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Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and European Studies, ELTE University

Research Fellow, Democracy Institute, Central European University

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RESEARCH AREAS

Securitization theory, constructivist theories of European foreign policy, epistemic power in security expertise, narrative approaches to policy analysis

EDUCATION

2015	Central European University PhD in Political Science <i>Dissertation:</i> Wor(l)ds of Dr. Strangelove: The Persuasiveness and Institutionalization of Defense Rationalist Ideas on Nuclear Strategy, 1948-63 <i>Dissertation Committee:</i> Alexander Astrov (supervisor), Ned Lebow, Paul Roe
2007	Central European University MA in Political Science with Distinction
2006	Corvinus University of Budapest MA in International Studies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020-	Research Fellow , Democracy Institute (DI), Central European University <u>Research areas:</u> rightwing populism's narrative construction of security threats, the symbolic use of borders in mitigating ontological insecurities, the securitization of migration as a societal control mechanism <u>Ongoing research project(s):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BordEUr: Jean Monnet 'New European Borderlands' Network Project duration: 2019-2022 Scheme: Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Networks. Total budget: EUR 299,693 Lead project researcher
2011-2020	Junior Researcher (2011-15), Research Fellow (2015-2020) Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS), Central European University <u>Research areas:</u> migration and security, transatlantic relations, theories of EU foreign policy <u>Completed research projects:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>MIGRATE: CTRL + EnterEurope Jean Monnet Migrant Crisis Network.</i> Project duration: 2016-2019 Scheme: Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Networks. Total budget: EUR 299,497 Researcher tasked with investigating the securitization of migration in contemporary Hungary.○ <i>Anti EU-rhetoric versus national interests? Nationalistic populism and its reception in Central Europe.</i> Project duration: 2017-2018 Scheme: Europe for Citizens, Total budget: EUR 147,750○ <i>Joint solutions for common challenges - How to deal with the refugee and migration crisis across borders.</i> Project duration: 2016-2017 Funded by the Future Fund of the Republic of Austria. Project ID: P15-2251

- *The changing world order and its implications for the "wider Europe"*
 Project duration: 2011-2014
 Scheme: Hungarian Science Fund K-type grant. Grant ID: OTKA 84079
 Total budget: HUF 12,776,000
- 2008 - 2011 **External Researcher**, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, ‘Practices of Hegemony’ project sponsored by the Hungarian Science Fund (OTKA)
 Scheme: K-type grant Project ID: OTKA 76153 Total Budget: HUF 5,281,000
 Research area: US nuclear policy
- 2008 - 2011 **Lead Researcher for Hungary**, International Visegrad Fund, ‘Young experts of Visegrad for the future of Europe – Sharing the Experience of European Integration with Neighbouring Countries’ project
 Research area: the politics of the Hungarian NGO sector

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2017 | Visiting Professor , Institute of Social Sciences and International Relations, Metropolitan University
<i>Course:</i> Academic Writing |
| 2017 | Visiting Professor , Chair of International and European Politics and Public Administration, Andr ssy University
<i>Course:</i> Strategic Thinking in Foreign and Security Policy |
| 2015- | Assistant Professor , Department of European Studies, ELTE University
<i>Courses:</i> Security Studies (undergraduate), Contemporary IR Theory (graduate), Critical Approaches to Security (graduate), US Foreign and Security Policy (undergraduate), Security Policy (undergraduate) |
| 2015- | Lecturer , Sz chenyi Istv n College for Advanced Studies
<i>Courses:</i> Geopolitics, Contemporary IR Theory (graduate) |
| 2012-2015 | Adjunct Lecturer , Department of European Studies, ELTE University
<i>Course:</i> Security Studies (undergraduate) |
| 2011 | Lecturer , Rajk L szl  College for Advanced Studies (Fall 2011/12)
<i>Course:</i> Theory of International Relations (graduate, in Hungarian) |
| 2010 | Teaching Assistant , Central European University
<i>Course:</i> Scope and Methods in Political Science (graduate, in English) |
| 2009 | Lecturer , College for Advanced Studies in Social Theory (Fall 2009/2010)
<i>Course:</i> Academic Writing (graduate, in Hungarian) |
| 2009 | Teaching Assistant , Central European University
<i>Course:</i> Thinking about Strategy and Security (graduate, in English) |
| 2009 | Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education training, Curriculum Resource Center, Central European University |
| 2008 | Lecturer , Matthias Corvinus Collegium (Spring 2008/2009)
<i>Course:</i> Scope & Methods/Academic Writing (undergraduate, in English) |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Kopper, Ákos, Körtvélyesi, Zsolt, Majtényi, Balá, & Szalai, András (2020). **"The 'Insecurity Toolbox' of the Illiberal Regime: Rule by Law and Rule by Exclusion"**. *Political Anthropological Research on International Social Sciences (PARISS)*, 1(2), 216-242.
- 2020 Szalai András, Kopper Ákos (2020). **"Translating Security across Borders: Staging the Migration Crisis in Hungary and Transylvania"**. *Millennium*, August 2020. (online first)
- 2020 Monsees, Linda; Slaven, Mike; Kopper, Ákos; Szalai, András; & Kroll, Stefan (2020). **"The Politicisation of Security: Controversy, Mobilisation, Arena Shifting"**, *European Review of International Studies*, 7(1), 105-122.
- 2019 Kopper, Ákos, Zsolt Körtvélyesi, Balázs Majtényi and Andras Szalai. **"Logiques d'(in) sécurité en Hongrie. Gouverner par le droit et par l'exclusion dans un régime illibéral."** *Cultures & Conflits* 113 (2019): 99-123.
- 2015 **"Essentially Sound and Fundamental": Historicizing the Logic of Deterrence in the Counterforce Debate.** *International Relations*, Special Issue 2015
- 2010 **From Rational Science to Morality – Tracing the Nuclear Taboo in Deterrence Theory** *Foreign Policy Review* 2010 (1)
- 2009 **Coping With the Security Dilemma: A Fundamental Ambiguity of State Behaviour** *SKEPSI* Vol. 2(2) pp. 98-113.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- 2021 **Securitizing Migration in Contemporary Hungary: From Discourse to Practice**, In: A. Prodromidou, M. Kmezcic, F. Bieber, P. Gkasis, C. Krause (eds.): *Migration, Integration, Disintegration*. (Routledge, forthcoming)
- 2019 **The Construction of the Refugee Other in Hungary During the 2015 'Migration Crisis'**. In Alexandra Prodromidou and Pavlos Gkasis (eds.) *Along the Balkan Route: The Impact of the Post-2014 'Migrant Crisis' on the EU's South East Periphery*. Berlin: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
- 2014 **Politics or Policies? – The European Visions of Large EU Powers and the EU's Role**. In Péter Balázs (ed.) *Sectoral Policies for a Broader Europe*. Budapest: CENS-CEUPress.
- 2013 **Divided Leadership? – The Changing Transatlantic Relationship and its Effects on EU External Action** In Péter Balázs (ed.) *Europe's Position in the New World Order*. Budapest: CENS-CEUPress.
- 2013 **Discourses on the EU's International Role and External Policies** In Péter Balázs (ed.) *Europe's Position in the New World Order*. Budapest: CENS-CEUPress.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 **Nationalistic populism and its reception in Central Europe** (co-authored with Dominika Hajdu, Marko Lovéc, Christian Kvorning Lassen, and Paul Schmidt). *ÖGfE Policy Briefs* no. 24.
- 2018 **Introduction** in: Andras Szalai (ed.) *Us vs. Them in Central and Eastern Europe: Populism, the Refugee Other and the Re-Consideration of National Identity* (Friedrich Ebert Foundation : Budapest)

- 2017 **Hungary and the Migrant Crisis** in: Pavlos Gkasis, Alexandra Prodromidou, Nikos Zaharis (eds.) *European Migrant Crisis Symposium: Challenges for a Fragmented Corridor*. SEERC Working Paper No. 01.
- 2016 **National report on Hungary** (co-authored with Gabriella Göbl) in: *Joint Solutions for Common Challenges in Central Europe: Cross-Border Cooperation in the Refugee Crisis, Joint Report*, Vienna: Austrian Society for European Politics, pp. 13-15.
- 2015 **Securitizing Migration in Contemporary Hungary** (co-authored with Gabriella Göbl), *CENS Working Paper*. Available at: <https://cens.ceu.edu/sites/cens.ceu.edu/files/attachment/event/573/szalai-goblmigrationpaper.final.pdf>
- 2012 **Elefántcsonttorony és Politika: A tudásalapú közösségek szakpolitikai szerepe** (Ivory Tower and Politics: The Policy Role of Epistemic Communities) *Századvég* No. 62.
- 2011 **Ideák, politika és intézmények: a politikatudomány három „új institucionalizmusa”** (Ideas, Politics and Institutions: The Three New Institutionalisms of Political Science) *Replika* 74.
- 2011 **The Hungarian Presidency and Schengen Enlargement** in *Achievements of the first Hungarian EU Council Presidency*, EU Frontiers Policy Paper No. 8, June 2011.
- 2011 **Civil Society’s Development in Hungary** (co-authored with Renáta Nagy and Éva Médea Ferencz) in Szalai András (ed.) *Sharing the Experiences of EU Accession with Ukraine – Best Practices of the V4 Civil Sectors* (Budapest: Corvinus Society for Foreign Affairs and Culture, 2011).
- 2011 **Nukleáris fegyverek és hegemonia: Az Egyesült Államok poszt-hidegháborús atomstratégiája** (Nuclear Arms and Hegemony: The United States’ Post-Cold War Nuclear Strategy) *Hungarian Institute of International Affairs* (available at www.hia.hu)
- 2007 **Kiotón innen és túl – Az amerikai csatlakozás esélyei** (Beyond Kyoto – Chances of American Ratification) *Kül-világ* 2007/3-4.

UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH

- Securitization as Enacted Melodrama: The Hungarian Anti-Immigration Campaign of 2015-16**
Working Paper
- Wor(l)ds of Dr. Strangelove: The Persuasiveness and Institutionalization of Defense Rationalist Ideas on Nuclear Strategy, 1948-1963**
Doctoral Dissertation.
- The Policy Role of Expert Ideas: From Interpretivism to Discursive Institutionalism**
Working Paper

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2018 **Migration & Cognition: Researching Identities on the Move – Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK**

Presented paper: Securitization as Enacted Melodrama: The Political Spectacle of the Hungarian Anti-Immigration Campaign
- 2017 **European Consortium for Political Research – 11th General Conference, Oslo, Norway**

Presented paper: Securitization as Enacted Melodrama: The Political Spectacle of the Hungarian Anti-Immigration Campaign

- 2017 **International Studies Association – 58th International Conference, Baltimore, USA**
Presented paper: Theatrics of Xenophobia: Securitizing Migration in Contemporary Hungary
- 2016 **CEEISA Annual Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia**
Presented paper: Securitizing Migration in Contemporary Hungary: From Discourse to Practice
- 2015 **Junior Scholar Workshop, Warsaw, Poland**
Presented paper: The Policy Role of Expert Ideas: From Interpretivism to Discursive Institutionalism
- 2013 **ISSS-ISAC “Bridging the Academic/Policy Divide” – Joint Conference, Washington DC, USA**
Presented paper: Wor(l)ds of Dr. Strangelove: The Persuasiveness of Defense Rationalist Ideas in the Counterforce Policy Debate
- 2013 **Midwest Political Science Association – 71st Annual Conference, Chicago, USA**
Presented paper: The Policy Influence of Expert Ideas: A Discursive Institutional Approach
- 2013 **European Consortium for Political Research – Joint Sessions Workshop, Mainz, Germany**
 Workshop: Interpreting Foreign Policies
Presented papers: The Balance of Terror Then and Now – Historicizing the Logic of Deterrence in Contemporary US Defense Policy
- 2012 **International Studies Association – 53rd International Conference, San Diego, USA**
Presented papers: a) "My Reach is Global, My Tower Secure": Exploring the Westphalianization of Cyberspace (co-authored with Viktor Friedmann) b) A Return to Power: Epistemic Communities and Skill-Based Rule
- 2011 **European Consortium for Political Research – 6th General Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland**
Presented paper: The Discursive Influence of Expert Ideas – Defense Intellectuals and Cold War US Nuclear Strategy

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 **8th Thessaloniki International Symposium in World Affairs.** International symposium, organized by the Northern Greece Entrepreneurs Cultural Society, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, and the Navarino Network, Thessaloniki, 20 October, 2019.
 Title of talk: Control through Uncertainty: The Expanding Securitization of Political Opposition in Hungary
- 2019 **Future of Europe: Nationalism and Populism.** International conference, University of Kent - Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS), Brussels, 5 April, 2019.
 Title of talk: The Impact of Migration on Nationalism and Populism in Hungary
- 2018 **Nationalistic populism and its reception in Central Europe – The state of play.** Roundtable discussion organized by the Austrian Society for European Politics, Vienna, 16 October, 2018.
- 2018 **Refugee Crisis two years later: From retrospective to prospective insights.** International conference, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, 26 April, 2018.
 Title of talk: Hungarian Elections Turned Single-Issue: The Imaginary Politics of Migration

- 2017 **The Balkan-Corridor Today—Situation, Reforms and Debates after the Migration and Refugee Crisis.** Expert workshop, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Akademie, Berlin, 14 September, 2017.
Title of talk: Evolution of migration and asylum policies throughout Europe: What are the legislative approaches? – Hungary
- 2016 **Central Europe and the Refugee Question: Cooperation or Confrontation?** Roundtable discussion organized by the Austrian Society for European Politics, Vienna, 9 June, 2016.
- 2016 **The European Migrant Crisis: Challenges of a Fragmented Corridor.** Symposium organized by the South East European Research Center, Thessaloniki, 14 March, 2016.
Title of talk: Hungary and the migrant crisis

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020 - 2023 **Bolyai János Research Fellowship** awarded by the Hungarian Academy of Science
- 2020 - 21 **Bolyai+ Research and Teaching Fellowship** awarded by the Hungarian Ministry of Human Resources
- 2012 **Fulbright Graduate Research Scholarship**
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies
George Washington University – *Washington DC, US*
Host: Charles L. Glaser, PhD.
- 2010 **Central European University Doctoral Research Support Grant**
Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science
University of California Santa Barbara – *Santa Barbara, US*
Host: Robert Rauchhaus, PhD.
- 2007 - 2011 **Full Doctoral Scholarship**
Department of Political Science, Central European University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE :

- Reviewer** – *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
Reviewer – *International Migration*
Reviewer – *Intersections: East European Journal of Society and Politics*

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- HUNGARIAN** – native
ENGLISH – reading, writing, verbal excellent
GERMAN – reading, writing, verbal good
FRENCH – reading, writing, verbal good
SPANISH – reading good, writing, verbal basic

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Available on request...