

# KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN

## ACCESS PROGRAMS AND THE THIRD MISSION OF UNIVERSITIES

### WHEN AND WHERE

November 17-18, 2022, 9.30am-6pm CET

Central European University (Quellenstraße 51, 1100, Vienna)

### ABSTRACT

Who has access to university education? What is a university and what does it stand for? How can we reimagine the university in today's world? What is the 'Third Mission' of universities, and how does it connect (or not) university to society? Can we rethink the university as an open society where education and knowledge take place in interaction with the communities around us?

CEU's **Community Engagement Office** invites you to the conference *Keeping the Doors Open* to join a conversation where we seek to answer these questions in a series of panel debates and workshops. Speakers will include students and professors involved in access programs, as well as researchers and program managers. We will begin by reflecting on the Third Mission of universities —service to society— after which we will examine the current state of university access programs across Western Europe and the US. Asking how we can keep the doors open to communities that have been traditionally excluded from higher education, the conference will also be an open space to rethink and reimagine this institution together. For this reason, the second day of the conference will also host a series of workshops with the **Open Society Research Platform (OSRP)** under the title 'Knowledge practices and the university as an open society' to explore the relationship between, on the one side, knowledge production, knowledge transmission and social critique, and, on the other side, the open, democratic, and inclusive organization of universities.

### THE SOCRATES PROJECT

This conference is the closing event of The Socrates Project, an academic outreach program at Central European University in Vienna and Budapest and Bard College Berlin and funded by OSUN. In the academic year 2021-2022, The Socrates Project has attracted over 300 adult students without access to higher education across Vienna, Budapest and Berlin. Over the span of 3 months per course, students followed weekly evening seminars in the humanities and social sciences, discussing core texts selected by our instructors. All courses at The Socrates Project are tuition-free, in-person and open to all interested participants. Read more about The Socrates Project [here](#).

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MAIN PROGRAM	<i>Access Programs and the Third Mission of Universities</i>
Thu, Nov 17	Location: CEU Auditorium
09.30-10.00	Opening Remarks
10.00-11.30	The Third Mission of Universities and Access Program
	<p><u>Panelists:</u> Tim Crane (CEU, Pro-Rector for Teaching and Learning), Paul Apostolidis (LSE, Civic Engagement), Katharine Sarikakis (University of Vienna), Robert Tynes (Bard Prison Initiative), Oleksandr Shtokvych (CEU, Yehuda Elkana Center, OSUN)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Flora Laszlo (CEU, Community Engagement)</p>
11.30-12.00	Break
12.00-13.30	Access Programs at CEU and Around the World
	<p><u>Panelists:</u> Robert Tynes (Bard Prison Initiative), Nouri Rupert (Sciences Po, Equal Opportunity Program), Prem Kumar Rajaram (CEU, OLIve), Angela Kocze (CEU, Roma Access Program), Eduard Lezcano (CEU, Socrates Project)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Oleksandr Shtokvych (CEU, Yehuda Elkana Center, OSUN)</p>
13.30-14.30	Lunch Break
14.30-16.00	Active Teaching Methods in Access Programs
	<p><u>Facilitators:</u> Robert Tynes (Bard Prison Initiative), Nouri Rupert (Sciences Po, Equal Opportunity Program), Ian Cook (CEU, OLIve), Adriana Qubaiova (CEU, Socrates Project),</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Kaitlin Lucas (CEU, Yehuda Elkana Center)</p>
16.00-16.30	Break
16.30-18.00	The Socrates Experience: Teachers and Students
	<p><u>Students:</u> Claudia Schoster-Unger, Ulrike Müller (CEU Socrates Project Vienna), Mert Solmaz, Gerald Sorge (BCB Socrates Project Berlin), Erik Erdos, Alma Simon (CEU Socrates Project Budapest)</p> <p><u>Teachers:</u> Gunhan Borekci, Adriana Qubaiova (CEU Socrates Project Vienna), Hans Stauffacher, Asmaa Essakouti (BCB Socrates Project Berlin), Kata Gyuris, Rudolf Paksa (CEU Socrates Project Budapest)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mate Halmos (CEU Socrates Project Budapest)</p>



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Fri, Nov 17	Location: Tiered Room D-001
09.30-10.30	<b>Alumni and Student Engagement</b>
	<u>Panelists:</u> Mate Halmos, Eduard Lezcano (CEU Socrates Project), Mert Solmaz, Gerald Sorge (BCB Socrates Project Berlin), Ian Cook (OLive) <u>Moderator:</u> Faiza zu Lynar (BCB Socrates Project Berlin)
10.30-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	In parallel: Start of the OSRP Workshop (see Additional Program below) <b>Engaged Research and Access Programs</b>
	<u>Panelists:</u> Robert Tynes (Bard Prison Initiative), Paul Apostolidis (LSE Civic Engagement), Prem Kumar Rajaram (CEU OLive) <u>Moderator:</u> Pusa Nastase (CEU, Yehuda Elkana Center)
12.30-13.30	Lunch Break - End of Conference Main Program
ADDITIONAL PROGRAM	<i>OSRP workshop: Knowledge practices and the university as an open society</i>
	Location: Room B-505 (5t floor)
13.30-15.30	<b>Inclusive education and open knowledge practices</b>
	<u>Speakers:</u> Simon Hayhoe (University of Bath), Leyla Safta-Zecheria (West University of Timisoara), Ian Cook (Central European University)
15.30-16.00	Break
16.00-17.30	<b>University as a space of open debate</b>
	<u>Speakers:</u> Tamara Kamatovic (Central European University), Akile Ahmet (London School of Economics), Lee-Ann Sequeira (London School of Economics) <u>Moderator:</u> Simon Rippon (Central European University)
17.30-18.00	Closing Remarks



**ACCESS PROGRAMS****Bard Prison Initiative (PBI), Bard College (US)**

The Bard Prison Initiative (BPI) works to redefine the availability, affordability, and expectations typically associated with higher education in America. Since 2001, BPI has created groundbreaking opportunities for college within America's prison systems. These programs transform the negative impacts of criminal punishment and create radical inroads of access and opportunity to higher learning. Today, BPI enrolls over 300 incarcerated students full-time in programs that culminate in degrees from Bard College; it offers extensive support for its alumni in and around New York City

**Equal Opportunity Program (EOP), Sciences Po (France)**

The EOP was created to diversify the student body at Sciences Po and expand possibilities for young people who may otherwise miss out on higher education. This revolutionary scheme is based on the provision of a complete set of support measures from high school through to graduation, with the aim of offering every deserving student the same opportunities to build an academic pathway of excellence. Students admitted through the EOP have very similar employment outcomes to students recruited through other admission procedures.

**Open Learning Initiative (OLive), Central European University and University of Vienna (Austria)**

OLive focuses on opening access to higher education for refugees and asylum seekers. Established in January 2016, it runs two non-degree programs. The Weekend Program (OLive-WP) is designed for asylum seekers and refugees in Hungary and runs on weekends. The University Preparatory Program (OLive-UP) is full-time (10 months/AY), fully funded and accepts students with a refugee status from any of the European Economic Area countries. OLive-UP prepares students for higher education study (MA and BA levels) at international universities.

**Roma Graduate Preparation Program (RGPP), Central European University (Hungary)**

The Roma Graduate Preparation Program (RGPP) is an intensive 10-month program that prepares outstanding Roma graduates with an interest in social sciences and humanities to compete for places on Master's-level courses at internationally recognized universities. All enrolled students receive full scholarships for the entire period of the program.

**The Socrates Project (SP), Central European University and Bard College Berlin (Austria, Hungary, Germany)**

The Socrates Project offers university-level courses in the humanities and social sciences to adults in the wider communities of Vienna, Budapest and Berlin who have lacked educational opportunities in the past. We tackle important questions of life and society in a friendly atmosphere yet with academic rigor. No qualifications are required to apply, other than enthusiasm, commitment, and a desire to delve into topics drawn from disciplines such as philosophy, history, literature, politics, art, and sociology. Our classes are small discussion groups led by university professors from CEU and other institutions.

