



**Activity summary of CIAS research fellow in Budapest**

Grant category:  junior  senior  non-resident senior

**Name:**

Kristian L. Nielsen

**Home institute (name, position, country):**

Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

**Academic Year / Semester:**

2022/2023, Spring

**Duration:**

5 months

**Project title:**

EU Soft Power Strategies in its Backyard

**Project description\*:**

I am working on a project on EU strategies for influencing the countries in its immediate neighbourhood – Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans – and steering them towards closer integration. To this end I am focusing particularly on how the EU has sought to change the incentive structure for these countries by seeking to attract them to the EU's side, whether through economic integration and what it has to offer, and through soft power.

**Achieved result(s)\*:**

One article was submitted and is now advancing in the review process.

Another will be submitted next week.

**Connected publications\***

1.

**Title:** Integration Maturity of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: Has DCFTA helped prepare them for the EU accession process? (together with Dzenita Siljak)

**Date of submission:** 20/1/2023

**Journal:** *East European Politics and Societies*

**Journal category (if applicable):**  Q1  Q2  Q3

**Status:**  accepted/published  in progress  planned

2.

**Title:** Fatal Attraction: Ukraine, EU Soft Power and the Capability-Expectations Gap

**Date of submission:** 23/6/2023

**Journal:** European Security

**Journal category** (if applicable):  Q1  Q2  Q3

**Status:**  accepted/published  in progress  planned

**Professional collaborations, partnerships\***

1.

Name: Piotr Zmyslony

Institution: CIAS/Posnan

Field of research: Political science

Future plans for joined research: Collaboration on an article on soft power and cultural diplomacy

2.

Name: Dzenita Siljak

Institution: Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of Global Studies

Field of research: Economics

Future plans for joined research: We plan to continue working on the topic of integration maturity of Western Balkans and East European countries.

**Additional activities\*** (public lectures, presentations, professional meetings, media connections etc.):

1. I participated at the Budapest Balkans Forum, as a representative of CIAS, 9-10 March 2023.
2. Attended the Eurint conference in Iasi, Romania, representing CIAS, presented a working paper in progress, 19-20 May 2023.
3. I gave a guest lecture in the Corvinus course *International Political Economy* on the Ukraine war's impact on the European and global economies. 12 May 2023.
4. I co-organized the visit of Dr. Emir Suljagic, Director of the Srebrenica Memorial Center, who gave a series of talks and lectures at Corvinus, 8-9 May 2023.

**Future plans, planned return** (if any):

- I plan to return to Hungary later  
 I plan to maintain my professional contacts via e-mail  
 Any other comment:

Date: 14 June 2023

Signature:

