British Elections Live Blog!

As a part of our elections series, Centre for Fair Political Analysis will be covering the British elections live on its blog. To launch our project, Attila Tibor Nagy, wrote about the television debates that took place not long ago. As the governing Conservative party and the opposition Labour is head to head in the polls, these debates were exceptionally important, even more so as they are relatively new to British political tradition. The year 2010 brought a real novelty to politics in Great Britain, as the leaders of the three most important parties at the time debated one another face to face live for the first time. The party leaders television debate was repeated this time around as well, although – mainly because of David Cameron's wish – not in its earlier form. This time the leaders of the seven parties that were ruled to be most relevant – the Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats, SNP, the Greens, UKIP, and the Party of Wales – fought against one another at the beginning of the campaign. This was just one of the series of debates however. Throughout the campaign, voters had a chance to call party leaders to account, especially concerning the funds necessary to cover their promises. In this sense, the campaign taught voters to think about the viability of promises which is a positive thing about the elections whatever the outcome will be. According to Nagy, it is unfortunate that the 2010 and 2014 electoral campaigns in Hungary did not have such an educational value, as there was hardly any real debate, and especially no television between the party leaders.

Follow our Hungarian live blog as we analyze the results Thursday night from 20:00 CET!