



The **Danube Institute** and the
**Department of Political Science of the
Pázmány Péter Catholic University**
cordially invite you to a lecture to be given by



Christopher Collins

director of the **Margaret Thatcher Foundation (UK)**, on

Thatcher, Reagan and the “Hungarian Compromise” 1979-1984

This public lecture uses newly-released documents from British, American and Hungarian archives to examine the policy of the British and US governments towards Hungary 1979-84. It traces the rise in Western interest in Hungary in the light of martial law in Poland. There is new information on the Hungarian financial crisis of 1982 and the arguments it prompted between the United States and its allies as to the policy of 'differentiation' between states in the Soviet-controlled Eastern bloc. There is discussion of Western policy during Andropov's brief ascendancy and the decision on the part of Margaret Thatcher and the British Government to promote greater contact with the East, prompting her acceptance of the long-standing Hungarian invitation to visit.

Date: Tuesday, 25th February 2014, 4.00 pm

Venue: Pázmány Péter Catholic University
Sophianum, Room 203
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