

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Place and date of birth:

Bácsalmás (Hungary), 19th July 1972

### Education:

1996-2001: Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Arts, Department of Arabic. Postgraduate studies in Arabic philology. PhD degree conferred in 2001.

1998-1999: Balliol College, University of Oxford. One-year research scholarship in Arabic and Islamic Studies.

1993-1994: Institut Bourguiba des Langues Vivantes, Tunis. One-year course in Arabic.

1989-1996: Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Arts, Department of Arabic. Undergraduate studies in Arabic. (With additional courses taken in English and Ethnology.) Diploma conferred in 1996.

### Language skills:

English, Arabic, Swahili, Indonesian, Spanish; and good reading skills in French, German, Russian, Romanian, Dutch.

## Conferences attended:

*Curse Words: Obscenity and Magic in Medieval Arabic and Classical Literature*, University of Exeter, May 2016.

*Migration*. Conference held at the Avicenna Institute of Middle Eastern Studies, Piliscsaba (Hungary), December 2015.

*Conference on Freedom of Expression and Blasphemy - Limits in Different Cultures*, Institut Français (Budapest), October 2015.

*Conference of the Avicenna Institute of Middle Eastern Studies*, Mátraháza (Hungary), August 2015.

*Conference on Plagiarism*, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, May 2015.

*27th Congress of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants*, Helsinki, June 2014.

*Strategies of Preservation and Guardianship of the Authorial Composition in Medieval Arabic and Persian Literature. International Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation*. The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, March 2014.

*Religio(nes). Annual Conference of the Programme of the Study of Religion*, Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, November 2013.

*The Arab East and the Bedouin Component: Features and Tensions from Late Antiquity to the Present. International Conference*, Cairo, November-December 2012.

*Convivium. Annual Conference of the Programme of the Study of Religion*, Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, November 2012.

*Concepts of Authorship in Premodern Arabic Texts. International Workshop*, Bamberg, May 2012.

*Takfir: A Diachronic Perspective. International Conference*, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, October 2011.

*The Second LIVIT Conference: Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Early Islamic Thought*, Exeter, September 2011.

*Conversio. Annual Conference of the Programme of the Study of Religion*, Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, September 2011.

*Sándor Kégl Memorial Conference*, The Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, December 2010.

*International Seminar on Religious and Political Uses of Genealogies in Islamic Societies*, Alcalá de Henares, November 2008.

*Seminar on Problems of Political Terminology in Arabic*, Mátraháza (Hungary), September 2008.

*American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Diego, November 2007.

*Colloque International sur les manuscrits africains comme sources historiques*, Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey, January-February 2007.

*Conference of Hungarian Africanists*, Budapest, December 2006.

*23rd Congress of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants (Centre and Periphery Within the Borders of Islam)*, Sassari, September-October 2006.

*The Public Display of Violence in Islamic Societies (Seventh-Eighteenth Centuries)*, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, June 2006.

*22nd Congress of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants*, Cracow, September-October 2004.

*Moderate and Extremist Islam: Religion and Society in the Modern Muslim World*, Piliscsaba (Hungary), February 2003.

*21st Congress of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants*, Palermo, September 2002.

*Colloquium on Paradise and Hell in Islam*, Keszthely (Hungary), July 2002.

*Identidades Marginales en la Cultura Islámica Medieval*, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, October 2001.

*1st National Colloquium of Oriental Studies*, Budapest, December 2000.

*20th Congress of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants*, Budapest, September 2000.

*Ignaz Goldziher Memorial Conference*, The Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, June 2000.

*Africa, Islam and Development, Annual International Conference*, Edinburgh, May 1999.

*35th International Congress of Asian and North African Studies (ICANAS)*, Budapest, July 1997.

### **Scholarships:**

The Avicenna Institute research grant for library research at the Institut dominicain d'études orientales, Cairo [2016].

The Avicenna Institute research grant for library research at the Institut dominicain d'études orientales, Cairo [2014].

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship for research at the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Madrid), 2011.

Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton) membership funded by the Friends of the IAS, 2008-2009.

Burgen Scholarship of the Academia Europaea, 2006.

Bolyai János Research Fellowship, 2005-2007.

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship for research conducted at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (Edinburgh), 2004.

Postdoctoral Fellowship of the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund, 2001-2004.

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship for research at the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Madrid), 2001.

Junior Scholarship of the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund, 1999-2001.

Joint Research Scholarship of the Soros Foundation (Open Society Institute, Budapest) and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (London), 1998-1999.

Junior Research Scholarship of the Peregrinatio Foundation (Hungary), 1998.

### **Previous teaching and research posts:**

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton: research fellow [2008-2009].

Eötvös Loránd University, Department of Arabic: assistant lecturer [since 2007].

Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Department of Arabic: assistant lecturer [2002-2007].

Eötvös Loránd University, Department of Cultural Anthropology: holding courses in the anthropology of the Muslim world [since 2002].

Eötvös Loránd University, African Studies Programme: holding one course on the written and oral sources of African history [since 2001].

Eötvös Loránd University, Department of Arabic: working as Research Fellow [2001-2004].