



## EURASIAN SUMMER SCHOOL

*The EU and the EEU: Between Conflict and Competition,  
Convergence and Cooperation*

Corvinus University of Budapest

5-9 September

The European Union stands as the world's most ambitious attempt at regional integration and interdependence. To its East, the Eurasian Economic Union claims to aim for coordination and integration, yet conflicts around the borders of the former Soviet Union have undermined chances of cooperation with the West. Further East again, rising China has a growing role in global economic interdependence and has outlined an ambitious program of infrastructure connectivity across Eurasia and beyond, with its Belt and Road Initiative. The prospects for conflict are highlighted by geopolitical tensions and systemic competition. Meanwhile, it remains uncertain if globalization trends will drive further convergence and cooperation or whether globalization and cooperation in Eurasia are in retreat. What questions must we answer, what strategies must we develop for the new emerging regional order? Learn from experts, network with like-minded researchers from across the region, investigate scenarios, risks, and opportunities from cross-disciplinary and multiple perspectives in our 2022 Intensive Week Eurasian Summer School. Make up your own mind about the key issues facing Eurasia in the decade ahead.

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## Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:50-11:20	<p>Opening</p> <p>The EU and the rise of China</p> <p>Tamas Matura</p>	<p>The current status of the EU and its future international relations</p> <p>Julian Plottka &amp; Florence Ertel</p>	<p>The War in Ukraine and its impact</p> <p>András Rácz</p>	<p>Eurasian cooperation from Washington's perspective</p> <p>Gábor Csizmazia</p>	<p><b>9:00-12:30</b></p> <p>Risky Business? Risk Perceptions of Relations between China and Hungary</p> <p>CONFERENCE</p>
11:30-13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13:40-15:10	<p>The EEU: its aims and policies</p> <p>Susanna Aghajanyan</p>	<p>The EU and the political and economic environment in Russia</p> <p>Hannes Meissner &amp; Johannes Leitner</p>	<p>The BRI and the grand strategy of China</p> <p>David Morris</p>	<p>Companies of Emerging Markets in Central Europe</p> <p>Ágnes Szunomár</p>	<p>Students' presentations on potential synergies and challenges between the EU, the EEU and the BRI</p>

Venue: Lecture Room C 102.

## Speakers

### **Dr. Susanna Aghajanyan, Ph.D.** (Armenia State University)

Susanna Aghajanyan has interdisciplinary and practical background. She has defended her PhD in 2003. He is currently working in the Chair of International Economic Relations as an Assistant Professor. She is also managing director of a pharmaceutical company, has a work experience with companies from EU and EEU.



### **Gábor Csizmazia** (National University of Public Service)



Gábor Csizmazia is a research fellow at the Institute for American Studies, focusing on U.S. foreign policy and the security relationship between the US and East-Central Europe. He is a former visiting researcher at the George Washington University, a former scholarship recipient of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies and is currently the head of the Hungarian Marshall Center Alumni Association.

### **Johannes S. Leitner** (BFI Vienna)

Johannes Leitner is head of the Competence Center for Black Sea Region Studies at the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna. His research interests focus on institutional and political environment and their impact on international businesses in post-socialist transition countries. Johannes was involved in a number of research projects focusing on the business environment and corresponding political risk factors in Ukraine and Russia, including on the ground data generation in both countries.

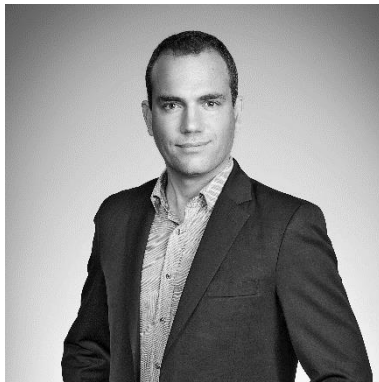


**Dr. Tamas Matura, Ph.D. (Corvinus University)**

Tamas Matura is Assistant Professor of Corvinus University, and the President of the Central and Eastern European Center for Asian Studies. He has been working on Asia related issues for over a decade, started his career at the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs. He used to serve as an adviser on China to the Minister of Economy, as an editor of the China Strategy of Hungary, and as an author of the BRICS Strategy of Hungary.



**Dr. Hannes Meissner, Ph.D. (BFI Vienna)**



Hannes Meissner is a senior researcher and lecturer at the Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies of the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna and a lecturer at the University of Vienna. His research focuses on political risks for multinational enterprises, the impact of EU policies in this regard and on political risk management. In 2012, he received a PhD in political science with distinction from the University of Hamburg.

**David Morris (Corvinus University)**

After a thirty-year career in international relations and politics, Mr Morris is a PhD scholar at Corvinus University in IR and Security and will teach in the University's new Asia specialization. He graduated from the University of Sydney with BA and Henley Business School, University of Reading, with an MBA. He has published and lectured widely as a practitioner on international relations and security, in particular on China, Europe and the Asia Pacific.



**Julian Plottka, Dipl.-Pol. (University of Passau)**



Dipl.-Pol. Julian Plottka is Research Associate at the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics at the University of Passau and at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn. In his research, he focusses on the EU's relations with Central Asia and the Eurasian Economic Union. He also works on institutional reforms and the democratic legitimacy of the EU, especially on the European Citizens' Initiative and the role of civil society organizations. He regularly publishes and works as a consultant on both research areas.

**Dr. András Rácz, Ph.D. (DGAP Berlin)**

Dr. András Rácz is an associate fellow in DGAP's Security and Defense Program. Previously, he was a senior fellow in that program. From September 2019 to December 2020, he was a senior fellow of the Robert Bosch Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia. Dr. Rácz earned his PhD in modern history from Budapest's Eötvös Loránd University in 2008.



**Florence Ertel, M.A. (University of Passau)**



Florence Ertel (formerly Reiter) is Research Associate and PhD candidate at the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics, Director of the Science Hub for Europe (SHE) and Strategic Advisor to the University Vice-President for Europe at the University of Passau. Previously, the trained journalist worked in the online editorial team of the Passauer Neue Presse. Her research interest includes European integration; external relations of the EU; foreign, security and defence policy; CSDP; strategic cultures; political communication and (online) campaign

communication; text mining methods and web archiving.

**Dr. Ágnes Szunomár, Ph.D.** (Corvinus University)

Ágnes Szunomár, PhD is the head of Research Group on Development Economics at the Institute of World Economics, CERS and associate professor at Corvinus University. Her research focuses on East Asia, China's foreign economic policy, including the relation between China and Central and Eastern Europe. She is a member of the European Cooperation in Science and Technology Action "China In Europe Research Network" where she is the head of Working Group on "Strategic sectors and infrastructure developments", while she is also a member of China Observers in Central and Eastern Europe (CHOICE) network.

