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The untold story of transgender immigrants and their challenges, Aaron Gates-Lincoln reports in this week's top story.

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The transgender pride flag. Credit: UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Wikimedia Commons.

THE CHALLENGES FACED BY TRANSGENDER ASYLUM SEEKERS IN EUROPE

BY AARON GATES-LINCOLN

WITHIN MODERN DAY EUROPE, IT IS ASSUMED AND BELIEVED BY MANY THAT OUR SOCIETY IS ONE THAT CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS SOCIALLY PROGRESSIVE. WHETHER THIS IS CONSIDERED POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, IT IS A BELIEF UPHELD BY MANY. OFTEN, THESE ARGUMENTS COME HAND IN HAND WITH COMPARISONS TO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD, WHETHER IT BE HOW HUMAN RIGHTS ARE HANDLED, OR HOW SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEMS AND HEALTHCARE PROVISIONS OPERATE.

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CAN THE HUNGARIAN OPPOSITION WIN IN 2022?



This Pride march through Budapest shows that there is huge resistance towards the oppression of the LGBTQ+ community in Hungary. Photo credit: Cristó, Licence: Creative Commons

BY JAN SZTANKA-TÓTH

In recent months Hungary has made sure that it is amply represented in mainstream Western newspapers. Although, as a Hungarian myself, I welcome such interest in my country, the fact that this happened for the wrong reasons again is disappointing, but also not surprising. The truth is that in anticipation of the 2022 parliamentary elections, domestic politics have been escalating and the occasional overspill has reached the European newspapers.

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“ RARELY DOES THE ORBÁN’S GOVERNMENT ROLL OUT POLICIES THAT ARE AIMED BOTH AT THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLITICS. ”



VACCINATION POLICY IN HUNGARY

Among European nations, Hungary was the only one which vaccinated masses with vaccines of Eastern origin, namely, the Russian Sputnik and Chinese Beijing CNBG. Doing so against the advice of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control was not only a symbolic middle finger to the EU, but also a foreign and domestic policy objective. Both of these points have achieved their effect, although the efficacy rate of the latter vaccine has been questioned, even by China itself. As such, it is not surprising that with the emerging Delta variant already projected to dominate Europe by the end of August, Merkel was skeptical about allowing full sized crowds during the Euro 2020 matches in Budapest. To sum up, Orbán continuously used the Covid-19 pandemic as a tool of his corrupt politics to the detriment of public health. This effectively meant playing into the hands of Eastern powers such as China and Russia. These policies resulted in partly justified mistrust in the Eastern jobs had hindered vaccination efforts in Hungary. In general, the relatively quick reopening of the country has been widely seen as a success story for Fidesz. However, the significant problems with the vaccine rollout in early 2021 and the fiasco around the access to the EU vaccination passports in Hungary, both show how unprepared the government has been to handle such a crisis.

FUDAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN BUDAPEST

More recently, in September 2020, the government announced plans for building a campus for the Chinese Fudan University in Budapest. It was particularly strange, since it was only about a year ago when the government forced the autonomous Central European University, a highly regarded institution, to gradually leave Budapest for Vienna. The location of this new University has also been controversial. Not only was it promised the same real estate on which developments were planned for Hungarian students called the “student town project”, but also the construction was to be financed by a Chinese loan and built by Chinese workers. The combination of these factors, and the fact that all over the world Chinese influence is seen with growing worry, resulted in the first major protests since the pandemic began and forced the government to back-pedal. Firstly, the government is promising a referendum in Budapest on whether to go ahead with the project, while also examining options for covering the construction from different sources.



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IS THE NEW
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BY LEO CAPELLA

As a disabled (autistic) professional and federalist in the UK, it always pays to check what your European counterparts are doing or could be affected by, even if you're outside of the European Union and single market rules (unless you're in the steaming kettle of fish that's Northern Ireland).

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BELARUS: IS DEATH THE ONLY WAY TO FREEDOM?

BY ALA SIVETS

Two months ago, in Belarus, a political prisoner Vitold Ashurak died in the colony at the age of 50 from a cardiac arrest, according to the government. Nevertheless, his wife reported that he never had heart problems.

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