

Liberty vs. Radicalism Conference

The Speakers:



Zsolt Berta is a turnaround manager of medium sized business. He has been working as managing director or CEO in real estate, IT and retail segment. Also has experience in M&A and holding management. In recent days he is an entrepreneur, expert in restructuring and reorganizing medium sized companies. He is member of the Education Committee of the Hungarian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association and also member of the Association of Hungarian Tourism Managers. In his presentation Mr. Berta shows what direct impacts have the government steps to the SMB sector.



Tamás Boros is director of Policy Solutions. Previously, he worked as a specialist in European affairs and communications for the European Commission and the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He had also served as the director of a non-profit organization, Pillar Foundation, for four years. Tamás was awarded the “Young European of the Year” prize for his work, from the Schwarzkopf Foundation, Germany. He studied International Relations and European Political Analysis at Corvinus University of Budapest. Tamás speaks English, French and Hungarian.



Petar Čekerevac is the Executive Manager of the Libertarian Club – Libek. He was born in Belgrade, Serbia in 1986.

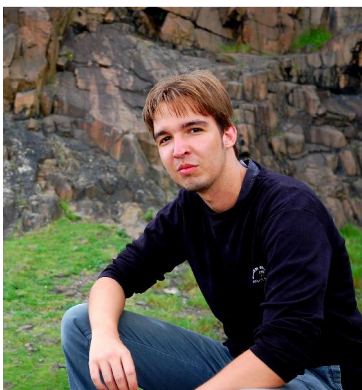
He holds a Bachelor degree in International Relations, and a Master degree in Peace and Conflict Studies. In addition to his studies at the University of Belgrade, he has studied Scandinavian and International Politics at the University in Oslo, in Norway. He attended high school in the United States.

Petar Čekerevac has worked for several civil society organizations in Serbia as a vice – coordinator, project manager or activist, and has completed an internship in Norway. His main professional and academic interests are conflict resolution, individual rights, public policy and political theory. He regularly speaks and lectures on events in Serbia and the Western Balkans, and has been a guest speaker on events in Denmark and Russia.

He speaks Serbian, English, and Norwegian and has understanding of Russian language.



Katka Cseh is a liberal political activist, and International Officer of the Liberal Youth Association (LiFE). She has been volunteering in the Patriotism and Progress Public Policy Foundation, and occasionally blogs at Kapitalizmus and Hosszúlépés. Katka is in the final year of her Medical studies, and her main interests lie in Psychotherapy and in Health Policy. She has been participating in several international liberal youth projects, and is actively involved in the activities of IFLRY and LYMEC.



Máté Hajba is a law student at Pázmány Péter Catholic University. He is the co-founder of a libertarian student group, called Eötvös Klub, where he set up a blog. He also contributes articles to Kapitalizmus blog. Besides his work as a libertarian activist, he helped found the Civic Platform, whose goal is to promote voting. Máté Hajba has won the Milton Friedman Scholarship, and he is currently the Program Director and Youth Coordinator at the Free Market Foundation.



Bálint Jóna was born in 1980 in Budapest. His mother brought him to spend a lot of time in the community where he learned to accept diversity and to respect others. During his primary school education he was introduced to the method of debating tournaments and earned a Soros scholarship. The discussion topics on Human Rights issues made him realize how complex these issues are, so he kept his interest during the University, where he organized an active cultural life of the community and turned his attention to the unresolved issues of minorities and the environment.

He helped start several NGOs and after a successful anti-racist event he helped form the Subjective Values Foundation, in which he is still active as member of the board. In the campaign against online hate speech he has been involved since the beginning; he's tried to actively shape it and raise awareness of the dangers and seek the remedies. He has lived in several countries; he knows what it feels like to be a minority, to be excluded, but all his work is aiming at changing Hungary for the better.



Krisztián Kálóczi is currently taking his final semester in the Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Political Science. He has attended several researches, which have given him a lot of experience as a student. He is not only concerned with political and public issues as a political scientist, but as a civilian as well. As a liberal-thinking youth he joined the Liberal Youth Association (LiFE) where currently he is the vice-president of finance. With his colleagues in the organization they are working towards building up a free-thinking Hungary.



Zoltán Kész is one of the founders of the Free Market Foundation in Hungary. Kész had the chance right after the changes took place in 1990 to study in the United States of America, and 10 years later to teach American History in a high-school in California as a Fulbright scholar. Still as a teacher, he wrote several course-books for learners of English. Kész is an alumnus of the Liberty Seminars of Slovenia in 2008. In 2010, he participated in the seminars of FEE (Foundation for Economic Education) in Atlanta, GA. He was the first graduate of the Atlas Leadership Academy in 2012. He became the Asia Entrepreneur of the Year in February, 2013 with the common project of the Free Market Foundation and Political Capital to target racism in Hungary. In 2013, he became the president of the Civic Platform, an independent organization whose main aim is to boost voter turnout for the elections in 2014.



Péter Krekó is Director of Political Capital, a policy research and consulting institute in Hungary. He graduated as a psychologist specializing in social psychology and he holds a Master's Degree in political sciences as well. His main research interest is the social demand for radical right movements and the social psychology of conspiracy theories. As an assistant professor at Eötvös Loránd University, he is delivering lectures on social and political psychology, including intergroup conflicts and prejudices, the social psychology of political radicalism, and the social psychology of conspiracy theories. He

is the author of numerous studies and articles on the radical right and the demand for right wing radicalism, and regularly comments in domestic and international media on these issues. He has been a consultant of the Hungarian Anti-Racist Foundation. He is now a co-chair of the Preventing Violent Extremism working group of the EU Radicalisation Awareness Network, an umbrella organization that connects key groups of people involved in countering violent radicalisation across the EU and serves as an advisory board for the Commission. He is also a regular contributor to the Extremis Project, a platform for independent, objective and evidence-based research on extremism and terrorism, and the drivers of their support. He is also member of the Expert Network of Demos Centre for the Analysis of Social Media.



Ratko Nikolić is the cofounder and president of a Serbian libertarian student organization "Studenti za slobodu". As a 21-year old student of sociology interested mainly in social and political theory, but also practical political advocacy, he has been affiliated with Libertarian Club - Libek (since 2012) where he holds the position of program assistant and lately (2013) with European Students For Liberty where he is a local coordinator. Working with the aforementioned organizations he has gained valuable experience in student organizing, human resources and political advocacy. He is currently working on several project aimed at spreading and developing the network of pro-liberty student organizations in the Balkans region. In his free time he volunteers, holds anti-fascist workshops at the International

Youth Meeting Dachau and plays in a Belgrade post-punk band called "The Filthy Bourgeoisie".



Tom Palmer is Vice President for International Programs at the Atlas Economic Research Foundation, and General Director of the Atlas Global Initiative for Free Trade, Peace, and Prosperity. He previously served as Vice President for International Programs at the Cato Institute and Director of the Center for Promotion of Human Rights. He is a Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute and Director of Cato University, the Institute's educational arm. He is the author of *Realizing Freedom: The Theory, History, and Practice of Liberty*. He received his BA from St. Johns College, MD, his MA in

philosophy from The Catholic University of America, and his doctorate from Oxford University.



Before joining Young Voices, **Fred Roeder** successfully founded a consulting firm, which focuses on healthcare consulting in post-communist countries and trans-atlantic healthcare partnerships. Fred also worked as a public policy advocate in health systems around the world (e.g. Germany, Canada, Lithuania, Romania) and conducted management trainings for the World Bank. As an Associated Researcher at the Montreal Economic Institute and a Senior Fellow at the Institut fuer unternehmerische Freiheit Berlin he advocates for sustainable healthcare systems, which allow affordability for

future generations and intergenerational justice. He supported the US-based non-profit Students For Liberty during their internationalization process and served as the first chairman of European Students For Liberty. Fred teaches as a visiting professor and lecturer at several MBA programs in Eastern Europe (e.g. Lithuania and the Republic of Georgia). Fred studied in Germany, China, and Slovenia and holds a Degree in Healthcare Management and Economics from the University of Bayreuth (Germany).



Ervin Szalai is co-founder, chief-editor and publicist at Publius blog, one of Hungary's most influential liberal blogs which aims to promote liberal and republican principles, free market solutions and European values. Since 2011 he has been a committed member of the Liberal Youth Association (LiFE). He studies sociology and psychology at ELTE.



Csaba Toth, PhD (1979) is a political scientist based in Budapest, Hungary.

He has worked in the Hungarian Prime Minister's office as a political advisor. Later, he was strategic director for two election campaigns (2004, 2006) for SZDSZ – the Hungarian Liberal Party. He is founder and presently the director of strategy of Republikon Institute, a politically independent, liberal think-tank specialising in political research, policy recommendations and conducting projects that contribute to a more open and tolerant society. With a number of international partners, Republikon has held conferences and seminars in 5

CEE countries and is a member of the European Liberal Forum.

Csaba Toth is also active in the academic sphere: he teaches at ELTE University and is a member of the board of the Hungarian Political Science Association. In addition to a number of academic publications, he is the co-author of the most authoritative book on Hungarian Politics.

He appears regularly on television, has given many interviews to international news agencies like Reuters and Bloomberg and is frequently invited to give political background to international investors.

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