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Education

- 10/10 – 04/14 **PhD in Political Sociology**, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Human, Social, and Political Science, Cambridge
- 09/07 – 05/09 **Master of Public Policy**, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (Major: Public Management)
- 09/01 – 07/07 **MSc Economics**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest (Major: Industrial Organization, Minor: Regional Studies)
- 09/01 – 07/07 **MA Pedagogy**, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest

Work Experience

- 08/18 - **Central European University – School of Public Policy**
- Assistant professor of public administration
- 10/10 - **Government Transparency Institute**
- Director working on the full range of research activities of the Institute since 11/13, research fellow between 10/10 and 10/13
 - Developing a new corruption risk measurement framework in public procurement, legislation, and creating new indicators of collusive bidding
- 03/14 – 05/18 **University of Cambridge - DIGIWHIST (Horizon-2020 funded research project)**
- Scientific coordinator for the project DIGIWHIST: large scale, Horizon2020 funded research project on public procurement data and corruption indicators across Europe and Caucasus
 - Post-doctoral researcher at the research project PrivMort (until 02/2015)
- 05/12 - 02/17 **Corvinus University of Budapest - ANTICORRP (FP7 funded research project)**
- Involved in Work Packages looking at the effectiveness of anticorruption policies in EU-funded infrastructure development and the effect of courts enforcing the EC Public Procurement Directive on public procurement practice in Member States
- 05/08 – 12/17 **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**
- Directorate for Education: consultant for projects Learning for Jobs and Skills Beyond School; co-authored country reviews (e.g. Germany)
 - Directorate for Public Governance: consultant contributing to Hungary integrity review and policy capture conceptual report
 - SIGMA: consultant reviewing governance indicators and proposing a new measurement framework in areas: public procurement, accountability
- 02/12 – 09/13 **École Nationale d'Administration (ENA) with University College London (UCL)**
- co-investigator in the project "Impact Assessments in Europe"
 - contributed to the overall research design, quality assurance, data analysis, and drafting research reports
- 11/09 – 10/10 **RAND Europe, Evaluation and Audit Team**
- associate analyst working on projects and proposals in the fields of institutional analysis, labour market, and education policy

Selected Recent Publications

- Fazekas, Mihály, & Kocsis, Gábor, (2020), [Uncovering High-Level Corruption: Cross-National Corruption Proxies Using Public Procurement Data](#). British Journal of Political Science, 50(1).
- Dávid-Barrett, Elizabeth & Fazekas, Mihály (2020) [Anti-corruption in aid-funded procurement: Is corruption reduced or merely displaced?](#) World Development. 132
- Bauhr, Monika, Czibik, Agnes, Fazekas, Mihály & de Fine Licht, Jenny, (2019), [Lights on the Shadows of Public Procurement. Transparency as an antidote to corruption](#). Governance. 33(3).
- Dávid-Barrett, Elizabeth & Fazekas, Mihály (2019), [Grand corruption and government change: an analysis of partisan favoritism in public procurement](#). European Journal of Criminal Policy and Research, 26.
- Broms, Rasmus, Dahlström, Carl, & Fazekas, Mihály, (2019), [Political Competition and Public Procurement Outcomes](#). Comparative Political Studies, 52(9)
- De Oliveira, Alexandre; Fabregas, Abdoulaye; Fazekas, Mihály. (2019): [Auction Length and Prices: Evidence from Random Auction Closing in Brazil](#). Policy Research Working Paper; no. WPS 8828. Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group.
- Fazekas, Mihály, & King, Peter Lawrence, (2019), [Perils of development funding? The tale of EU Funds and grand corruption in Central and Eastern Europe](#). Regulation & Governance, 13(3).
- Fazekas, Mihály and Tóth, Bence, (2018), [The extent and cost of corruption in transport infrastructure. New evidence from Europe](#). Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice, 113, July 2018.
- Fazekas, Mihály, Cingolani, Luciana & Tóth, Bence, (2018), [Innovations in Objectively Measuring Corruption in Public Procurement](#). In Helmut K. Anheier, Matthias Haber, and Mark A. Kayser (eds.) Governance Indicators. Approaches, Progress, Promise. Ch. 7. Oxford Uni. Press, Oxford.
- Fazekas, Mihály & Stéphane Saussier (2018), [Big Data in Public Procurement. Colloquium](#), in Gustavo Piga & Tünde Tátrai (Eds.) Law & Economics of Public Procurement Reform. Ch. 3. Routledge, London
- Nicholas Charron, Carl Dahlström, Mihály Fazekas, and Victor Lapuente, (2017), [Careers, Connections and Corruption Risks In Europe](#). Journal of Politics, 79(1).
- Fazekas, Mihály, (2017), [Red tape, bribery and government favouritism: evidence from Europe](#). Crime, Law and Social Change, 68(4).
- Fazekas, Mihály and Cingolani, Luciana, (2017), [Breaking the cycle? How \(not\) to use political finance regulations to counter public procurement corruption](#). Slavonic & East European Review, 95(1).
- Fazekas, Mihály, & Tóth, István János, (2017), [Corruption in EU Funds? Europe-wide evidence on the corruption effect of EU-funded public contracting](#). In J. Bachtler et al (Eds.), EU Cohesion Policy. Reassessing performance and direction. ch. 13. Routledge, London.
- Aytalina Azarova, Darja Irdam, Alexi Gugushvili, Mihály Fazekas et al, (2017), [The effect of rapid privatisation on mortality in mono-industrial towns in post-Soviet Russia: a retrospective cohort study](#). The Lancet, 2(5).
- Fazekas, Mihály and Tóth, István János, (2016), [From corruption to state capture: A new analytical framework with empirical applications from Hungary](#). Political Research Quarterly, 69(2).
- Fazekas, Mihály, Tóth, István János, and King, Lawrence, (2016), [An Objective Corruption Risk Index Using Public Procurement Data](#). European Journal of Criminal Policy and Research, 22(3).
- Fazekas, Mihály, & Nanopoulos, Eva, (2016), [The Effectiveness of EU law: Insights from the EU Legal Framework on Asset Confiscation](#). European Journal of Crime, Criminal Law & Criminal Justice, 24(1).

Grants

- Scientific coordinator for [DIGIWHIST](#): The Digital Whistleblower, an EU funded project collecting procurement data and developing corruption indicators. Budget: 3 million EUR
- Co-principal investigator for a World Bank financed impact evaluation project looking at the impact of the e-procurement system on corruption in Bangladesh. Budget: 1 million USD
- Co-principal investigator for a DFID-funded [research project](#) looking at curbing corruption in development aid. Budget: 900,000 GBP
- Lead researcher for [ANTICORRP](#) at Corvinus University of Budapest, EU financed project assessing anticorruption policies in Europe. Budget: 300,000 EUR (of total 10.4 million EUR)

Selected policy impacts

Estonian Ministry of Justice: It published its own calculations based on my data and methodology to inform local elections and highlight corruption risks in municipal administrations.

European Investment Bank: It uses my data and indicators to target audits across Europe.

Italian Anticorruption Agency: It changed its data collection processes as a result of my research pointing out systemic weaknesses.

OECD-Sigma: It uses my indicators and data to benchmark EU accession countries since 2017.

World Bank Latin America and Caribbean group actively promotes my work internally in the Bank and to client countries such as Peru, Brazil, and Paraguay organising workshops and developing online analytics tools.

Language Skills

Hungarian	mother tongue
English	speaking, reading, writing: fluent
French	speaking, reading, writing: intermediate level
German	speaking, reading: excellent; writing: intermediate level

Computer skills

Text editing programs	Microsoft Office, html programming, Latex, WordPress
Statistical programs	R, Stata, Tableau