The changing repertoire of state intervention to promote development in an unfolding new world order

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Organizers
1. INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Magdolna Sass from the Institute of World Economics (Centre for Economic and Regional Studies) and László Bruszt from the Democracy Institute (Central European University), we kindly invite you to submit your papers for the 7th ‘The Role of State in Varieties of Capitalism’ conference. The theme this year is ‘The changing repertoire of state intervention to promote development in an unfolding new world order’. The SVOC conference will be organized in a hybrid form (depending on the pandemic situation) with both onsite and online sessions. Central European University in Budapest will host the event with a program encompassing two full days of exciting keynote lectures and panel discussions.

The conference will be co-financed by the research project FK 124573 supported by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NRDIO) of Hungary.

2. TOPIC RATIONALE AND SUGGESTIONS

Entering the third decade of the twenty-first century, both the world economy and economics as a social science face important challenges that call for paradigmatic changes, maybe even for new paradigms. New trends and challenges emerging (or intensifying) globally during the past few years require the reconsideration of national development strategies to adapt to a post-crisis era from a situation in which these realities were not anticipated, let alone could anyone prepare for them. These changes have important consequences for the role states play in actively promoting development and economic growth in the twenty-first century, while also significantly shaping their internal policy responses to these new developments.

Following the global financial and economic crisis of 2008–9 and, more recently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one can observe different types of active state interventions and growing state involvement to revive economic growth and development throughout the world compared to the pre-crisis period. Correspondingly, governments must act under new constraints posed (or intensified) by new challenges, which require the reconsideration of the repertoire of developmentalist policies and state interventions. This has led to a renewed interest in the analysis of the role of the state in economic growth and development in general and to a renaissance of comparative capitalism research in particular, with a special focus on the post-crisis varieties of capitalism. Furthermore, this change in the role of the state and governments have important consequences for the state of democracy and democratisation in less developed countries.

Though the following list of topics is by no means exhaustive, we encourage prospective participants to submit their empirical or theory-oriented papers in one of the following categories:

A. Enhancing the theoretical framework of Varieties of Capitalism (VoC) research
B. The (comparative) analysis of contemporary variants of state capitalism
C. Developmental states in the twenty-first century
D. Democratisation/re-democratisation and the developmental state;
E. Is there any convergence to be seen across successful development strategies in the emerging world, or “varietas delectat”?
F. Post-crisis, alternative trajectories and models of sustainable human development
G. New perspectives of post-crisis development: focusing on the social component
H. Consequences of the crisis for changes in the level of democracy/democratisation processes
I. Environmental considerations in varieties of capitalism
J. The monetary-fiscal link in state-led intervention

Abstracts (max. 300 words) are expected until 30 July 2021 via easychair system (see below).

3. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Elizabeth THURBON
(University of New South Wales, Sidney)
Keynote title:
Governing for Development in a Crisis-Plagued World: Can We Map a Way Forward?

Professor László BRUSZT
(Central European University)
Keynote title:
From Building a Weberian State to Creating Capacities to Manage Dependence

4. PARTICIPATION FEE

This year participants are invited to choose between onsite or online forms of participation, and the registration fees differ accordingly (please note that the digital pass guarantees online access to all events of the conference, including keynote lectures and panel discussions).

- **Early bird fee (discount available until 25 September 2021)**
  - onsite 80 euros; online 40 euros
  - onsite 40; online 20 euros (for PhD students)
- **Regular fee (payment deadline 15 October 2021)**
  - onsite 100 euros; online 50 euros
  - onsite 60 euros; online 30 euros (for PhD students)
5. IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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7. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION INTERFACE

The Easychair website is the primary communication channel for SVOC 2021. Participants are kindly asked to use it to submit abstracts and papers. All information issued by the organizers will also be sent from Easychair. The website and the link to the conference are available at:

https://easychair.org/cfp/SVOC2021

8. CONTACT

The two primary organizers of the conference are Ágnes Orosz and Tamás PERAGOVICS. Their contact details are as follows:

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While communication through Easychair is to be prioritized, participants are welcome to contact Ágnes and Tamás if they need:
- an official invitation letter for visa application
- an invoice for the conference fee or help with wiring the conference fee
- assistance, suggestions in making travel and accommodation arrangements, etc.