

## 11<sup>th</sup> The Role of State in Varieties of Capitalism (SVOC) SVOC 2025 – Specialist Workshop

**East-Central European perspectives in the era of new geopolitical,  
geoeconomic rivalries**

**Date:** 21 November 2025

**Organiser:** Institute of World Economics, ELTE Centre for Economic and Regional Studies

**Venue:** MTA HTK, Budapest (Tóth Kálmán utca 4.)

**Room:** Groundfloor, K11-12.



### Program

8.30 – 9.00 Coffee and Welcome

9:00 – 10:15

**Opening words:** Magdolna Sass (IWE CERS)

**Keynote lecture:** The New Global Disorder

**László CSABA** (Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Central European University, Vienna and Corvinus University of Budapest)

10.15-10.30 **Coffee**

10.30 – 12.30 **Panel 1: Capitalism in crisis: unsustainable growth?**

**Chair: John Szabó (IWE CERS)**

**Sonja Avlijas** (University of Belgrade, Serbia): Growth Regimes in Flux: The Political Economy of Decarbonisation in Central and Eastern Europe

**Edgars Eihmanis** (University of Tartu, Estonia): Against the odds: Business-led developmentalism in offshore wind energy in Poland

**Krzysztof Szczygieski** (University of Warsaw, Poland): Beyond a Spending Strategy? Innovation Policy Dilemmas in Poland

**Tamás Csontos** (IWE CERS): At the Dawn of a New Era? The Fragmentation of Neoliberal Capitalism in the United States After the 2008 Financial Crisis

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 – 15.30 **Panel 2: Regional responses: European development?**

**Chair: Emese Dobos (IWE CERS)**

**Anita Pelle** (University of Szeged, Hungary), **Beáta Farkas** (University of Szeged, Hungary), **Boglárka Koller** (IWE CERS): Selective Europeaness: Understanding Central and Eastern European positions in the EU's global responses

**Balázs Páger** (IRS CERS): Regions in Industrial Transitions: A Transformative Resilience Perspective on the Uneven Geographies of Vulnerability, Preparedness, and Responsiveness

**Gergő Medve-Bálint** (Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary): The politics of developmental alliances and municipal industrial policy in Central and Eastern European cities

**Denis Ivanov** (Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary): The Varieties of Perception of Inequality in CEE: Income, Wealth and Opportunities

15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee**

16.00 – 17.30 **Panel 3: The role of different actors in the current developments**

**Chair: Judit Ricz** (IWE, CERS):

**Kateryna Shymanska** (Prague University of Economics and Business, Czechia): The Perception of Institutional Changes in Customs Administration in V4-Ukraine Bilateral Trade

**Zuzana Mazánková**, Teresa de Castro (Prague University of Economics and Business, Czechia): The Relationship between FDI and GHG emissions in the Czech Republic and Hungary

**Soma Balla** (Budapest University of Economics and Business), Magdolna Sass: Charging Ahead or Locked In? Chinese EV Multinationals and Hungary's Place in Global Value Chains

17.45 – 18.00 **Closing the WS**

**Closing words: Magdolna Sass** (IWE CERS)

18:15 - **Reception for the presenters**