

This interdisciplinary project, financed by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Polish Academy of Sciences, deals with the impact of post-feudal noble legacy on the formation of citizenship models in Central Europe, especially in Poland and Hungary. It widens the horizon of research on citizenship in Europe by taking into consideration this particular Central European pattern characterized by the strong position of gentry heritage, the special role of the intelligentsia, and a relatively poor bourgeois tradition. These characteristics are scrutinized in three steps: i) applying empirical and conceptual methods; ii) opening new theoretical vistas; iii) discussing and disseminating the outcomes. Members of the research group are: Rafał Smoczyński and Zbigniew Mikołajko (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences); Ferenc Hörcher, Gábor Gángó, Gábor Kovács, Béla Mester.