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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Research Fellow
Political Science Department
Central European University

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PAST & VISITING POSITIONS

Lecturer – McDaniel College; Budapest Campus, Hungary (2014-16)

Lecturer – Babes Bolyai University; Cluj Napoca, Romania (2008-9)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Minority rights and accommodation, identity and value politics, populism and the challenge of diversity, political discourse and the public sphere, hate speech, gender politics and discrimination, Europeanization of political parties

DEGREES

2006 – Ph.D. in Political Science – Magna cum Laude; Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Dissertation: Multicultural Pluralism: Towards a Normative Theory of Ethnic Relations

2002 – MA with Distinction in International Relations; International University of Japan; Niigata, Japan

1999 – MA with Distinction in Political Science; Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

1998 – BA in Political Science and International Relations; BA in Journalism and Mass Communications; American University in Bulgaria; Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

THESIS SUPERVISION TOPICS

Multiculturalism, language use, minority political representation, media discourse, domestic violence, Roma education, Israeli-Palestinian conflict, terrorism in Nigeria, authoritarian preferences, Sino-Tibetan conflict, political campaigning, Syrian migrant flow, party systems in Eastern Europe, Europeanization, religious conflict, public attitudes towards minorities.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Investigator (2017-2021) – Comparative Populism, project under CEU Intellectual Themes Initiative

Senior Research Fellow (2014-2017) – Less Hate, More Speech – An Experimental and Comparative Study in Media and Political Elites' Ability to Nurture Civil, Tolerant, Pro-Democratic Citizens, project under the Norwegian Grant Scheme

Research Fellow (2014-2018) – CUPESSSE – Cultural Pathways to Economic Self-Sufficiency and Entrepreneurship, project under the EU’s 7th Framework Program.

Co-investigator (2012-2016) – Citizenship after the Nation State (CANS), project under an ESRC award, University of Edinburgh

Research Fellow (2007-2013) – EUROSPHERE – Diversity and the European Public Sphere. Towards a Citizens’ Europe; project under the EU’s 6th Framework Program.

Research Fellow (2005 – 2006) –INTUNE – Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in an Ever Closer Europe; project under the EU’s 6th Framework Program.

Research Fellow (2004) – Study on Political Attitudes in Central-Eastern Europe – Hungary, European University Institute

Country Reporter (2004) – CIVICACTIVE – Determinants of Active Civic Participation at EU and National Level (Hungary); project under the EU’s 6th Framework Program

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “In the Name of the Family: The Populist Turn against Gender in Hungary” in Martin Mejstrik and Vladimir Handl (eds.) *Current Populism in Europe: Gender-Backlash and Counter-strategies*. Prague: Heinrich Böll Stiftung. 2021: 37-52.
- “Orbán’s Hungary: Illiberal Democracy and the EU,” [blog post] Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies (IACES) Feb 9, 2021. Retrieved from <https://www.iaces.ie/post/orb%C3%A1n-s-hungary-illiberal-democracy-and-the-eu>
- “Hijacking Religion for the Sake of the Nation – Illiberal Democracy in Hungary,” in Anja Hennig and Mirjam Weiberg-Salzmann (eds.) *Illiberal Politics and Religion: Actors, Ideologies, and Identity Narratives in Europe*. Frankfurt/Main-New York: Campus Verlag. 2021: 127-158.
- “By the Sweat of Your Parents’ Brow: Self-Sufficiency of Young Adults and Intergenerational Transmission of Values and Resources in Hungary,” with Daniel Koverek in Jale Tosun, Daniela Pauknerová and Bernhard Kittel (eds.) *Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Self-Sufficiency*. Palgrave Macmillan. 2021: 209-235.
- Migration and Border-Making. Reshaping Policies and Identities*. with Jochen Roose and Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski (eds.). Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. June 2020.
- “Fencing in the Boundaries of the Community: Migration, Nationalism and Populism in Hungary” in Robert Sata, Jochen Roose and Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski (eds.): *Migration and Border-Making. Reshaping Policies and Identities*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. June 2020: 1-33.
- “Patterns and Implications of Migration and Rebordering” with Jochen Roose and Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski in Robert Sata, Jochen Roose and Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski (eds.): *Migration and Border-Making. Reshaping Policies and Identities*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. June 2020: 52-75.
- “Caesarean Politics in Hungary and Poland,” with Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski in *East European Politics*, 36:2, 206-225. DOI: 10.1080/21599165.2019.1703694.
- “Saviour of Europe, Foe of the EU: Illiberal Populist Discourse in Hungary” in Dagmar Kusa and James Griffith (eds), *Demos vs. Polis? Responsible Citizenship in Post-transitional Societies*. Bratislava: Kritika & Kontext. 2019.

- “Agonistic Politics of the European Parliament: Party and Party Group Alignments and Voting Behavior.” in Hakan G. Sicakkan (ed.) *Integration, Diversity and the Making of a European Public Sphere*. Edward Elgar Press. 2016: 155-182.
- "Citizenship and identity: being Hungarian in Slovakia and Romanian in Serbia and Ukraine." With Iglesias Danero and Ágnes Vass. *Minority Studies* 18. 2016: 15-32.
- “Állampolgárság és identitás - Magyaroknak lenni Szlovákiában, románoknak lenni Szerbiában és Ukrajnában.” With Iglesias Danero and Ágnes Vass. *Pro minoritate : a határokon túl élő kisebbségekért* Winter 2015: 59-77.
- "Gendered Identity Constructions in Political Discourse: The Cases of Denmark and Hungary." with Lise Rolandsen Agustin. *Gender and Politics* 5. 2013: 60-77.
- "Multicultural Dialogues: Diversity, Gender and Immigration in the European Public Sphere." in: Birte Siim and Monika Mokre (eds.) *Negotiating Gender and Diversity in an Emergent European Public Sphere*. London: Palgrave MacMillan. 2013: 97–121.
- “Political Parties and the Politics of Diversity in the European Public Sphere” *Javnost - The Public* 19.1 (2012). 51-66.
- "Party and EP Party Group Alignments on European Integration and Voting Behavior in the EP." *EUROSPHERE* (2012): 182.
- Diversity and the European Public Sphere: The Case of Hungary*. With Beata Huszka, Anna Selmeczi, and Andras Bozoki. Bergen: Eurosphere. 2010.
- “The Boundaries of Diversity and the Extent of Europeanization – the Case of Hungary” *Eurosphere Working Paper* No. 29/2010.
- "Multinational Pluralism–Rethinking Multiculturalism as an Approach to Diversity and Cultural Difference." in: Christian Lammert and Katja Sarkowsky (eds.) *Travelling Concepts. Negotiating Diversity in Canada and Europe* .VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, (2010): 193-210.
- "Does Europe Matter? The Europeanization of Political Parties across Europe and the Fragmentation of European Public Spheres." *Eurosphere Task Group Report* 5 (2010).
- “The Geopolitics of Minority Politics: Minority Rights under Europeanization in East-Central Europe” in: Sabine Fischer, Heiko Pleines, Hans-Henning Schröder (eds.) *The EU and Central and Eastern Europe. Successes and Failures of Europeanization in Politics and Society*. Stuttgart: Ibidem Publishers. 2009. 15-25.
- “The Quadric Model of Ethnic Relations: The Hungarian Minorities in Slovakia and Romania” in: Sabine Fischer, Heiko Pleines, Hans-Henning Schröder (eds). *Crises and Conflicts in Eastern European States and Societies: Stumbling Blocks or Stepping Stones for Democratisation?* Stuttgart: Ibidem Publishers. 2008: 45-56.
- “Violence against Women in European Societies: East and West” with Noemi Kakucs in: Sabine Fischer, Heiko Pleines, Hans-Henning Schröder (eds). *Movements, Migrants, Marginalisation: Challenges of Societal and Political Participation in Eastern Europe and the Enlarged EU*. Stuttgart: Ibidem Publishers. 2007: 57-80.
- “Social Inequality and Why It Matters for the Economic and Democratic Development of Europe and Its Citizens: Post-communist Central and Eastern Europe in Comparative Perspective: Hungary,” with Eva Fodor and Olga Toth, *Deliverable 2, Desk Research, EUREQUAL*. (2006).

Translation: “Herman Schmitt-Jacques Thomassen: Az Európai Unió pártrendszere a keleti bővítés után” in Hungarian, in Gabor Toka - Agnes Batory (eds) *A 2004. évi európai parlamenti választások*. DKMKA – Budapest. 2006. 225-246.

Translation: “Bátory Ágnes – Husz Dóra: Az első magyarországi európai parlamenti választások” in: István Hegedűs (ed.): *A magyarok bemenetele. Tagállamként a bővülő Európai Unióban*. Budapest: Demokrácia Kutatások Magyar Központja Alapítvány, 2006. 181-214.

“Cultural Identity in the Global and IT Age,” in Prize-Winning Papers, Foundation of International Education, Tokyo, Japan. May 2002: 9-19.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Illiberal Populism: A Synergy of Xenophobic nationalism, Identitarian Religion and Anti-Gender Mobilization?” Presented at 2021 ASN Convention, Columbia University, USA. Online. 5-8 May 2021.

“Does Lockdown Matter? Determinants of Political Support in Poland and Hungary” with Marta Zerkowska-Balas. Presented at IPSA Joint-RC Colloquium “Disruption, Crisis, Opportunity: Whither Democratic Governance?,” Online. 14-15 December 2020.

“Silencing Women – The Populist Discourse of Illiberal Democracy” Presented at the ECPR General Conference, University of Wrocław, Wrocław, Poland. 4-7 September 2019.

“Build the Wall – narratives of exclusionary identity in right-wing populism” Presented at the Fourth Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, Tartu, Estonia. 9-11 June 2019.

“Caesarean Politics in Hungary and Poland,” with Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski presented at the 5th Prague Populism Conference: "Current Populism in Europe: What's Next?" Charles University of Prague, Prague, Czech Republic. 27-28 May 2019.

“The Christian Nation of the Illiberal State in Hungary” Presented at the 24th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, USA. 2-4 May 2019.

“Savior of Europe, Foe of the EU – Illiberal Populist Discourse in Hungary” Presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, UC Louvain, Mons, Belgium. 8-12 April 2019.

“Breaking EU’s Eastern Democracies – Populism in Romania and Hungary” Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Hamburg University, Hamburg, Germany. 22-25 August 2018.

“The Nationalist Turn of Populism in Illiberal Democracy” Presented at the 4th Prague Populism Conference: Current Populism in Europe Culture, History, Identity. Prague, Czech Republic. 21-22 May 2018.

“European politics in times of crisis – Populist nationalism as the breaker of the EU?” Presented at the 2018 European Community Studies Association Biennial Conference, York University. Toronto, Canada, 9-11 May 2018.

“Hijacking Religion for the Sake of the Nation – Illiberal Democracy in Hungary” Presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus. 10-14 April. 2018.

“Hungarian New Nationalism: Populist, Xenophobic and Eurosceptic” Presented at “The New Nationalism: Populism, Authoritarianism, and Anti-globalization,” 28th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), London School of Economics, London, UK. 27-28 March 2018.

“Illiberal Politics – Populist Nationalism in Hungary,” Presented at ECPR General Conference, Oslo University, Oslo, Norway. 6-9 September 2017.

“Illiberal citizenship – Populist nationalism in Hungary.” Presented at ECPR SG Citizenship and Identity Workshop, University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, UK. 7-8 June 2017.

“Opening the Door to the Radical Right – Is there a Way Back?” Presented at ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK. 25-30 April 2017.

“Fencing off Migrants - The Rise of Populist Nationalism in Hungary” Presented at PSA 67th Annual International Conference, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK. 10-12 April 2017.

“Spoiled for choice – The identity (trans)formation of non-territorial citizenship” Presented at ECPR General Conference, Charles University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic. 7-10 September 2016.

“Abundance of citizenship - The identity (trans)formation of non-territorial citizenship.” Presented at Traces of Multiculturalism in Central Europe,” University of Wroclaw and University of Alberta, Wroclaw, Poland. 21-23 June 2016.

“Fencing off Migrants – Populist Nationalism in Hungary.” Presented at Nationalism, Migration and Population Change, 26th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), London School of Economics, London, UK. 19-21 April 2016.

“Citizens or Minorities? The Effects of Dual Citizenship for Ethnic Minorities in Central Europe.” Presented at ECPR General Conference, University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, 26-29 August 2015.

“Immigrant Integration in Times of Crisis.” Presented at ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops 2015, Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland. 29 March-2 April 2015.

“European Discourses of Minority Integration – an Abandonment of Minority Rights?” Presented at New Perspectives in European Studies: Europeanisation in the EU and the Neighborhood, Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK, 6-7 March 2015.

“Cracking Fortress Europe? Party Preferences on Diversity and Immigration.” Presented at the 2014 General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, University of Glasgow, 3 - 6 September 2014.

“Intersectional Dialogues: Ethnic Diversity, Migration, and Gender Equality in Trans-European Political Discourse.” Presented at the 2014 Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, USA, 24-26 April 2014.

“Migration in Europe: Transnationalisation of Party Preferences?” Presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops 2014, Universidad de Salamanca, Salamanca, Spain, 10 - 15 April 2014.

“Challenges of European Integration – Diversity and Immigration in Political Discourses of Integration.” Presented at the Bergen International Migration and Ethnic Relations Research Unit, Uni Rokkan Center, Bergen. 26 April 2013.

“European Public Spheres: Agents of Transnationalization?” Presented at ISA Annual Convention, The Politics of International Diffusion: Regional and Global Dimensions, San Francisco, USA. 3-6 April 2013.

“The Quadric Nexus of European Minority Politics.” Presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, Germany, 11 - 16 March 2013.

“Evolving theory and practice of self-determination and territorial autonomy.” Presented at the ISC Territorial Autonomy in European Perspective, Ustron, Poland, 12-14 November 2012.

“Political Parties in multicultural dialogues: diversity and Europeanization in political discourse”. Solidarity Beyond the Nation State: Diversity, (In)equality and Crisis, RECODE Seminar, Aalborg University, Aalborg, Denmark, 11-12 October 2012.

“Diversity Politics: Citizenship, Migration, and Asylum in Europe.” Presented at the 2012 Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, USA, 19-21 April 2012.

“Does Europe Matter? Political Discourses on European Integration.” Presented at the 2012 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, University of Antwerp, Belgium 10-15 April 2012.

“Political Discourses of Diversity and Immigration Across Europe.” Presented at the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Reykjavik, Iceland, 24-27 August 2011.

“The Cultural Dimensions of Immigration Policy Across Europe.” Presented at the 2011 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, W12: Migration Politics. From Politics and Policy to Citizens’ and Migrants’ Behaviour. European Consortium for Political Research, St Gallen, Switzerland. 12-17 April 2011.

“A Divided United: Diversity and Europeanization in Hungary.” Paper presented at “Nations and States: on the map and in the mind,” 15th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, USA. 15-17 April 2010.

“Divided or United – Diversity and Europeanization in Hungary.” Presented at the 60th Political Science Association Annual Conference, Edinburgh, UK, 29 March-1 April 2010.

“Does Europe Matter? Europeanization of Political Parties in Hungary.” Paper presented at the 2010 ECPR Joint Session of Workshops, WS 11: The Europeanization of National Political Parties. European Consortium for Political Research, Muenster, Germany, 22-27 March 2010.

“European Diversity – A Place for Cultural Borrowing?” Presented at the 5th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Panel: Redefining the boundaries of the political: Complex diversity and the post-liberal public sphere. Potsdam, Germany, 10-12 September 2009.

“Experiences from the East – Hungary’s Response to Europeanization.” Presented at the 5th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Panel: Boundaries and Diversity. Potsdam, Germany, 10-12 September 2009.

With Noemi Kakucs “Which Matters More? Addressing Various Forms of Inequality in Hungary.” Presented at the 2009 ECPR Joint Session of Workshops, WS 14: Institutionalising Intersectionality. European Consortium for Political Research, Lisbon, Portugal, 14-19 April 2009.

“The Geopolitics of Minority Politics: Minority Rights under Europeanization in East-Central Europe.” Presented at “Central and Eastern Europe in a Globalized World,” Research Centre for East European Studies at the University of Bremen (Germany) in cooperation with the EU Institute for Security Studies (Paris). July 2008.

“A Comprehensive Model of International and European Conflict Management,” Presented at the 2008 ECPR Joint Session of Workshops, University of Rennes, France, 11-16 April 2008.

“The quadric model of ethnic relations: The Hungarian minorities in Slovakia and Romania.” Presented at “Crises and Conflicts in Eastern European States and Societies: Stumbling Blocks or Stepping Stones for Democratization?” German Historical Institute, Warsaw, Poland. 2-8 September 2007.

“Splitting the Pie – Managing Multiple Identities in Europe.” Presented at “Life in Motion. Shifting Spaces, Transcending Times, Crossing Borders,” Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk

University and School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, Brno, Czech Republic. 28-30 June 2007.

“Multinational Pluralism – Rethinking Multiculturalism as an Approach to Diversity and Cultural Difference.” Presented at “Negotiating Diversity. Transatlantic Exchanges between Canada and Europe,” Zentrum für Nordamerika-Forschung (ZENAF), Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany. 19-21 April 2007.

“Multinational Pluralism – Redefining Multiculturalism. How liberal Can Multinationalism Be?” Presented at “Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia – Defining Ourselves and Being Defined: Globalization, Regionalism and Multiculturalism,” Russian and East European Studies, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA. 23-25 February 2007.

“Multicultural Pluralism - Reconciling Diverse Identities and Equal Citizenship.” Presented at 1st ECPR Graduate Conference Contentious Politics, University of Essex, Colchester, UK. 7-9 September 2006.

“Ethnic Relations – Strategic Interactions in a Quadric Nexus.” Presented at “Nationalism in an Age of Globalization,” 2006 Annual Convention – Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, USA. 23-25 March 2006.

“Cultural Borrowing and European Identities in the Global and IT Age.” Presented at “Inclusion and Exclusion,” 7th Annual International Postgraduate Conference, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, London, UK. 16-18 February 2006.

“European norms of self-determination.” Presented at “The Impact of Europeanization on Politics and Policy in Europe – Trends and Trajectories,” Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. 7-9 May 2004.

“Internationalization of standards of minority protection” Presented at “Incorporating Minorities in Europe,” Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA. 16-17 April 2004.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: *CEU Political Science Journal* (Editorial board); *Problems of Post-Communism*, *East European Politics*; *European Politics and Society*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *Studia Politica: Romanian Political Science Review* (Editorial Board); *Polish Political Science Review*; *The Liberal Herald*.

University-wide research groups: Political Economy Research Group (PERG); Political Behavior Research Group (POLBERG); Conflict and Security Research Group (CONSEC); Migration Research Group (MiRG); Middle East and North Africa Space (MENAS).

University service: Member of Re-accreditation committee of the Central European University (2017-18); Member of the Central European University Senate (2006-2012); Chair of the Disciplinary Committee (2009-2012); Member of the Equal Opportunity Committee and the IT Technology Committee (2006-2009).

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Local Organizer of the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, 2016-2021.

Numerous CEU internal grants at Central European University: Research Support Scheme, Academic Event Fund, Teaching Development Grants (2006 onwards)

ENLIGHTEN - European Legitimacy in Governing through Hard Times: the role of European Networks, 2015-2018.

SKGS - Resource Diplomacy in the Global South and the Making of a Global Economic Player: Korea's Natural Resource Policy in Frontier Markets, 2015-17.

POLPART - Political Participation – An International Comparative Research Project, 2014-2018.

CUPESSSE - Cultural Pathways to Economic Self-Sufficiency and Entrepreneurship: Family Values and Youth Unemployment in Europe, 2014-2018.

MINERVA - Culture in Power Transitions: Sino-American Conflict in the 21st Century, 2014-2017.

MAXCAP - Maximizing Europe's Integration Capacity: Lessons and Prospects for Enlargement, 2013-2016.

ELECDEM - Training Network in Electoral Democracy, 2009-2012.

GUSTO - Meeting the challenges of economic uncertainty and sustainability - through employment, industrial relations, social and environmental policies in Europe, 2009-2012.

ICaTSEM - Institutional Changes and Trajectories of Socio-Economic development Models, 2008-2012.

EUROPOLIS - A deliberative polity-making project, 2008-2010

PIREDEU - Providing an Infrastructure for Research on Electoral Democracy in the European Union, 2008-2011.

EUROSPHERE - Diversity and the European Public Sphere. Towards a Citizens' Europe, 2007-2012

RECWOWE - Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe, 2006-2010.

INTUNE - Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in an Ever Closer Europe, 2005-2009.

CIVICACTIVE - The Determinants of Active Civic Participation at European and National Level, 2004-2008.