

## **Evaluating the Foreign Policy of the Orbán regimes**

*Online event organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and Political Capital*

**Date:** June 14th, 2023. 10:00-11:00

**Venue:** online (Zoom)

**Language:** Hungarian

Major foreign policy initiatives have been characteristic features of the subsequent Orbán governments since 2010. Overhauling foreign policy and constant reorientations, vehement interpretation of international developments towards internal audiences and turbulent staffing decisions related to the foreign policy apparatus are central components in this approach. The constant advertising of success permeates government narratives, but when we dig deeper, it is much harder to evaluate these developments as major accomplishments.

During our discussion, we will try to reflect on the main orientations of Orbán's foreign policy and to identify its tangible failures and successes. We will discuss how Hungary's "image might have changed, and how the discourse around foreign policy has evolved in the Hungarian public sphere.

### *Program*

**10:00-10:05 Welcome address**

**János Molnár**, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

**Péter Krekó**, Political Capital

**10:05-10:15 Evaluating the Foreign Policies of the Orbán regimes since 2010**

**András Bartók**, Political Capital

**10:15-11:00 Thirteen years of “Peacock Dance”: The successes and failures of the Orbán regimes**

**András Hettyey** – lecturer, University of Public Service, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy (tbc)

**Zsuzsanna Végh** – visiting researcher, German Marshall Fund of the United States

Moderator: **Bulcsú Hunyadi** – Political Capital