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## NANOVIC SYMPOSIUM

# ANGLOPHILIA AND THE BRITISH CONSTITUTION IN CENTRAL EUROPE 1750-2000

International Conference at the London Centre of the University of Notre Dame

11-13 october, 2013

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We are using the term Anglophilia to cast a broad net in which we hope to capture the importance, admiration for, and critical engagement with British constitutional law and political thought in Central and Eastern Europe. Great Britain is and has been the primary example of a state with an unwritten constitution in the region. As such, it has served as both a role model and a source of vital stimulation to the collective political imagination of Central Europe.

The conference focuses on the two and a half centuries between 1750 and 2000, searching for answers to the questions of what historical contexts determined the British orientation in Central European political thought, and what sort of political activities were connected to it? Who were the major representatives of these intellectual trends, and what effects did they have on local politics or constitutional theory? Are there themes, topics or motifs which made an interest in British constitutional traditions a logical necessity?

As for the contemporary relevance of our topic, in the twenty first century, on both sides of the Atlantic, the role of parliamentary and judicial authority, human rights, self-governance and ideas of citizenship and identity loom large in public debate. We hope to capture the moment and the current climate of searching for answers to twenty-first century constitutional questions by examining historically the intellectual connections between British and Central European Constitutional thought.

Our conference will be supported by the Nanovic Symposium Grant of the Nanovic Institute (University of Notre Dame, USA) and by the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (University of Notre Dame, USA). Organizing institutions include the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at the University of Notre Dame, the Department of Political Science of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, and the Institute of Philosophy of the Research Center for the Humanities of the Hungarian Academy of Science.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Friday, October 11, 2013

6:00pm Registration

7:00pm dinner / keynote speech

### Saturday, October 12, 2013

8:30 opening the conference

9:00-10:30 Session 1 (3 speakers)

10:30-10:45 coffee break

10:45-12:15 Session 2 (3 speakers)

12:15-13:30 lunch

13:30-15:00 Session 3 (3 speakers)

15:00-15:15 coffee break

15:15-16:45 Session 3 (3 speakers)

16:45-17:00 coffee break

17:00-18:30 Session 4 (3 speakers)

19:00 reception

### Sunday, October, 2013

9:00-10:30 Session 5 (3 speakers)

10:30-10:45 coffee break

10:45-12:15 Session 6 (3 speakers)

12:15-13:00 Round table on future cooperation and an edited volume

**Venue:** London Campus of University of Notre Dame, 1 Suffolk Street London, SW1Y 4HG

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