

Andrea Schmidt is Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science and International Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Pécs. She studied at the Central European University in Pécs, Budapest and the Jagiellonian University in Cracow. In 2014, she spent a semester in Tokyo, where she taught at the Central European Centre of the Josai International University. Her main areas of interest are Central Europe, comparative political systems and political culture, and geopolitical issues such as the Visegrad Cooperation and other models of integration and their functioning in Central Europe. She has published in several international journals and is a member of the advisory board of the Eastern Journal of European Studies, but also maintains close links with several Polish political science institutions in Krakow, Opole, Poznan and Warsaw. She has led and is an active participant in several international projects, mostly on political systems and international integration. She is a member of various international research groups, also focusing on the political challenges of the Visegrad region and its relationship with the Eastern Partnership, especially Ukraine. She is currently involved in two international projects, one on comparative analysis of authoritarian regimes in Europe and another on the impact of the Ukrainian war on Central Europe. Her research on the problems of the Central European region was greatly influenced by her interest in Polish language and culture. After two years in Krakow, she graduated in Polish philology at the Eötvös Lóránd University in Budapest.