CALL FOR PAPERS

War and Peace in Political Thought

First Istvan Hont Graduate Conference in Political Thought

September 17-19, 2015

Budapest, Hungary

Central European University (CEU), Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) and the Pázmány Péter Catholic University (PPKE) jointly organize the First Istvan Hont Graduate Conference in Political Thought. The conference commemorates the legacy of Istvan Hont (1947-2013), influential Hungarian-born lecturer and writer on the history of political thought, Fellow of King's College at the University of Cambridge.

The conference is part of a larger framework of cooperation between the three host universities and aims to bring together doctoral students interested in political thought from various disciplines. The conference is devoted to the topic of ‘War and Peace’ in history, philosophy and political thought. Keynote speakers will include:

Catherine Zuckert (Nancy Reeves Dreux Professor of Political Science, University of Notre Dame)

Hans Blom (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)

The conference organizers invite doctoral students to submit their proposals which discuss issues of war and peace. Submissions are welcome from students of various disciplines such as intellectual history, philosophy, political science, or international relations.

The conference aims to investigate some of the following questions: How to define war and what were the past attempts to define it? Who is to wage wars, in what manner, for what reasons and are these questions relevant? Is peace only a lack of war? Will the next World War be indeed fought with sticks and stones? How is and was the theme of war and peace pictured in public discourses and in individual reflections? Topics based on these questions may include, but are not limited to the following areas:
• **THEORIES OF WAR**: just war, realism, right of self-defense, militarism, intervention, religion and war, modernity and total war

• **THEORIES OF PEACE**: pacifism, non-violent struggle, limits of toleration, religious and secular peace movements

• **THE "NEXT WAR"**: the “last war”, hyperreal war, cyber war, hybrid warfare, drones, crisis theory

• **DISCOURSES ABOUT WAR AND PEACE**: intellectuals and war, myths of wars, Cold War narratives, propaganda

The language of the conference is **English**.

Please submit your proposal of **300-400 words** to hont.conf.2015@gmail.com together with your name and affiliation. The deadline for submitting proposals is **May 31, 2015**.

Some support for accommodation or travel expenses will be provided for participants who have no access to institutional funding for academic travel.

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