University Evenings – Lectures on Global Politics

On the 20th of March, 2014, Miklós Duray, Associate Professor in Political Science at the University of West Hungary, former President of the Party of the Hungarian Coalition from Slovakia, talked about language rights and national identity in his presentation entitled Linguistic and Cognitive Problems in the Hungarian National Politics. Duray explained that the state is a political power and a legal contract. The nation is an emotional, family, contact, social, cultural and organizational contract. There is an apparent overlap between the two that we call politics. It would be possible to call it common will, but it is not sure that we mean this by the concept of politics nowadays, especially if politics splits into parties, contradicting its original sense, which derives from the common good, thus not serving – in many cases – the public interest but rather displaying a certain group’s interests.

On the 8th of May, 2014, Lajos Aáry-Tamás, PhD, ombudsman of education in Hungary, Honorary Associate Professor of the Eötvös Lóránd University, held an interesting presentation entitled A Special Hungarian Experiment: The Education Ombudsman. Sharing some own experiences and stories, the education ombudsman presented the role and necessity of this institution, which is unique in Europe at the moment. Both events were organized by the Faculty of Sciences and Arts of the Sapientia University in partnership with the Robert Schuman Association.

On the 6th of April, 2014, in collaboration with the Robert Schuman Association and the Antall József Knowledge Centre, the Faculty of Sciences and Arts of the Sapientia University organized a very successful event on security studies. On the one hand, the Hungarian translation of two important books, Zbigniew Brzezinski’s Strategic Vision: America and the Crisis of Global Power and Henry Kissinger’s On China were presented. On the other hand, a round-table discussion was organized on the current issues of security policy with the contribution of György Nógrádi, PhD, expert in security studies, János Kristóf Murádín, PhD, and Dezső Szenkovics, PhD, faculty members of the Sapientia University.

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