

# WORLD, EUROPE AND „US” — TOWARD A MORAL GEOPOLITICS

As the world’s “rate of globalization”—the ratio of external trade to the GDP—exceeded 50% (that happened in the year 2000), the global organization of capitalism reached a new threshold. Arguably, the network structures that had channeled gene flows, disease agents, environmental impacts, social intercourse, military coercion, political power as well as myriad cultural patterns had been “global” much before. In this lecture, Professor Böröcz will focus on some foundational concepts—e.g., “world,” “Europe,” “empire,” “coloniality” and “race”—that are emerging as key tools for a global analysis. The lecture will ask whether it is possible to devise a social science that is both global and empirically as well as morally *rooted in the central European institutional forms of globality*, one that refuses to confine itself to being a mere purveyor of exotic, “raw” empirical materials for “western” processing, insisting on participating in the global task of interpreting the world for humankind.



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