

OSTROM WORKSHOP **TOCQUEVILLE LECTURE SERIES**

Balázs Trencsényi (Department of History, CEU)
in dialogue with **Aurelian Craiutu** (Political
Science, IU) on Trencsényi's recent book:

*A History of Modern Political Thought in East
Central Europe: Volume I: Negotiating Modernity
in the 'Long Nineteenth Century'*



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12:00–1:00 p.m.

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The outcome of a joint eight-year collaborative effort led by a core international team coordinated by Balázs Trencsényi, a professor of history at CEU Budapest, and assisted by a broader circle of international experts with local knowledge, this is undoubtedly one of the most important, ambitious, and original books in intellectual history and comparative political thought published in the last few decades. It provides a much-needed overview of the history of political thought in East and Central Europe. Volume I of *A History of Modern Political Thought in East Central Europe* (Oxford, 2016) arrives at a good moment as we are trying to rethink the European intellectual heritage and find a new identity for the enlarged European Union. The book focuses on negotiating the meanings of modernity in what the authors call “the long nineteenth century” that ended with the Great War that began in 1914. The book demonstrates how East Central European thinkers created new and distinctive ways of thinking about history, society, culture, and politics that sought to build bridges between several different worlds, such as Western and Eastern Europe, Catholicism, Protestantism, Orthodox Christianity, and the Muslim parts of Southeast Europe.



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Presentations are open to the public, and you are welcome to bring your lunch. For questions, contact Allison Sturgeon (sturgeon@iu.edu; 812/855–3151).