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## **Education:**

Institution/Date	Degree
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 1980	University Doctor's degree (Political Economy) Thesis title: "Post World War II History of Polish Agriculture" (restricted circulation by the Institute of World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest 1972-1977	MA degree (Sociology, History), Thesis title: "Comparative Analysis of Socialist Industrialization of Bulgaria and Romania" (manuscript)

**Language skills:** 1 to 5 (1 = excellent; 5 = basic):

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Hungarian (mother tongue)	1	1	1
English	1	1	2
Russian	5		

## **Membership in professional bodies:**

- Member of The Atlantis Group (Group of former Education Ministers and Heads of States, since 2017)
- Member of the High Level Expert Group of iTEC, European Schoolnet (2011-2015)
- Founding and Board Member of Stichtung "Empower European Universities" (2010-2014)
- Member of the Selection Board, Erasmus Mundus and External Cooperation (2009-2011)
- Fellow, Education Impact (Creteil, France)(2011-2013)

- Member of the Governing Board, European Institute for Innovation and Technology (2008-2012)
- Member of the Hungarian Association of Sociology (since 1982)

***Present position:*** Research Fellow

***Research experience:***

2020-	Democracy Institute, Central European University, Budapest	Research Fellow	Sociology of Post-Communist Regimes
2010-2020	Financial Research Institute Plc., Budapest, Hungary	Senior researcher	Sociology of Post-Communist Regimes
1988-1990	Financial Research Institute Plc., Budapest, Hungary	Senior researcher	Review of reform initiatives in Hungarian agriculture and economy
1982-1987	Cooperative Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary	Senior researcher	Research on agrarian sociology and rural history of Hungary after World War II (researching the history of rich peasants, "kulaks"; review of reform initiatives in Hungarian agriculture)
1981	Research Institute of Culture, Budapest, Hungary	Researcher	Research on agrarian sociology and rural history of Hungary after World War II (researching the history of rich peasants, "kulaks")
1977-1981	Institute of World Economy, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary	Researcher	Researching the economy and social history of some Eastern European socialist countries after World War II (Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria)

***Experience in human rights issues and party politics:***

- 1990-2010: served as a member of the Hungarian Parliament and its parliamentary committees, including local governments, police, national security, informatics, social affairs and labour, foreign relations, EU affairs, EU programs; launched dozens of drafts of complete laws and modified proposals in his function as MP and Minister of Education (e.g., family abuse, gender issues).

- 1988-2009: since its foundation, one of the leaders of the Hungarian Liberal Party (Alliance of Free Democrats).
- 1998-2000: President of the Hungarian Liberal Party and Vice President of the Liberal International.
- Leader of the national and local election campaigns of the Alliance of Free Democrats in 1989, 1990 and 1994.
- Co-designer of several strategies and programs of the Hungarian Liberal Party (Alliance of Free Democrats).
- 1988-1990: took part in architecting the new democracy and negotiating with the Communist Party about the peaceful transition at the “National Roundtable” (formulating the new constitution, the laws on election, political parties, etc.).
- 1979-1990: as a human right activist, member of the “Democratic Opposition”, the anti-communist dissident movement in Hungary.

***Experience in Government:***

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2010 - 2015	Financial Research Institute Plc., Budapest, Hungary	Strategic Consultant, Senior Researcher	Developing strategies and spreading best practices of education policy in East European countries
2007-2008	Prime Minister's Office, Government, Budapest, Hungary	State Secretary for Development Policy (related to EU Funds)	Supervising human development projects of the EU Operative Program of Social Renewal and that of Social Infrastructure within the “New Hungary” National Development Plan, as well as the human development projects of the EU Regional Operative Programs; managing the planning processes of the above, with special focus on: Intelligent School Program, Infrastructure Development Program in Higher Education and Chance for Knowledge (Adult Education) Program
2006-2008	Government, Budapest, Hungary	Vice President of the National Development Council	Managing the social and operative forums for preparing the government’s decision making on development programs financed by the European Union.

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		(supervising EU Funds)	
2002-2006	Government, Budapest, Hungary	Minister of Education and Science	<p>Reform of public education with the following key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiating and introducing competency based education methods;</li> <li>• Integration program in public education for disadvantaged children; compulsory integration of disadvantaged children in desegregated mainstream classes;</li> <li>• Scholarship Program (support of 18,000 disadvantaged children);</li> <li>• Spread of digital literacy and culture in public education: by 2005 internet access was made available to all institutions in public education; installation of mobile ICT equipment in secondary schools;</li> <li>• Developing digital educational contents (School-Net Digital Knowledge Base);</li> <li>• Creating normative financial support in the state budget for information technology development in public education;</li> <li>• Spread of digital literacy and culture in the society (School-Net Express Program – 600,000 families received tax refund for computer equipment);</li> <li>• World - Language Programme (launching language preparatory classes in secondary schools).</li> </ul> <p>Reform of vocational training with the following key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launching Europass;</li> <li>• Introducing the National Qualification Framework based on the recommendations of the European Qualification Framework;</li> <li>• Transforming the National Qualification Catalogue on a modular base</li> <li>• Setting up Regional Integrated Centres for Vocational Training;</li> </ul>

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			<p>Reform of higher education with the following key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launching the ECTS;</li> <li>• Introducing the two-level competency based maturity exam system to replace higher education entrance exams;</li> <li>• Transforming the structure of Hungarian higher education to become compatible with the Bologna type higher education structure;</li> <li>• Transforming the system of student payments and revenues;</li> <li>• Renewing the infrastructure of higher education by means of a PPP (Public Private Partnership) programme;</li> <li>• Modernising the management and business structure of institutions in higher education;</li> <li>• Reforming the teacher education system: introducing a new Master's Degree in teacher education with competency based qualification requirements.</li> </ul> <p>Development of R&amp;D capacities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing and passing the Act on Innovation;</li> <li>• Setting up Innovation Funds (EUR 160 million per year);</li> <li>• Foundation of the National Office for Research and Technology.</li> </ul>
1998-2000	Alliance of Free Democrats (The Hungarian Liberal Party)	President	
1996-1998	Government, Budapest	Minister of Culture and	<p>In the area of public education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant changes introduced in the Public Education Law;</li> <li>• Development and introduction of the New National Core Curriculum;</li> <li>• Raising compulsory school age from 16 to 18</li> </ul>

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	Hungary	Education	<p>years;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Switching from the 4 + 4 + 4 education structure to the 6 + 6 education structure to spread competency based education;</li> <li>• Passing the decree on the two-level maturity exam;</li> <li>• Accepting the decree on unified teacher training;</li> <li>• Launching the normative system in in-service teacher training;</li> <li>• Spreading digital culture in public education: School-Net Program (providing internet connection to all Hungarian secondary schools;</li> <li>• Creating the School-Net website and a standard content service website;</li> </ul> <p>In the area of higher education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiating the higher education reform process;</li> <li>• Integrating the state institutes of higher education (bringing down the number of institutes from 66 to 31);</li> <li>• Introducing tuition fee based higher education as a supplement to state sponsored higher education;</li> <li>• Acknowledging university teachers' excellence by the introduction of the Széchenyi Professorial Scholarship;</li> <li>• Transforming the financing system in higher education; introducing normative subsidies;</li> <li>• Renewing educational, research and servicing infrastructures (Loan Agreement with the World Bank in a total value of EUR 200 million).</li> </ul> <p>In the area of culture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanding the resources of the National Cultural Fund; democratising its modus operandi);</li> <li>• Developing and passing the Act on Culture;</li> <li>• Developing and passing the Act on NGOs;</li> <li>• Foundation of the Museum of Contemporary Fine Arts;</li> <li>• Foundation of the Academy of Digital Literature.</li> </ul>

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1990-2010	Parliament, Hungary	Member of Parliament	Member, vice chairman of different parliamentary committees (local governments, police, national security, informatics, social affairs and labour, foreign relations, EU programs)

***International advisory activities since 2010:***

Country	Date from - to	Activity
Czech Republic	2015 (2 times)	ERRC (European Roma Right Center) (Ministerial level consultancy on Roma and inclusive education issues)
Romania	2014-2015 (8 times)	OSF MTM (Ministerial level consultancy promoting the effective use of EU Funds)
Tunisia	2013-2014 (3 times)	Club de Madrid, LEND, NDI Consultant on democratic transition and drafting new constitution
FYR Macedonia, Bulgaria	2014 (6 times)	OSI Consultant on Roma policy and inclusive education
Moldova	2012-2014 (15 times)	OSI HESP Ministerial level consultant (team leader) in implementing HE reform
Libya	2011 (1 time)	National Democratic Institute (NDI), USA: Political transition and democracy building, senior expert and adviser
Moldova	2010 (2 times)	UNICEF consultant in drafting Education Law
Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania	2010-2011 (several times)	Consultant in preparation of HE infrastructure development programs via PPP

***Teaching experience:***

**2017**

- Typology of Post-Communist Regimes (Hans Speier Visiting Professor of Sociology, The New School for Social Research, New York)

***Presenting at major international conferences (speaker, plenary speaker) since 2004:***

**2019**

- Cambridge Central European Conference, Cambridge, Great Britain
- Hannah Arendt Institute, Dresden, Germany
- Sakharov Center, Moscow, Russia
- Freedom Games, Lodz, Poland
- Jurmala, Riga, Latvia
- Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Germany
- European University, Florence, Italy
- VIIIth Eurasian Anti-Corruption Forum, Moscow, Russia

**2018**

- Transparency International, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
- Institute for Advanced Study, Budapest, Hungary
- Georgetown University, Washington DC, US
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, US
- UNTREF, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Conference at Gazeta Wyborcza, Warsaw, Poland
- International Memorial, Kostroma, Russia
- International Memorial, Moscow, Russia
- European University, Saint-Petersburg, Russia
- UC Irvine, California, US
- State University San Diego, US
- UC San Diego, California, US

**2017**

- 11th meeting of the Polish-Russian Club of Intellectuals, Warsaw, Poland
- Conference on Academic Freedom, Cologne, Germany
- Rutgers University, New Brunswick, US
- Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, US
- Berkeley University, San Francisco, US
- Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
- Chapel Hill, North Carolina, US
- Poland and Hungary - Two autocratic attempts to overthrow liberal democracy (Washington DC)
- 24th International Conference of Europeanists (Booklaunch, Glasgow)
- Corruption vs. Criminal State (Prague)
- Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany
- Global Education and Skills Forum, Dubai, UAE

**2017 Presentations about the Post-Communist Mafia State:**



- State University (Saint Petersburg)

**2016 Book talks about the „Post-Communist Mafia State - The Hungarian Case“:**

- European Parliament (Brussels),
- Columbia University (New York)
- New School (New York),
- Princeton University (Princeton)
- University of Indiana (Bloomington),
- Издательство «НЛЮ» представляет: «Анатомия посткоммунистического мафиозного государства на примере Венгрии» (Moscow),
- NED (Washington DC),
- Freedom House (New York),
- Sakharov Center (Moscow),
- Jeltsin Center (Yekatyerinburg),
- East and West Publishing House (Sofia)

**2015-2016 Presentations about the Post-Communist Mafia State:**

- Higher School of Economics (Moscow)
- Council of Europe (Hearing at the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, Paris)
- American University (Washington DC)
- Gazeta Wyborcza (Warsaw)
- Anglo-American University (Prague)
- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing)
- OSCE Academy (Kyrgyzstan)
- CEU, OSF, Financial Research Institute (Budapest)

**2014**

- International Conference on Populist Democracies in Central Europe (Prague, organized by the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**2013**

- Club de Madrid and LEND conference about the problems of democratic transition and the new constitution (Tunis)

**2012**

- OSI Prague conference on inclusive education, Prague
- EEU (Empowering European Universities) Conference, Budapest

**2011**

- iTEC Conference, Genova (“The uncertainty principle of ICT development”)
- Amnesty International Conference, Bratislava (“Equal Opportunities and Efficiency”, Plenary Speech)

**2010**

- World Innovation Summit on Education (WISE), Doha, Qatar (“Digital Literacy for Everyone”)
- Education Leaders' Forum, Microsoft, Warsaw („Digital Literacy and the Last Social Mile”)
- Empowering European Universities, Maastricht University, Brussels („European

- Higher Education Reform")
- 2008**
- Government Leaders' Forum, Microsoft, Berlin, („Digitally Illiterate Governements for Digital Literacy")
- 2007**
- Holocaust Task Force Conference, Budapest
- 2006**
- EU Commission Conference on European Qualification Framework, Budapest
  - Liberals for Europe Conference, Budapest („Dilemmas and Answers in Liberal Education Policy")
  - The Academic Values of European Universities Conference, Vatican, („Bologna and Main Issues for National Higher Education Reforms")
  - Holocaust Task Force Conference, Budapest
- 2005**
- World Seminar for Education Ministers – ICT in Schools Seminar, London, („Hungary's ICT experience: Digital Content – the Intellectual Infrastructure of Pedagogic Reforms")
  - UNESCO Conference, Paris, („Establishing the International Digital Archive of the Cultural Heritage Program", Plenary Speech)
  - World Science Forum, Budapest
- 2004**
- Legal Issues in the Bologna Process Conference, Warsaw
  - Ministerial Meeting of the OECD Educational Committee, Dublin („Developing Effective Support Systems and Devolving Responsibility to the Frontline")
  - Berkeley, University of California („From Communism to the European Union: Affirmative action & Education in Hungary")
  - Governement Leaders' Forum, Microsoft, Rome („The eLearner in 2010")

### ***Awards:***

2005	Medal to commemorate the 25th anniversary of „Solidarity" for supporting the Solidarity Movement, awarded by the City Hall of Gdansk, Poland
2003	ECDL Foundation Digital Literacy Award
1998	Award of Neumann Society for the Development of Information Society
1989	Nyon, Switzerland – Silver Award for a documentary film titled “A Dunánál” (“Hungarian Stories”), co-director
1988	Special award of Hungarian critics for the same documentary film
1988	Special award of the Social Jury, Hungarian Film Week, for the same documentary film
1986	Erdei Ferenc Award (Hungarian Association of Sociology) for the three volume documentary sociography: Dunaapáti 1944-1958
1975	Special award in history (Hungarian University Students' Science Workshop)
1971	Second place in history (Hungarian National Secondary School Competition)

## *Scholarships:*

2019 (9 months)	Institute for Advanced Study, CEU
2015 – 2016 (12 months)	Open Society Fellow
1989 (6 months)	Visiting researcher, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C. USA
1985 (5 months)	Visiting researcher, University of Wisconsin at Madison, USA

## *List of major publications since 2010:*

- 2020 *The Anatomy of Post-Communist Regimes: A Conceptual Framework* (with Bálint Madlovics). Budapest-New York: CEU Press
- 2020 „The Post-Communist Mafia State as a Criminal State”. In *Brave New Hungary, Mapping the „System of National Cooperation”*, edited by János Mátyás Kovács and Balázs Trencsényi, 269-291. Lanham-Boulder-New York-London, Lexington Books.
- 2020 „Post-Communist Predation: Modelling Reiderstvo Practices in Contemporary Predatory States” (with Bálint Madlovics), Public Choice
- 2019 „Criminal State and the Criminal Ecosystem” (with Bálint Madlovics), *Journal of Foreign Legislation and Comparative Law Moscow*, БАЛИНТ МАДЪЯР - БАЛИНТ МАДЛОВИКС - КРИМИНАЛЬНОЕ ГОСУДАРСТВО И КРИМИНАЛЬНАЯ ЭКОСИСТЕМА: НОВЫЕ АСПЕКТЫ ЭМПИРИЧЕСКОГО ИССЛЕДОВАНИЯ КОРРУПЦИИ
- 2019 „From Petty Corruption to Criminal State: A Critique of the Corruption Perceptions Index as Applied to the Post-Communist Region” (with Bálint Madlovics), *Intersections - East European Journal of Society and Politics*, v. 5, n. 2
- 2019 „Stubborn Structures: A Path-Dependence Explanation of Transitions in the Postcommunist Region” (with Bálint Madlovics), *Social Research: An International Quarterly*, v. 86, n. 1
- 2019 Parallel System Narratives: Polish and Hungarian Regime Formations Compared. In *Stubborn Structures: Reconceptualizing Post-Communist Regimes*, 611–55. Budapest–New York: CEU Press, 2019.
- 2019 From Free Market Corruption Risk to the Certainty of a State-Run Criminal Organization (Using Hungary as an Example). In *Stubborn Structures: Reconceptualizing Post-Communist Regimes*, edited by Bálint Magyar, 461–86. Budapest–New York: CEU Press, 2019.
- 2019 Towards a terminology for post-communist regimes. In *Stubborn Structures: Reconceptualizing Post-Communist Regimes*, 97-176. Budapest–New York: CEU Press, 2019.
- 2019 ed. *Stubborn Structures: Reconceptualizing Post-Communist Regimes*. Budapest–New York: CEU Press, 2019.

- 2018 Wegry – Anatomia państwa mafijnego, Warszawa, MAGAM, 2018.
- 2017 ed. Twenty-five sides of a Mafia State (A volume of essays by 25 authors, edited by B. Magyar and J.Vásárhelyi) Budapest: CEU Press and Noran Publishing House.
- 2016 Postkomunističeskata-mafiotska-darjava, Iztok-Zapad Izdatelstvo, Sofia, 2016.
- 2016 The Post-Communist Mafia State as a Form of Criminal State (in Beyond the Transition: Social Change in China and Central-Eastern Europe), (in Chinese), Social Science Academic Press, China
- 2016 АНАТОМИЯ ПОСТКОММУНИСТИЧЕСКОГО МАФИОЗНОГО ГОСУДАРСТВА - На примере Венгрии, Новое Литературное Обозрение, Москва
- 2016 Lo Stato mafioso postcomunista come forma di Stato criminale, Lo Straniero, Italy
- 2016 Post-Communist Mafia State – The Case of Hungary, CEU Press – Noran Publishing House;
- 2015 Magyar Polip 3. – A posztkommunista maffiaállam [Hungarian Octopus 3 – The Post-Communist Mafia State] (A volume of essays by 31 authors, edited by B. Magyar and J.Vásárhelyi) Budapest: Noran Publishing House
- 2015 A magyar maffiaállam anatómiája (The Anatomy of the Hungarian Mafia State), Budapest, Noran Publishing House;
- 2014 The Hungarian post-communist mafia state (from a critique of the government to a critique of the system), Aspen Review;
- 2014 Magyar Polip 2. – A posztkommunista maffiaállam [Hungarian Octopus 2 – The Post-Communist Mafia State] (A volume of essays by 20 authors, edited by B. Magyar and J.Vásárhelyi) Budapest: Noran Publishing House
- 2013 Magyar Polip – A posztkommunista maffiaállam [Hungarian Octopus – The Post-Communist Mafia State] (A volume of essays by 22 authors, edited by B. Magyar and J.Vásárhelyi) Budapest: Noran Publishing House.
- 2013 A posztkommunista maffiaállam [The Post-Communist Mafia State]. Élet és Irodalom, 13 June.
- 2012 Az európai válságkezelés válsága [Crisis of the European Crisis Treatment]. Heti Világgazdaság, 16 June.
- 2012 Az új nemzeti középosztály [The New National Middle Class]. Élet és Irodalom, 9 March.
- 2012 (with Iván Pető) Profi amatőrök – amatőr profik; Szociológiai csapdák és az SZDSZ [Professional Amateurs – Amateur professionals; Sociological Traps and the Alliance of Free Democrats]. Népszabadság, January-May in 8 parts.
- 2012 (with Attila Ara-Kovács) Stratégiák egykor és most [Old and New Strategies]. Magyar Narancs, 12 January.
- 2011 Autokratie in Aktion [Autocracy in Action]. Osteuropa, December.
- 2011 (with Márton Kozák) Szürkéségből sötétségbe [From Twilight into Darkness]. Népszabadság, 4 June.
- 2011 Archipelag Gulasz. Gazeta Wyborcza, Warszawa, 16 May.

- 2011 A visszautasíthatatlan kétharmados ajánlat [The Offer You Cannot Refuse]. Népszabadság, 12 March.