

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Positions

- 10/2025 – **Postdoctoral researcher**
Uses of Civil Justice in Central Europe, 1895-1938
Institut für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung, Universität
Wien
- 09/2023 – **Research Affiliate**
Uses of civil justice and social policy in the Habsburg Monarchy
Institut für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung, Universität
Wien

Previous Appointments

- 01/2023 – 08/2024 **Postdoctoral researcher**
ZARAH: Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and
transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century
Department of Gender Studies, Central European University
- 05/2022 – 11/2024 **Postdoctoral researcher**
Uses of civil justice and social policy in the Habsburg Monarchy
Institut für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung, Universität
Wien
- 12/2018 – 12/2022 **Research fellow**
Research Center for the Humanities, Institute of History (ELKH),
Budapest
- 03/2022 – 04/2022 **Postdoctoral fellow**
Masaryk Institute and Archives of the CAS, Prague
- 01/2020 – 12/2021 **Postdoctoral researcher**
Centre français de recherche en sciences sociales, Prague

Education

- 2019 **PhD in Comparative History**
Central European University, Department of History
- 2012 **MA in Comparative History**
Central European University, Department of History
- 2010 **MA in Sociology** (specialization in historical sociology)
Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2010 **BA in Philosophy**
Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities

Additional Courses

- 09/2015 – 08/2016 **Visiting doctoral student** (Erasmus mobility grant)
Charles University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Historical Sociology, Prague
- 09/2008 – 02/2009 **Pensionnaire étranger**
École Normale Supérieure, Department of Philosophy, Paris
- 09/2008 – 02/2009 **Visiting MA student** (Erasmus mobility grant)
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Department of Historical Sociology, Paris
- 09/2006 – 02/2011 **External member**
Philosophy Workshop, Eötvös József Collegium, Budapest

Research Experience

- 10/2018 – 09/2021 **Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Research Center for the Humanities, Institute of History**
Associated investigator in the research project entitled “Knowledge, Landscape, Nation and Empire: Practices of Knowing and Transforming Landscapes in Hungary and in the Balkans, 1850-1945” awarded by the National Research, Development, and Innovation Office (NKFI 128 978).

Teaching Experience

02/2021 – 06/2021	Lecturer Charles University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of History, Prague Seminar course entitled <i>A History of Quantification: Problems and Perspectives in Central Europe</i> for BA and MA students (2 credits)
02/2018 – 07/2018	Lecturer Eötvös University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Historical Sociology, Budapest Seminar course entitled <i>Modernization in Nineteenth Century Central Europe</i> for BA and MA students (2 credits)
09/2017 – 12/2018	Teaching assistant Central European University, Department of History, Budapest Lecture and seminar courses entitled <i>Historiography</i> (4 credits)
07/2016	Guest Lecturer Department of History, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, USA A block seminar entitled <i>Modern Jewish History</i> for undergraduate students; the seminar was held in Budapest (2 credits)
02/2016 – 06/2016	Lecturer Charles University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Historical Sociology, Prague Seminar course entitled <i>Modernization in Nineteenth Century Central Europe</i> for BA and MA students (2 credits)

Awarded Grants and Fellowships

03/2019 – 08/2019	PhD Write-up Grant Department of History, Central European University, Budapest
10/2018 – 02/2019	IWM Junior Visiting Fellowship Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna
05/2018 – 06/2018	Dobrovský Fellowship Institute of History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague
02/2018 – 07/2018	Global Teaching Fellowship Eötvös University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Budapest
12/2017 – 02/2018	CEU Doctoral Research Grant

Institut für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte, Universität Wien

09/2015 – 08/2017

Young Researcher Fellowship

Centre français de recherches en sciences sociales, Prague

09/2013 – 08/2016

Full CEU Doctoral Scholarship

Department of History, Central European University, Budapest

Publications

Monograph

1. With S. Çağatay, A. Ghiț, O. Gnydiuk, V. Helfert, I. Masheva, Z. Popova, J. Tešija, E. Varsa, and S. Zimmermann, *Women's Labour Activism in Eastern Europe and Beyond. A new transnational history*, London, UK: UCL Press, 2025.

Edited volumes

2. With R. Balogh, É. Bodovics, G. Demeter, V. Eszik and A. Vadas, eds, *Tájszépítők, járványok, vizek, birodalmak – zöldségtörténelem*. [Landscape Formation, Epidemics, Waters, Empires – Environmental History], Budapest: Bölcsészettudományi Kutatóközpont Történettudományi Intézet, 2022.
3. With R. Balogh, É. Bodovics, G. Demeter, V. Eszik and A. Vadas, eds, *Táj, ember, tudás: Bevezetés a környezettörténet irodalmába I*. [Landscape, People, Knowledge: Introduction to Environmental History], Budapest: MTA, 2021.

Articles, Chapters

4. "Women's Labour Activism. The Case of Bank Clerks in Central Europe, 1900–1920." In *Through the Prism of Gender and Work: Women's Labour Struggles in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th and 20th Centuries*, S. Çağatay, A. Ghiț, O. Gnydiuk, V. Helfert, I. Masheva, Z. Popova, J. Tešija, E. Varsa, and S. Zimmermann, eds, 113–40. Leiden ; Boston: Brill, 2024.
5. With S. Çağatay, A. Ghiț, O. Gnydiuk, V. Helfert, I. Masheva, Z. Popova, J. Tešija, E. Varsa, and S. Zimmermann, "Women's Labour Struggles in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond: Toward a Long-Term, Transregional, Integrative, and Critical Approach." In *Through the Prism of Gender and Work: Women's Labour Struggles in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th and 20th Centuries*, 1–80.
6. "A Statistical Expert on the Margin: The Career Trajectory of József Körösy." *Histoire et mesure* XXXVIII, no. 1 (2023): 127–50.
7. "'Let These be our Colonies: Dalmatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina!': Rezső Havass and the outlook of Hungarian imperialism at the turn of the century," *Hungarian Historical Review* 11, no. 2 (2022): 359–386.

8. "The Logic of Simplifying Public Administration in Hungary, 1900–1910," *Administory* 6 (2021): 92–110.
9. With R. Balogh, É. Bodovics, G. Demeter, V. Eszik and A. Vadas, "Bevezetés [Introduction]." In *Táj, ember, tudás: Bevezetés a környezettörténet irodalmába I.* [Landscape, People, Knowledge: Introduction to Environmental History], 9–30. Budapest: MTA, 2021.
10. "A Keleti Kereskedelmi Akadémia és az orientalisták: tudomány, gazdaság és társadalom interakciója" [The Oriental Academy of Trade and the Orientalists: Science, Economy, and Society in Interaction] *Korall* 80 (2020): 32–53.
11. "Quantifying Mortality in Hungary: Actuaries and Statisticians (1860s-1910s)" *Histoire et Mesure* XXXIII, no. 2 (2018): 115–138.
12. "Társadalmi mobilitás és iskoláztatás a századelő Magyarországon: Sátoraljaújhely iskolai piaca (1898–1915)" [Social Mobility and Education in Fin-de-siècle Hungary: The Market of Elementary and Secondary Schooling in Sátoraljaújhely (1898-1915)]. In *Iskola, művelődés, társadalom* [Schooling, Culture, Society], Csaba Sasfi and János Ugrai, eds, 232–49. Budapest: Hajnalkör, 2017.
13. "Crucial and local events in the long-term evolution of secondary schooling in Hungary (1867–1938)," *InterDisciplines* 7, no. 2, (2016): 95–124.
14. "Name Magyarization and Hungarianness: The Reception of Magyarized Names in the Dualist Period (1867-1919)." In *Shifting Discourses on Central European Histories*, Otčenášová Slávka and Csaba Zahorán, eds, 68–76. Budapest: Terra Cognita Foundation, 2015.
15. "Névmagyarosítás és magyarság: gondolatok a névmagyarosítás dualizmuskori meg-ítéléséről" [Name Changes and the Social Recognition of Non-Magyars: Reflections on the Reception of the Magyarization of Foreign Names in Dualist Hungary]. In Slávka Otčenášová and Csaba Zahorán, eds, *Keressünk közös nyelvet a közös múlthoz. Szlovák és magyar történészek fiatal nemzedékének párbeszéde*, 42–46. Košice: Filozofická fakulta UPJŠ, 2012.
16. "In the Shadow of the longue-duree. Braudel and Veyne," in *...de van benne rendszer Tanulmányok az Eötvös Collegium Filozófia műhelye fennállásának 15. évfordulójára*, 22–33. Budapest: Eötvös Collegium, 2012.
17. "A szabadság fogalma Sartre *A lét és a semmi* című munkájában" [The Concept of Liberty in Sartre's *Being and Nothingness*], *ELPIS* 10. (2012): 72–99.

Reviews

18. "Imagining Bosnian Muslims in Central Europe, Representations, Transfers and Exchanges. Edited by František Šístek," *Hungarian Historical Review* 10, no. 3 (2021): 604–606.

19. "Le culte des héros en Europe Centrale, 1880–1945. Edited by Eszter Balázs and Clara Royer," *Historical Studies on Central Europe* 1, no. 2 (2021): 322–324.
20. "The Habsburg Civil Service and Beyond. Bureaucracy and Civil Servants from the Vromärz to the Inter-War Years, edited by Adlgasser and Lindström," *Hungarian Historical Review* 9, no. 2 (2020): 356–358.
21. "Universities in Imperial Austria, 1848-1918: A Social History of an Academic Space," *European Review of History: Revue européenne d'histoire* 27, no. 4 (2020): 576–578.
22. "A History of Modern Political Thought in East Central Europe," *Revue des études slaves* 88, no. 3 (2017): 619–621.
23. "The Habsburgs: Dynasty, Culture and Politics," *European Review of History: Revue européenne d'histoire* 23, no. 1–2 (2016): 229–30.
24. "A History of the Great Influenza Pandemics: Death, Panic and Hysteria, 1830 – 1920," *European Review of History: Revue européenne d'histoire* 22, no. 3 (2015): 508–509.
25. "*Cities in Modernity. Representations and Productions of Metropolitan Space, 1840–1930*," *Korall* 47 (2012): 192–196.
26. "Belépni a körbe—Balogh Brigitta Hegel olvasata—A szellem és az idő: Identitás, cselekvés és temporalitás Hegelnél *A szellem fenomenológiájában*" [Entering the Circle. Review of *The Spirit and Temporality* by Brigitta Balogh], *Különbség* 11, no. 1 (2011): 157–161.

Translations

27. "Grégory Quenet: Az Antropocén és a történészek ideje" [The Anthropocene and the Temporality of Historians]. In *Táj, ember, tudás: Bevezetés a környezettörténet irodalmába I.* [Landscape, People, Knowledge: Introduction to Environmental History], 293–309. Budapest: MTA, 2021). [From French to Hungarian]

Conference Report

28. With Zsuzsanna Török, "Social Histories of Civil Justice, Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries", in H-Soz-Kult, 24.08.2024, <https://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-145682>.

Most Recent and Upcoming Conference Presentations

1. "Bank and insurance clerks in the late Habsburg Monarchy: a social history perspective (1890-1914)" (Die Bautätigkeit der Oesterreichisch-Ungarischen Bank und

- der Oesterreichischen Nationalbank 1878–1938 im europäischen Kontext, Innsbruck, 2024)
2. “Clerks and Accountants on the Threshold of Capitalism” (Entering Modernity: Jewish Economic Activities and the Emergence of Capitalism in Eastern Europe, Göttingen, 2024)
 3. “Uses of Civil Justice and Social Policy in the Habsburg Monarchy, 1873–1914” (Institutseminar IÖG, Universität Wien, Vienna, 2024)
 4. “Credit, Financial Distress and Litigation in the Late Habsburg Monarchy” (Social Histories of Civil Justice, 19-20th Centuries, Vienna, 2024)
 5. “Legal Statistics in the Habsburg Monarchy after 1910: Challenges and Lessons” (Analysis of Big Data on Habsburg History, Vienna, 2023)
 6. “Regional inequalities in the use of legal procedures, socioeconomic development and legal cultures in the late Habsburg Monarchy” (Access to Law - Accessible Rights? Fifth Congress of the German-speaking Sociology of Law Association, Innsbruck, 2023)
 7. “Old-age pension insurance in the Habsburg Monarchy (1890-1918): Global and local perspectives” (History of Insurance in a Global Perspective, University of Basel, Basel, 2022)
 8. “Statistics as an agent of globalization: The case of Habsburg statisticians” (Global Approaches to Habsburg History: Perspectives, Potentials, Payoffs, and Pathways, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, 2022)
 9. “Agrarian credit cooperatives in the Habsburg Monarchy: A comparative view” (Cooperatives, cooperative elites, and politics in central Europe in the second half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, Institute of History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, 2022)
 10. “Administrative reform debates in Austria and Hungary, 1890-1914” (with Thomas Rohringer, Habsburg Civil Servants: Beyond State and Apparatus, ZRC SAZU-Victoria University of Wellington, online conference, 2021)
 11. “Statistics as an instrument of government and administration in Central Europe” (Seminar series entitled “Technology and culture”, INALCO, Paris, 2021)
 12. “Statistical experts on the margin: The career trajectory of József Kőrösy” (Making the Social World Objective, Department of History, University of Zurich, Zurich, 2021)
 13. “Women’s labor activism: The case of bank and insurance clerks in Central Europe, 1900-1930” (Women’s Labour Activism in Eastern Europe and Beyond, 19th and 20th Centuries, Vienna, 2021)
 14. “The logic of simplifying administration in Hungary (1900-1914)” (Online workshop, Bureaucracy and Innovation, *Administory*, 2021)

15. "A social history of savings banks and credit cooperatives in the Habsburg Monarchy (1880-1910): Benevolence and/or capitalist rationality?" (Seminar series at the Masaryk Institute, Prague, 2020)
16. "Bank and insurance clerks in Budapest, Prague, and Vienna (1848-1918)" (Annual Conference of the István Hajnal Circle, Pécs, 2020)
17. "Speeding up modernity: railroad tariffs in the Habsburg Monarchy, 1860-1880" (IWM Junior Fellows' Workshop, Vienna, 2018)
18. "You are not even a doctor: Medical statistics in the Habsburg Monarchy (1880-1910)" (ESHS Biennial Conference, London, 2018)
19. "Quantifying mortality in Austria-Hungary: Actuaries, hygienists, and statisticians" (Le chiffre et la carte, workshop organized by *Histoire et Mesure* and the Université du Québec, Montréal, 2017)
20. "Modernizing facets of state bureaucracy: Social reforms in the eyes of the public servant in Hungary, 1867-1918" (From Josef K to Lustration: Bureaucracy in Central Europe, Prague, 2017)
21. "Statistics and urban reform at the turn of the century in the Habsburg Monarchy, Prague and Budapest" (De la philanthropie à la protection sociale en Europe centrale et du sud-est – Expériences impériales au tournant du 20e siècle, workshop organized by the EHESS, Paris, 2017)
22. "Making life and death quantitative: social statistics and life insurance in the Dualist Monarchy" (Between Disciplines and Areas: Research Seminar organized by IMS-FSV-UK and CEFRES, Prague, 2016)
23. "Academies of trade and the sciences of trade: a national project in the Habsburg space (1867-1918)" (Central Europe at the Crossroads, Prague, 2016)
24. "Social mobility and schooling in Sátoraljaújhely (1898-1915)" (Annual Conference of the István Hajnal Circle, Sáropatak, 2015)
25. "Which events are to be counted? A case study of the long-term evolution of secondary education in Hungary between 1867 and 1948" (Annual Seminar of the BGHS, Bielefeld, 2015)
26. "When merchants confront the war: war-time practices in commerce and retailing during the Great War in Hungary" (GRACEH, Vienna, 2015)
27. "The making of a productivist elite: state involvement in vocational secondary and higher education in Hungary, 1857-1920" (GRACEH, Florence, 2014)
28. "Women in economic higher education in Hungary, 1907-1946" (Women in Educated Elites of Pre-Socialist and Early Socialist East Central European Societies, International Workshop, Geneva, 2013)

Language Competences

Hungarian (Mother tongue)

French (C2—Proficient user)

English (C2—Proficient user)

German (B2—Independent user; passive language skills)

Czech (B2—Independent user; only reading)