## DEFICIT AND DEBT IN TRANSITION

The Political Economy of Public Finances in Central and Eastern Europe

Edited by ISTVAN BENCZES

**5 CEU PRESS** 

Central European University Press Budapest-New York

## **Table of Contents**

	Acknowledgements	vii
	List of Tables	ix
	List of Figures	xi
	List of Boxes	xiii
	List of Abbreviations	xiv
	List of Contributors	xvi
In	troduction: Political Economy and Public Finances  Istvan Benczes	1
I.	Cross-Country Analysis of Public Finances in Central and Eastern Europe	13
I.		13 15
I.	<ul><li>and Eastern Europe</li><li>1. Economic Freedom and Public Debt in Central and</li></ul>	
I.	<ol> <li>and Eastern Europe</li> <li>Economic Freedom and Public Debt in Central and Eastern Europe – <i>Oliver Treidler</i></li> <li>Political Business Cycles: Theory and Empirical Findings</li> </ol>	15

Eastern Europe	Central and 105
<ol> <li>Passive Macroeconomic Populism in t Gabor Kutasi</li> </ol>	he Baltics – 107
6. Values, Norms, and Beliefs: The Case <i>Judit Kozenkow</i>	of Poland –
<ol> <li>Critical Junctures and Unintended Co The Case of Hungary – <i>Istvan Benczes</i></li> </ol>	1
8. Structural Reforms in a Low-Trust Er The Case of Slovakia – <i>Dora Gyorffy</i>	vironment:
<ol><li>Europeanization with a Detour: The Office Fruzsina Siger</li></ol>	Case of Croatia – 197
Index	219