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EDUCATION

1985 BA (librarian studies; philology) College of Nyíregyháza, Hungary

1989 MA (philosophy) ELTE, Budapest, Hungary

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2005 PhD (political philosophy) ELTE, Budapest, Hungary, summa com laude

FORMER AND PRESENT AFFILIATIONS

1987–1995 Assistant & associate professor, College of Nyíregyháza, Hungary, Department of Philosophy

1997–2002 PhD student (UBB, Romania; ELTE, Hungary)

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP

2006- Member of the Board of Hungarian Philosophical Society

2010–2018 Vice-president of the Hungarian Philosophical Society

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

2005- “Kellék” (a periodical of philosophy in Hungarian, Kolozsvár–Nagyvárad–Szeged)

2010- “Magyar Filozófiai Szemle (Hungarian Philosophical Review),” periodical of the HAS

2010- “Ad Marginem” (a book series for the history of philosophy of Central and East Europe,

 edited with Gábor Gángó and Lajos András Kiss; L’Harmattan )

2016- “ergo” (a book series for the history of the Hungarian philosophy; Gondolat)

PREVIOUS AND ONGOING PROJECTS

1996–1998 OTKA, (Hungarian Scientific Research Found) history of philosophy (principal investigator)

2001–2003 NKFP, (National Research and Development Plan) head of a research group within a large

 research program; (PI: Gábor Palló); task: 19th-century Hungarian philosophy

2007–2012 OTKA, on the history of philosophy of the early Enlightenment of the 17–18th centuries,

 senior researcher (principal investigator: Professor Gábor Boros)

2010–2011 International Visegrad Found, Central-European Ethos or Local Traditions, (participant,

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2009–2010 VEGA (Slovakian scientific research found) history of philosophy of the 19–20th centuries,

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2009–2010 NKA (National Cultural Fund), personal grant: Political Community from John Calvin to

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2012–2017 OTKA, Narratives of the History of Hungarian Philosophy (1792–1947), principal investigator

2013–2018 OTKA, *Arts and Scholarship in the Service of the Nation-building in the Nineteenth-Century*

 *Hungary*, senior researcher (principal investigator: Professor Gábor Gyáni)

2014–2016 *The Impact of Noble Legacy in Shaping Citizenship in Central Europe*, Polish–Hungarian

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2016–2018 *Conception of Creative City within Central Europe. Historical Images and Empirical Indices*,

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2017–2019 *The role of intelligentsia in shaping collective identities of Poles and Hungarians in 19th and*

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2018–2020 *Mohács 1526–2026 Reconstruction and Historical Recollection*, Research Centre for the

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