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PROFILE

Agnes Raczne Horvath



Professor Agnes Raczne Horvath is a researcher scholar who came to the U.S. from Hungary for a one-year stay at the Center of Democracy and Election Management at American University.

She will examine the background of U.S. elections. Her special interest is with independent elections—the selection process of those involved in the work of election institutions in respect to elected members and administrative officials. She would like to examine the level of knowledge, the background/schools, degree, gender, and motivation of the people involved.

Raczne Horvath has a similar research focus in Hungary. She is also been a vice president of the Territorial Election Commission in Heves County since 1998. In post-Communist countries, the institutions of democracy have been built only recently. One of the most important questions is on the election system: how is it and how it can work? Are they/can they be independent from the government, from the parties in power? Is there any connection between the Communist area and the fundamental institutions of democracy?

As part of her research she will compare these systems, and analyze the background of elections in the U.S. and in Hungary.

Raczne Horvath is the director of Századvég School of Politics and head of political science department at the Eszterházy College in Eger, Hungary. She has had a long career in academic life—teaching at the college since 1987, organizing and attending numerous conferences, and participating in several Hungarian and international research projects. She has been founder and director of the Eger-satellite of Századvég Political School since its foundation in 1995. Agnes received her Ph.D. in 1996 in Hungary at Debrecen University. In 2001, she was one of the faculty staff who founded the political science department, and she was instrumental in 2006 in launching the BA program in international studies, which will be complemented by an MA program, that is under accreditation. ■

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