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**The Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the
Pázmány Péter Catholic University and**

**the Faculty of International Relations of the
Andrassy University Budapest**

would like to invite you to the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

„GOOD GOVERNANCE: REFORMING REPRESENTATION“

**PLACE: Pázmány Péter Catholic University
Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
Dean's Councils Room
1088 Budapest, Szentkirályi u. 28-30.**

**Andrassy University Budapest
Andrassy Saal (Andrassy Hall)
1088 Budapest, Pollack Mihály tér 3.**

**TIME: FRIDAY, 20 September 2013
09:00-16.50**

We would be very pleased to welcome you!

RSVP till 18 September 2013.

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Good Governance: Reforming Representation

International Conference

Budapest, 20 September 2013

Conference Topic

The crisis of European democracy is both a subject of on-going political and scientific debates, and also a major topic of public discourse. The symptoms are well-known: citizens feel more and more alienated from the political decision-making processes. Their capability to influence important political and economic decisions which affect their lives seems to be decreasing. There is a widely felt loss of confidence, which not only affects individual politicians or parties, but questions the reliability and effectiveness of traditional political institutions as well. Europe's fundamental institutions, and especially its systems of representation which have evolved in the 19th century, don't seem to be suitable to cope with the challenges of the 21st century.

In order to find ways out of this crisis, we have to reconsider our notions and ideas on social representation. Therefore, the aim of this conference is to gain an overview on how different communities try to cope with the challenges mentioned above. How do they try to establish additional ways of representation? What kind of tools and mechanisms can improve, correct and enhance the functioning of traditional representative institutions? How can governments be induced to be more responsive? The proposed solutions encompass technical innovations like e-voting, enhancement of popular consultations, creating mediating institutions like ombudsmen, and the institutionalisation of mechanisms of minority representation. But we also have to take into account challenges which arise from an increasing transnationalisation, globalisation and migration as well.

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PROGRAMME

Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Dean's Councils Room)

09.00-09.10 **WELCOME ADDRESS**

09.10-12.30 **PANEL 1: THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS**

CHAIR: BALÁZS SCHANDA

09.10-09.30 **László Komáromi (Pázmány Péter Catholic University):**
"Improving Representation by Direct Democracy?"

09.30-09.50 **Zoltán Tibor Pállinger (Andrássy German-Speaking University):**
"Enhancing Democracy's Quality: Representative and Direct Democracy – Two Faces of the Same Coin?"

09.50-10.10 **Máté Paksy (Pázmány Péter Catholic University):**
"From Mirror to Kaleidoscope: Direct and Representative Democracy in a Federal State (the Case of Reference re Secession of Quebec)"

10.10-10.25 Discussion

COFFEE BREAK

10.40-11.00 **Janina Apostolou (Andrássy German-Speaking University):**
"The Diffusion of Participatory Budgeting in German Municipalities"

11.00-11.20 **Saskia Fritzsche (FÖV Speyer):**
"E-Participation as an Instrument of Vibrant Democracy and its Legal Challenges"

11.20-11.30 Discussion

11.30-12.25 **PANEL 2: Special Groups' and Interests' Representation**

CHAIR: ZOLTÁN TIBOR PÁLLINGER

11.30-11.50 **Balázs Schanda (Pázmány Péter Catholic University):**
"The Right to Vote. Is the Suffrage Truly Universal? The Representation of Minors"

11.50-12.10 **János Zlinszky Jr. (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)**
Sándor Fülöp (former Ombudsman for Future Generations in Hungary):
"Experiences from the First Years of the Ombudsman for Future Generations in Hungary"

12.10-12.25 Discussion

LUNCH BREAK



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14.00-14.55 **PANEL 2 (continued): Special Groups' and Interests' Representation**

14.00-14.20 **Christina Griessler (netPOL-Network for Political Communication / Andrassy Germany Speaking University):**
"The Government's and Citizens' Approach to Political Reform in the Republic of Ireland"

14.20-14.40 **Sergiu Constantin (EURAC):**
"Autonomy and Minority Representation – The Case of South Tyrol"

14.40-14.55 Discussion

COFFEE BREAK

15.30-16.50 **PANEL 3: Transcending National Borders: Global Suffrage?** Chair: László Komáromi

15.30-15.50 **Marcel Szabó (Pázmány Péter Catholic University):**
"The EU Dimension of National Parliamentary Elections through Representation in the Council of Ministers. Complications Arising from Multiple Citizenship"

15.50-16.10 **Judit Beke-Martos (Eötvös Loránd University):**
"Inestimable to Them and Formidable to Tyrants Only"

16.10-16.30 **Ellen Bos (Andrássy German-Speaking University):**
"Voting from Abroad: The Hungarian Case"

16.30-16.50 Discussion, SHORT SUMMARY

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