

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. Language training 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; plus good reading skills in Spanish, French, German, Russian, Romanian, Dutch

Fields of interest:

Social history of the Muslim world, historical anthropology, ethnography, Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa, Islam in Southeast Asia

Major international conferences attended:

Nation, State, Tribe, Umma: Different Forms of Community in Europe and Elsewhere.
Budapest, National University of Public Service, June 2019.

29th Conference of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants, Münster, September 2018.

28th Congress of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants, Palermo, September 2016.

From Jāhiliyya to Islam (13th International Colloquium). The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jerusalem, July 2016.

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

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

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

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

Takfīr: 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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

Major scholarships:

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.

Teaching and research:

Banggai Regency, Indonesia: anthropological fieldwork [2017, 2018, 2019].

Library research at the Institut dominicain d'études orientales, Cairo [2014, 2016, 2017].

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

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

Avicenna Institute of Middle Eastern Studies: programme supervisor [since 2008].

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

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

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

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