

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS AT A NEW VENUE**

Speaker	<b>András Stefanovszky</b> , Office of the Prime Minister of Hungary
Topic	<b><i>Coping Techniques for Small Countries In A Dangerous Neighbourhood</i></b>
Date & Time	<b>Tuesday 29 October 2024, from 5:15 pm.</b>
Location	<i>Europe House</i> Lecture Theatre, 56 Wakefield Street, Level 16, Auckland University of Technology, Auckland: Note: <u>this venue is different from our usual venue</u> .
Synopsis	<p>Hungary and New Zealand share some similarities in geopolitical concerns. Both are smaller and unique nations, in an area of increasing tension.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hungary is part of a large landmass where two military, political and economic blocs (NATO and Russia) compete for small nations' support.</li><li>• New Zealand is part of a large maritime area, where again two blocs (USA &amp; allied nations, and PRC China) are in competition.</li></ul> <p>Opportunity exists for fruitful discussions between Hungary and New Zealand as to techniques to analyse both the visible goals, and the underlying realities, of geopolitical competition. From that analysis might come a policy to maintain an independent foreign policy while deepening pragmatic relations with both blocs.</p>
Biographical Details	Mr Stefanovszky heads the Department (Division) for International Analysis within the Office of the Political Director of the Prime Minister of Hungary. The Department deals with a variety of global and regional questions of significance for shaping and conducting Hungarian foreign policy. It supports the day-to-day work of the Political Director and the Prime Minister.  Previously, he worked for the Minister of Justice, as head of the Department for International Affairs, responsible for international cooperation in justice matters.  Before then, he led the Department for Strategic Analysis and External Relations within the State Secretariat. It implemented the international humanitarian aid program "Hungary Helps", in the Prime Minister's Office. His team monitored global humanitarian emergencies e.g. crises about religious minorities in the Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia. It also designed humanitarian aid projects with local partners to be implemented by Hungary in crisis regions.  He is an alumnus of King's College London, and of The University of Manchester.

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