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Tamás Geröcs – Csaba Jelinek: **Hungary's „System of National Cooperation” within the European Union.** *Hungary's integration into the EU from the perspective of historical sociology*

This article analyzes from a historical sociology standpoint Hungary's relationship with the European Union after 2010, as Orbán's so-called System of National Cooperation (SNC) was created. Until present day no comprehensive critical and historical analysis of how this systems is embedded in the EU has been written. The authors show how different political and economic elite groups tried to counteract their relative loss of influence and status following the world economic crisis. Although there are disagreements in the methods between the elites of the core countries and the semi-periphery, it has to be seen that that Orbán's regime has been developing not in opposition to European integration but as a result of its crisis-prone nature. Its political survival depends on this integration process and the decision makers of the regime are trying to create a new international coalition made up of the national bourgeoisie within this framework..... 12

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The author distinguishes two concepts of national sovereignty: bourgeois-capitalist and popular sovereignty. The latter can be harnessed as a mechanism to go beyond capitalism as the break from global and European „ordo-liberalism” can only occur through uneven development in individual countries. The world-system and its European sub-system was never transformed „from above” by decisions of the „international community”. Changes within these systems were always consequences of power shifts within individual states. It is struggles within nation states that will decide the fate of humanity..... 34

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József Böröcz: **State, socialism, world, system**

The editorial board of *Eszmélet* organized a round table on the 10th of July 2017 on the new book by József Böröcz (Hasított fa. A vilárendszer-elmélettől a globális struktúráváltásokig [Split wood. From world systems-analysis to global structural change], Eszmélet Könyvtár, Budapest, l'Harmattan Kiadó, 2017). The roundtable was chaired by Attila Melegh, with the participation of Annamária Artner, József Böröcz, György Földes and Tamás Gerőcs. In our previous issues we published the contributions by Annamária Artner, György Földes and Tamás Gerőcs, now we publish the reflections and rejoinder of József Böröcz to these..... 52

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What role for the developmental state in the 21st century? What state structures and political institutions will best equip nations trying to enter the ranks of “developed” countries? The author offers two interconnected propositions. The first stresses continuity: the “developmental state” will continue to play a crucial role in economic growth and social transformation in the 21st century, just as it did in the latter half of the 20th century. The second is more radical: successful 21st century developmental states will have to depart fundamentally from existing models of the developmental state in order to achieve success. Growth strategies focused primarily on traditional capital accumulation will no longer suffice..... 86

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