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VALUE SYSTEMS IN THE HUNGARIAN SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNANCE REFORMS

The study introduces two significant Hungarian sub-national governance reforms and compare them from the specific aspect of their inherent values. The topic of sub-national governance reform is a current issue because fundamental changes have taken place in this field recently. The substrata of the decentralized Hungarian sub-national governance structure were laid down after the transition in 1991. The new regime has transformed this system from 2011, creating a more centralized structure.

Our empirical research studies parliamentary debates of the two sub-national reform process and attempts to reveal their differences and similarities. The analysis focuses on values used as rhetorical devices. We intend to test our hypothesis that the two periods show significant differences in political elite's approaches to the conception of selfgovernance.