

# 2ND VISEGRAD CONFERENCE



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INSTITUTE OF WORLD ECONOMICS, CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL STUDIES

**DATE:** JUNE 7, 2022

**VENUE:** ONLINE (ZOOM) AND ONSITE (KRTK VGI, 1097 BUDAPEST, TÓTH KÁLMÁN 4.)

The second Visegrad conference concentrates on various actual areas of cooperation and comparison between the four countries. The Visegrad economies form a unique group of European countries, with numerous common elements of history, politics, geography, economics, business, science, arts and culture. These common elements have been shaped, influenced and modified by many external and internal factors over the history, including cooperation between these countries at many levels and spanning many centuries. Due to these numerous common characteristics, in the various areas of analysis, the four countries act as „natural” comparative partners for each other. It is easier to understand developments and challenges faced by one country in the context of Visegrad comparison. It is easier to understand, what is going on in the Central and East European part of Europe, if all four countries are analysed. This has induced the organisers to follow the pathway started a year ago and put other areas under the magnifying glass.

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

TIME	SESSION
08.50-09.00	Opening of the conference
09.00-10.00	<b>Keynote:</b> Richard Grieveson ( <i>WIIW, Austria</i> ): A new growth model in EU-CEE?
10.00-10.15	Break
10.15-12.00	<b>Session 1: Global value chains and FDI in the Visegrad countries</b> <b>Artur Klimek</b> ( <i>University of Wroclaw, Poland</i> ): Economic upgrading: global value chains participation and multinational enterprises <b>Péter Vakhai</b> ( <i>KOPINT, Hungary</i> ): The evolution of global value chains in the CEE region between 1995 and 2018 <b>Tomáš Dudáš</b> ( <i>Pan-European University, Slovakia</i> ): GVCs in Slovakia with a focus on automotive GVCs <b>Magdolna Sass</b> ( <i>CERS and Budapest Business School, Hungary</i> ) and <b>Tamás Gáspár</b> ( <i>BGE</i> ): Foreign economic relations of Hungary with selected Asian countries: the role of global value chains
12.00-13.00	Lunch

13.00-14.30	<b>Session 2: Student Session: Insights into the Chinese economy and business with special reference to the Visegrad countries</b>
	<b>Emese Dobos</b> and <b>Wenxuan Song</b> ( <i>Corvinus University, Hungary</i> ): New (Silk) Roads: The Chinese Textile and Garment Industries relations to Europe and V4 countries
	<b>Carlos Raul Lima da Frota Araujo</b> ( <i>Corvinus University, Hungary</i> ): Governance and institutions of countries in the Belt and Road Initiative
	<b>Gergely Buda</b> ( <i>Corvinus University, Hungary</i> ): The winner takes it all? Who Benefits from China's Increasing Presence in Francophone Africa?
	<b>Bi Shulei</b> ( <i>Budapest Business School, Hungary</i> ): Development strategy of Chinese cross-border e-commerce SMEs under the background of Covid-19
14.30-14.45	<b>Break</b>
14.45- 16.30	<b>Session 3: The impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on the Visegrad countries</b> roundtable discussion, moderate by <b>András Deák</b> ( <i>CERS, Hungary</i> )
	<b>likka Korhonen</b> ( <i>Bank of Finland Institute for Emerging Economies, Finland</i> )
	<b>Vasily Astrov</b> ( <i>WIIW, Austria</i> )
	<b>John Szabó</b> ( <i>CERS, Hungary</i> )
16.30-17.00	<b>Dinner</b>

Participation is free of charge but you need to register at [vincze.andrea@krtk.hu](mailto:vincze.andrea@krtk.hu) and indicate whether you participate offline or online.