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'West Coast Seminars'

Economic and Social Change in Russia and Eastern Europe (Glasgow, West of Scotland [Paisley campus] and Strathclyde Universities)

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Wednesday 27 October, 5.30 pm

Central and East European Studies Seminar Room, 8 Lilybank Gardens

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"In search of the effective representation and promotion of shared interests from Central Europe to the Baltic Sea: The emerging pattern of co-ordination between the Visegrad (V4) and the Baltic (B3) countries within the EU and beyond"

During recent years, a practice of closer co-operation has begun to take shape and become consolidated among the members on the eastern flank of the European Union. As an extension of its own experience of a concerted definition and the presentation of shared priorities, the Visegrad Group (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) started to arrange for co-ordination on a larger scale through consultations with the three Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) as another regional cluster of EU countries with presumably very similar interests in various issues. Several matters of common concern may be easily identified as probable areas of continued overlapping preferences both in the internal and the external dimensions of EU decision-making and policy implementation.

Tea and Coffee from 17.00

All Welcome

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