



The Equilibrium Institute, Hungary's new think tank, has launched

The Equilibrium Institute is a future-oriented intellectual research institute which draws up visions of the future and drafts policy proposals for Hungary, with the goal of infusing these into public discourse. The Institute's work does not reflect on everyday politics and partisan battles – it focuses exclusively on the country's long-term future. The three founders of the new think tank are Tamás Boros, the director of the Equilibrium Institute and the former director of Policy Solutions; Ákos Kozák, the former director of the GfK Hungária Market Research Institute; and Tibor Závecz, the director of ZRI Závecz Research. The Equilibrium Institute's research activities are managed by the historian/political scientist Gábor Filipov and the foreign policy expert Dániel Bartha, the former director of the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID).

The Equilibrium Institute's **permanent staff** is made up of renowned experts, economists, sociologists, political scientists and climate specialists. The work of the new Hungarian think tank is further assisted by a dozen outside advisors, including, among others, Zoltán Balázs, the Corvinus University of Budapest's Program Director of the Doctoral Program in Political Science; **Ágnes Havas**, former CEO of the Hungarian National Film Fund; **Edina Heal**, former CEO of Google Hungary; **László Urbán**, former Director of the National Bank of Hungary; and **János Zlinszky**, Associate Professor at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University and visiting professor at several other institutions of higher education. The work of the new think tank analyzes Hungary's long-term trajectory and explores possible ways of promoting **Hungary's success**. Among other issues, our focal areas include **the potential avenues of Hungary's economic resurgence**; fostering human resources, especially through **education**; robotization and the transforming labor market; the purity of our air and aquatic resources; **national consciousness** and the role of communities; and adapting to the changing global order.

The month of September will see the release of the book entitled ***Hungary 2030***, published jointly by the Equilibrium Institute and Osiris Publishers, in which the think tank lays out its **vision for Hungary for the coming decade**.

The Equilibrium Institute's **podcast series** will feature top decision-makers, opinion leaders and corporate chief executives who will present their own visions of Hungary: in the first sessions, we talk to the deputy minister **Balázs Orbán**, who serves as a junior minister in the Prime Minister's Office; the former European Commissioners **Tibor Navracsics** and **László Andor**; and **Edina Heal**,



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the former CEO of *Google Hungary*, they discuss their respective views on Hungary in 2030.

The first event hosted by the Equilibrium Institute will feature a presentation by **Francis Fukuyama**, one of the world's most influential political philosophers, along with further presentations by the Czech economist **Tomáš Sedláček** and the globally renowned British epidemiologist, **Richard G. Wilkinson**.

Follow news about the Equilibrium Institute's first book, its policy proposals and events and on our website at www.egyensulyintezet.hu, the Institute's Facebook-page or in the media.

What's a think tank?

Think tanks exist in almost every country of the world and their goal is to connect the world of academia with decision-makers in politics, economics and culture. Think tanks work as bridges of sorts between these two spheres of society. They formulate policy proposals designed for practical implementation, and in the process they do not focus on scientific innovation or academic citations but on trying to ensure that their recommendations will be used by political, economic and cultural decision-makers. Think tanks perform research and conduct public opinion surveys; they offer applied policy trainings, publish books and studies, and host events.

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