Notes on the Contributors

Frank H. Aarebrot (b. 1947) is professor of comparative politics at the University of Bergen, Norway. He is the author and co-author of numerous articles and chapters within the field of comparative politics, among others: 'Analysis and Explanation of Variation in Territorial Structure', in Stein Rokkan et al., *Centre-Periphery Structures in Europe* (Campus Verlag 1987). He has published *The Political History of Eastern Europe in the 20th Century* (with Sten Berglund, Edward Elgar 1997), *The Handbook of Political Change in Eastern Europe* (co-edited and co-authored with Sten Berglund and Tomas Hellén, Edward Elgar 1998), *Politics and Citizenship on the Eastern Baltic Seaboard* (co-edited and co-authored with Terje Knutsen, Nordic Academic Press 2000) and *Challenges to Democracy: Eastern Europe Ten Years after the Collapse of Communism* (co-authored with Sten Berglund, Henri Vogt and Georgi Karasimeonov, Edward Elgar 2001).

Sten Berglund (b. 1947) is professor of political science at the University of Örebro, Sweden. His previous publications include *The New Democracies in Eastern Europe: Party Systems and Political Cleavages* (co-edited and co-authored with Jan Åke Dellenbrant, Edward Elgar 1991 and 1994), *The Political History of Eastern Europe in the 20th Century* (with Frank Aarebrot, Edward Elgar 1997), *The Handbook of Political Change in Eastern Europe* (co-edited and co-authored with Tomas Hellén and Frank Aarebrot, Edward Elgar 1998), *Challenges to Democracy: Eastern Europe Ten Years after the Collapse of Communism* (co-authored with Frank Aarebrot, Henri Vogt and Georgi Karasimeonov, Edward Elgar 2001) and *Baltic Democracy at the Crossroads: An Elite Perspective* (co-edited with Kjetil Duvold, Norwegian Academic Press 2003).

Tomaž Boh (b. 1976) is a doctoral student at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and a research assistant at the Centre for Political Research at the same faculty.

William Crowther (b. 1952) is professor of political science at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and co-director of the Parliamentary Documents Center, USA. He is the author of numerous scholarly works on various aspects of Romanian and Moldovan politics, and is currently engaged in a comparative study of post-communist legislatures.

Goran Čular (b. 1968) is a research assistant and a Ph.D. candidate at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia. His research interests include political parties, party systems and democratic consolidation. His publications include 'Political Development in Croatia 1990–2000: Fast Transition – Postponed Consolidation', in *Croatian Political Science Review* (2000).

Kevin Deegan-Krause (b. 1968) is an assistant professor of political science at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, USA. His teaching and research in comparative politics focuses on the relationship between attitudes and political behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe, especially the former Czechoslovakia and the former Yugoslavia. His works have appeared in journals including *Party Politics* and the *Journal of Democracy* and in a number of edited volumes. He is currently completing a book about the role of political parties and political cleavages in the democratic consolidation of Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

Kjetil Duvold (b. 1971) is a doctoral student at the University of Örebro, Sweden. He has been a visiting lecturer in Lithuania for the EuroFaculty and the University of Bergen for several years. He has published several articles on the Baltic countries, including 'From Homo Sovieticus to Balts: Colonisers, Migrant Workers or a New Diaspora?', in Frank Aarebrot and Terje Knutsen, eds, *Politics and Citizenship on the Eastern Baltic Seaboard* (Nordic Academic Press 2000), and he has published *Baltic Democracy at the Crossroads: An Elite Perspective* (co-edited with Sten Berglund, Norwegian Academic Press 2003).

Joakim Ekman (b. 1970) holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Örebro, Sweden. His current research interests comprise European politics, democratization and political socialization, and his most recent works include *National Identity in Divided and Unified Germany* (doctoral thesis, 2001) and 'Satisfaction with democracy: A note on a frequently used indicator in comparative politics', in *European Journal of Political Research*, Vol. 42, No. 3 (with Jonas Linde, 2003).

Marian Grzybowski (b. 1945), is full professor of constitutional comparative law, Head of Chair at the Jagiellonian University of Cracow,

and Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Republic of Poland. His research focuses on comparative constitutional studies of Scandinavia, Central Europe, the United States and Canada. He is the author of 14 books, including *Governments in Central-Eastern Europe* (1980), *The Modern Political Systems of Scandinavia* (1989), *The Federal Executive in the USA* (1992), *Electoral Systems of Central Europe* (1995) and *The Parliament of Canada* (1996).

Yuri Josanu (b. 1967) as an associate professor of political science at the International Institute of Management in Chishinau, Moldova. He received his doctorate in 1997 from Babes Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Mindaugas Jurkynas (b. 1972) is a lecturer and Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania. He is currently working in the project 'Baltic Sea Area Studies: The Northern Dimension of Europe', at the Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. His research focuses on party politics and cleavages in Lithuania and region-building processes in the Baltic Sea region. He has written and published widely on Baltic politics.

Georgi Karasimeonov (b. 1949) is professor of political science at the University of Sofia, Bulgaria, managing director of the Institute for Political and Legal Studies in Sofia, and president of the Bulgarian Political Science Association. His main research interests and publications are in the fields of political parties, political institutions, post-communist transition and constitutional law.

Mikko Lagerspetz (b. 1963) is professor of sociology at the Estonian Institute of Humanities, Tallinn, Estonia. He was born and educated in Turku, Finland, but has been a resident of Estonia since 1989. His research has focused on social problems, cultural policies, and civil society. He has authored *Constructing Post-Communism: A Study on the Estonian Social Problems Discourse* (Turku University 1996) and *Estonian Cultural Policy and its Impact* (with Rein Raud, Council of Europe 1995). His recent publications include 'How Many Nordic Countries? Possibilities and Limits of Geopolitical Identity Construction', *Cooperation & Conflict*, Vol. 38, No. 1 (2003).

Zdenka Mansfeldová (b. 1950) is senior research fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. Her current research interests include political parties, institutionalization of interest representation and social partnership. Her publications include *Pluralistic*

System of Interest Representation in Czech Society (1996), *Zerfall der Tschechoslowakei: strukturelle Ursachen und Parteihandeln* (1995), *Social Partnership in the Czech Republic* (1997) and *Post-Communist Party Systems: Competition, Representation and Inter-Party Cooperation* (with Herbert Kitschelt, Radoslaw Markowski and Gábor Tóka, Cambridge University Press 1999).

Piotr Mikuli (b. 1977) is a constitutional lawyer and a doctoral fellow associated with the Chair of Comparative Constitutional Law, the Law and Administration Faculty of the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. He is interested in constitutional and administrative justice, political systems and constitutional rules in comparative perspective. His doctorate concerns the constitutional system of the United Kingdom. He is the author and the co-author of a number of publications dealing with Polish and European constitutional issues.

Hermann Smith-Sivertsen (b. 1962) is an assistant professor of political science at the Department of Business Administration and Political Science at Buskerud College in Kongsberg, Norway. His current research is focused on party systems, party organizations and mass politics in Latvia and Lithuania. His most recent English-language publication is 'Civil Society in the Baltic States: Participation and NGOs', in Frank Aarebrot and Terje Knutsen, eds, *Politics and Citizenship on the Eastern Baltic Seaboard* (Nordic Academic Press 2000).

Bojan Todosijević (b. 1966) is a doctoral candidate at the Department of Political Science of the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. His research interests include political psychology, electoral behaviour, political tolerance, and political representation. His most recent publication is 'Structure versus culture again: Corporatism and the "new politics" in 16 Western European Countries', in *European Journal of Political Research* Vol. 42, No. 5 (with Zsolt Enyedi, 2003).

Gábor Tóka (b. 1962) is an assistant professor at the Department of Political Science of the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. He is co-author of *Post-Communist Party Systems: Competition, Representation and Inter-Party Cooperation* (with Herbert Kitschelt, Zdenka Mansfeldová and Radoslaw Markowski, Cambridge University Press 1999), and author of the *Inventory of Political Attitude and Behaviour Surveys in East Central Europe and the former Soviet Union 1989–97* (Edwin Ferger Verlag 2000). He has published articles on electoral behaviour, political parties, and democratic consolidation, most recently in *Do Political Campaigns Matter?* (edited by David M. Farrell and Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, Routledge 2002).

Henri Vogt (b. 1967) is senior research fellow at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki, Finland. He holds a D.Phil. in politics from the University of Oxford. His publications include *Between Utopia and Disillusionment: A Narrative of the Political Transformation in Eastern Europe* (Berghahn Books 2004) and *Challenges to Democracy: Eastern Europe Ten Years after the Collapse of Communism* (co-authored with Sten Berglund, Frank Aarebrot and Georgi Karasimeonov, Edward Elgar 2001). His current research concerns the dialogue between the European Union and Africa within the framework of globalization and democratization discourses.

Drago Zajc (b. 1938) is a professor at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and president of the Slovene Political Science Association. His main fields of academic interest are human rights and parliamentary procedure. His publications include *The Role of the Slovene Parliament in the Process of Democratization* (1993) and *The Influence of the Electoral System on the Composition of Parliaments* (1996).

Nenad Zakošek (b. 1957) is professor of political science at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia. His research focuses on voters' behaviour in Croatia, the development of political parties and party systems, and theories of social development. Since 2000, he has been editor-in-chief of *Politička misao*, the Croatian political science journal, the oldest such journal in Eastern Europe. His recent publications include 'Das politische System Kroatiens', in Wolfgang Ismayr, ed., *Die politischen Systeme Osteuropas* (Leske + Budrich 2002) and 'Wahlen in Kroatien 1990–2000', in Klaus Ziemer, ed., *Wahlen in postsozialistischen Staaten* (Leske + Budrich 2003).

the first part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the second part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the third part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the fourth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the fifth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the sixth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the seventh part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the eighth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the ninth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the tenth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the

the first part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the second part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the third part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the fourth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the fifth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the sixth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the seventh part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the eighth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the ninth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the tenth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the

the first part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the second part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the third part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the fourth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the fifth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the sixth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the seventh part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the eighth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the ninth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the
the tenth part of the paper, we discuss the importance of the