Human Sciences Vienna:  
*Who Holds the Line? Liberal Democracy and Mainstream Parties in Eastern Europe Thirty-Five Years On (HoLDeM)*

**9:30 – 10:30**                    **Discussion**

10:30 – 10:40                    *Coffee break*

**10:40 – 12:20**                    **Panel 4: Between Normalization and Exoticism: Academic Transfers and Social Agency**  
**Input by Isabella LÖHR, Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam (ZZF), Freie Universität Berlin, Centre Marc Bloch**

- online –                    **Katarzyna KRZYZANOWSKA**, European University Institute, Florence:  
*Epistemology of the division: exploring EU legal scholars*

**Emilia SIECZKA**, University of Warsaw:  
*'Westernization' of the Polish Academic Field: Life Trajectories at the Backdrop of Socio-Political Transformation (1980-2020)*

- online –                    **Rose SMITH**, Charles University, Prague / University of Groningen:  
*The 'Post-Communist Exotic' in National and Transnational Memory Politics in Central Europe*

**11:20 – 12:20**                    **Discussion**

12:20 – 13:00                    *Snack (in house)*

**13:00 – 14:00**                    **Closing Debate**

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