

The ECPR Standing Group on Central and Eastern European Politics
 Party Leaders in Central and Eastern Europe: Roles, Actions and Consequences
 Babes-Bolyai University, 19-21 April 2018

Thursday (19 April)		Author (affiliation)	Paper	Discussant
14.30	Registration and opening word			
15.00-16.30	Panel 1	Chair: Sergiu Gherghina (University of Glasgow)		
15.00		Petr Voda (Masaryk University Brno)	First among all? Positions of party leaders and party MPs in the political space	Marko Kukec
15.30		Sorina Soare & Mattia Zulianello (University of Florence)	Populism and leadership: Is there anything new under the sun?	Ivan Stefanovski
16.00		Srdjan Jovanovic (Lund University)	Developing the Theory of Discursive Hijacking: The case of Serbia's Strongman Leader, Alexandar Vucic	Maciej Hartlinski
16.30	Coffee break			
17.00-18.30	Panel 2	Chair: Sergiu Miscoiu (UBB Cluj)		
17.00		Olivera Komar (University of Montenegro)	Challenges of Party Leadership in Montenegro	Sorina Soare
17.30		Marko Kukec (Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg)	Party leaders in Croatia: The Leadership Style of Sanader and Milanovic compared	Nanuli Silagadze

18.00		Tomas Cirhan & Petr Kopecky (Leiden University)	Party Leaders in the Czech Republic: A Tale of two Personalities	Petr Voda
19.00	Dinner	@the Pyramid (UBB Cluj)		
Friday (20 April)				
09.30-11.00	Panel 3			
09.30		Boban Stojanovic (University of Belgrade) & Dejan Bursac (Institute for Political Studies Belgrade)	Party Effects on Leadership Longevity: Evidence from Western Balkans and Visegrad Countries	Srdjan Jovanovic
10.00		Cristina Bejenaru (Institute of International Relations in Moldova)	The challenge of an Eastern leader: A study case of Moldova Oligarchic political regime	Abdülaziz Ahmet Yaşar
10.30		Miroslav Nemcok & Peter Spac (Masaryk University Brno)	Party leadership in Slovakia: A comparison of Mikulas Dzurinda and Robert Fico	Tomas Cirhan
11.00	Coffee break			
11.30	Panel 4	Chair: Sergiu Miscoiu (UBB Cluj)		
11.30		Goran Shibakovski (Sofia University Bulgaria)	A comparative analysis of the major right-wing and left-wing political parties' leadership in the Republic of Macedonia in nine mandates	Ivan Stefanovski

12.00		Nanuli Silagadze (Abo Akademi Finland)		Rudolf Metz
12.30		Maciej Hartlinski (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn)	Electoral activity and effectiveness of party leaders in Poland	Anna Paczesniak & Maria Winclawska
13.00	Lunch	@the Pyramid (UBB Cluj)		
14.30-16.00	Panel 5	Chair: Sergiu Gherghina (University of Glasgow)		
14.30		Ameni Mehrez (Corvinus University Budapest)	Understanding European Foreign Policy and Political Behaviour: Angela Merkel and Viktor Orban	Gabriella Gricius
15.00		Anna Paczesniak (University of Wroclaw) & Maria Winclawska (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun)	Leadership in Polish political parties: Members and voters perspective	Goran Shibakovski
15.30		Rudolf Metz & Daniel Oross (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)	Party Leadership in Hungary	Olivera Komar
16.00	City tour			
19.00	Dinner	@Panoramic Chic	Str. Serpuitoare, nr. 31	

Saturday (21 April 2018)				
09.30-11.45	Panel 6	Chair: TBC		
09.30		Sergiu Gherghina (University of Glasgow) & Clara Volintiru (ASE Bucharest)	Controlling the Political Game: Party Leadership in Romania	Sergiu Miscoiu
10.00		Gabriella Gricius (University of Groningen)	Personification in Politics: Havel versus Gamsakhurdia	Maciej Hartlinski
10.30		Abdülaziz Ahmet Yaşar (KU Leuven)	The role of Alija Izetbegovic in the formation of the state in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Cristina Bejenaru
11.00		Ivan Stefanovski (Scuola Normale Superiore Florence)	From Streets to Seats, from Seats to Power: The Fall and Rise of the Macedonian PM Zoran Zaev	Miroslav Nemcok
11.30	What are the next steps?	Publication plans, follow-up events		
12.00	Lunch			

The conference venue is at the Faculty of European Studies, Street Emmanuel de Martonne, no. 1.