

## GLOBALIZATION AND ITS IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN EAST AND CENTRAL EUROPE

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In 2004, the *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* (CASS) will devote a special issue to the changing nature of international relations in East and Central Europe. The purpose of this issue will be to discuss how European integration, NATO membership and the broad process of globalization have affected the region's politics. Political thinkers and activists with experience concerning Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, and Croatia are especially encouraged to submit papers. The issue seeks to connect locals' and outsiders' interpretations and develop integrative frameworks of understanding. By calling for papers that place international relations in the center of inquiry, we hope to promote three lines of inquiry:

- 1) Where and how have international relations been re-constituted since 1989? The special issue would like to present a range of essays, from the most specific and local issues to the broadest (educational, legal, institutional, national) and most diffuse forces that influence political exchanges across borders. Papers might consider both conventional (parliaments and government bureaucracies) and unconventional (social movements) political transactions. Preference will be given to comparative analysis instead of particular country studies.
- 2) How can we most fruitfully consider the impacts of globalization on the changing international relations of East and Central European countries? Much current work points out surface democratization, economic polarization and cultural homogenization as effects of integration into global political, economic and cultural frameworks. What is the experience of these countries in these regards?
- 3) How might theories be applicable in this newly interconnected global context? Responses to this question may focus on any aspect of social and political life in which the aspect of international relations is significant in any East and Central European country. Even more advantageously submissions may go beyond one country and apply new (but sound) methodology.

Papers from any social science discipline are welcome. To be considered for this special CASS issue, interested individuals should submit a paper of approximately 5 500 words in triplicate following the *Chicago Manual of Style* 14<sup>th</sup> edition and CASS' regular format requirements by April 15, 2003. Manuscripts accepted for publication need to be provided as an e-mail attachment or contain a computer file suitable for DOS operating system and using *Microsoft Windows 98* or *Word 2000*. Inquiries may be directed to Katalin Fábián.