

# IPW LECTURES

## Civil and Uncivil Society in Central Eastern Europe

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### **Abstract:**

Central and Eastern Europe recently appears in the media not only because of changes grouped under the umbrella term 'illiberal democracies'. What is also noticed are the growing grassroots protests and campaigns which are increasingly engaging citizens. In the last few years the often-repeated cliché of weak civil societies in Central and Eastern Europe cannot hold anymore against rich empirical evidence showing the opposite. Thus, some researchers are attempting not only to explain this phenomenon, but also show the local characteristics of these mobilizations.