



Will the illiberalism be further developed in Hungary? Civil society vs. the Orbán government

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ABOUT THE EVENT

Since Orbán's announcement of the illiberal state in 2015, we have seen more and more unprecedented damage to Hungarian democracy. For years there has been no liberal party in the Hungarian parliament, the liberal thoughts were pushed into the streets. However, recently liberal actors have also appeared, who are not only willing and able to oppose the Fidesz government and the 'illiberal democracy' of prime minister Viktor Orbán, but to whom citizens may be willing to vote. In the light of this, we wish to evaluate the greatest successes and mistakes of the democratic opposition and liberal parties in the last Hungarian parliamentary election and discuss the outputs with the representatives of the civil society. What will happen to liberalism when it has to come back to the streets again? How will the role of the NGOs and civil movements change if the illiberalism continues to evolve after April 2018?

EVENT SCHEDULE

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10:00 Opening remarks
Csaba Tóth, ELF board member, director of strategy at Republikon Institute

10:15 Evaluation of 2018 Parliamentary Election - Analyst's eyes

Zoltán Levente Ember, Researcher, Iránytű Institute

Ágoston Sámuel Mráz, CEO, Nézőpont Group

Andrea Virág, Researcher, Republikon Institute

Tibor Závecz, CEO, Závecz Research

Moderator: **Csaba Tóth**, ELF board member, director of strategy at Republikon Institute

11:45 COFFEE BREAK



12:00 Remedies of illiberalism – The role of the civil society after 2018

Júlia Iván, interim director at Amnesty International Hungary

András Jámber, activist, editor in chief at Mércé

Zoltán Lakner, deputy editor in chief at 168 óra, teacher at ELTE-TÁTK

Dániel Mikecz, researcher of movements at Republikon Institute

Réka Kinga Papp, journalist, activist, advocacy

Moderator: Dávid Király, blogger and urban policy expert at Republikon Institute

13:35 CLOSING RECEPTION

14:00 END OF THE EVENT

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