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CV

Employment

- 01/2022 – Business English trainer at Yusen Logistics
- 06/2021 – Part-time English, Programming for Kids, and History and Culture teacher, Culture Hiyoshi Language School, Hiyoshi, Kawasaki
- 02/2020 – Part-time lecturer in Philosophy and Ethics, and Academic English teacher, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- 11/2019 – Teaching as online teacher and tutor at Greene’s College Oxford (philosophy, ethics, logic), EigoX (teaching English language to Japanese learners), TutorMe (tutoring mostly US and Australia based students in Philosophy, Psychology, Literature and other Humanities and Social Science fields), and Cafetalk (teaching English, Business English, and academic skills to Japanese and international students)
- 11/2019 – Visiting Researcher at Keio University
- 10/2022-12/2022 Academic English teacher covering for faculty on maternity leave, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Juntendo University
- 08/2022-12/2022 Editor of Sustainability Accounting and Economics papers of a Tokyo Institute of Technology research laboratory
- 08/2022 TOEFL and Business English Summer School teacher at Seisen University, Tokyo
- 07/2022 Academic English teacher covering for faculty on maternity leave, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Juntendo University
- 08/2020 – 08/2022 Part-time lecturer in Ethics and Philosophy, Sophia University, Tokyo
- 04/2021 – 03/2022 Part-time Philosophy teacher, Junior and Senior High School of Kogakuin University, Tokyo
- 11/2017 – 11/2019 JSPS Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Keio University
- 06/2017 – 11/2019 Hungarian Academy of Sciences, contributor to Dr Tamas Demeter’s project ‘Values in Modern Science: Epistemic, Social, Moral’
- 03/2016-10/2017 Secretariat Officer, Academic Policy and Quality Office, Oxford Brookes University

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02/2016-11/2017	Freelance academic tutor (humanities and social sciences, English and academic skills)
10/2013-09/2017	Hall Assistant and Warden at Warneford Hall and at Westminster Hall, Harcourt Hill Campus, Oxford Brookes University
09/2013-11/2013	Administrator for the Sustainability Team for the BrookesBus project, Oxford Brookes University
9/2010-8/2012	Part-time TESOL teacher, Pecs, Hungary (TOEFL, IELTS preparation; preparation for business and marketing English exams)
01/2002-12/2010	Freelance translator (legal and estates translation and interpretation; German to Hungarian, Hungarian to German, English to Hungarian)

Degrees

2016	PhD in Philosophy , viva: 28/06/2016 (passed with no corrections), supervisor Prof. Constantine Sandis, University of Hertfordshire, Institute of Humanities Title of thesis: <i>What are Actions?</i> https://uhra.herts.ac.uk/handle/2299/17222
2010	MA in Philosophy (first), University of Pecs, Hungary
2010	MA in English Language and Literature (first), University of Pecs, Hungary
2010	Primary and Secondary Level Teacher's qualification: English as a foreign Language (TESOL); Philosophy (first), University of Pecs, Hungary

AOS **Philosophy of Mind and Action, Ethics**

AOC **Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Art, Metaphysics**

Publications

1. "Why Autonomous Agents Should not be Built for War." 2023. In: *Special issue on AIs and Robots of Journal of Philosophy of Life* Vol. 13.
2. "Making Sense of the Knobe-effect: Praise demands both Intention and Voluntariness." 2022. In: *Journal of Applied Ethics and Philosophy* Vol. 13. pp. 11-20.
3. *Mary Midgley's Biscuit Tin in Tokyo: A correspondence between poet Yasuhiro Yotsumoto and Istvan Zardai, and poems by Yasuhiro Yotsumoto.* 2021. Co-authored with Yasuhiro Yotsumoto. Bibliothek Shinoine. 180 pages.

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4. "Mary Midgley, Covid-19, and That Beastly Illusion" 2020. In: *Berlin Review of Books* Jul, 2020.
5. "Mary Midgley: Philosopher of Human Nature and Imagination." 2020. In: *PhilCul* 5 (1): 388-407.
6. "Agents in Movement." 2019. In *Mita Philosophical Association Journal*, Vol. 143: 61-84.
7. "Review of Kieran Setiya's *Practical Knowledge*." 2018. In: *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 21 (4): 1019-1020. DOI: 10.1007/s10677-018-9928-0
8. "Two Ways to Describe Actions." In *Elpis*, 2012/2: 97-106.
9. "The Role of Intentions in Davidson's Philosophy of Action." 2011. In *Elpis*, April: 70-87.
10. "Practical Rationality and Reflexivity." 2009. In *Proceedings of the 7th Grastyán Conference*. Ed.: Rab, Virág et al.: 423-429.
11. "The Use of the Concept of Plan-like Intentions in Autism Research." 2009. In *Proceedings of the 6th Grastyán Conference*. Editors: Rab, Virág et al.: 315-321.

Public engagement, publications, appearances

1. 'Mary Midgley in Japan: Yasuhiro Yotsumoto and Istvan Zardai discuss', online conversation with Yasuhiro Yotsumoto, *Notes from the Biscuit Tin* project, video available at <https://www.notesfromabiscuittin.com/project/tokyo/>
2. 'Poetry and Philosophy for Confusing Times', online conversation with Gillian Almond, Jenifer Judge, Clare MacCumhaill and Rachael Wiseman, Durham Book Festival 2020 <https://durhambookfestival.com/programme/event/notes-from-a-biscuit-tin-young-poets-poetry-and-philosophy-for-confusing-times/>
3. May 2020 'Covid-19 reflections' <https://www.notesfromabiscuittin.com/project/tokyo/>
4. January 2019 'Breaking Down Philosophy – Interview with Istvan Zoltan Zardai', podcast by Chris Colucci for *Inspire Tokyo* and Kikokushijo Academy <http://inspiretokyo.libsyn.com/8-breaking-down-philosophy-zrdai-istvn-zoltn>
5. June 2018 'Interview with a researcher: Istvan Zoltan Zardai.' In *Voluntas*, Tancsics Mihaly High School, Kaposvar, Hungary
6. April 2015 'A Year in the life of: Istvan Zoltan Zardai.' In *Graduate College Newsletter*, Oxford Brookes University
7. June, 2012 'New York's Secrets: Introducing the art of Bakos Rita Ackermann.' In *Pécsi Bölcsész (The Pecs Humanist)*, University of Pecs

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8. March 2012 ‘Human spores: Thought experiments on abortion.’ In *Pécsi Bölcsész (The Pecs Humanist)*, University of Pecs
9. 2011 ‘Analytic Philosophy – or What We Can Know of Actions through Language.’ In *Annona Nova 2010*, Vörös D. (ed.), Kerényi Károly College for Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate Studies. Pécs: University of Pecs

Editing

- 2014 – 2021 Editor of www.philosophyofaction.com
- 2013 Editorial help with *Anthology of Philosophy of Action*, Blackwell, 2014. Editors: Jonathan Dancy and Constantine Sandis.
- 2012- Assistant editor of the Philosophy of Action section of *PhilPapers*.
- 2011 *Törésvonalak (Fault-lines) – Political, Social and Cultural Splits in Central European Societies from the Early New Age until Today*. Erdős, Z., Pálffy, E. and István Zárdai (eds.). 2011, Pécs, Hungary.

Teaching at university level

- 2022 Winter quarter “Transdisciplinary Design Project”, BA Course, Tokyo Institute of Technology, course co-designed with Prof Nohara, co-teachers: Prof Kayoko Nohara, Dr Giorgo Salani. Online synchronous delivery.
- 10/2022-12/2022 Academic English teacher covering for faculty on maternity leave, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Juntendo University, Tokyo.
- 08/2022 TOEFL and Business English Summer School teacher at Seisen University, Tokyo
- 07/2022 Academic English teacher covering for a professor on maternity leave, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Juntendo University, Tokyo.
- 2022 Spring Semester “Ethics: Free Will, Determinism, and Moral Responsibility”, BA Course, Sophia University, course leader and designer, two 100 minutes classes per week, for 15 weeks.
- 2021 Winter quarter “Transdisciplinary Design Project”, BA Course, Tokyo Institute of Technology, course co-designed with Prof Nohara, co-teachers: Prof Kayoko Nohara, Dr Giorgo Salani. Online synchronous delivery.

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2021 Autumn Semester “English Communication Practice for Engineers and Scientists”, PhD and Postdoc course, Tokyo Tech Academy for Super Smart Society, Tokyo Institute of Technology. Online delivery.

2021 Autumn Semester “Professional Ethics for Psychologists Specializing in Applied Behavior Analysis and Autism Treatment”, Postgraduate course, Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary. Course co-designed and co-taught with MSc. Szandra Hermann and MSc. Andrea Baumes. Online synchronous and asynchronous delivery.

2021 Spring Semester “Ethics: Action, Ethics, and Religion”, BA Course, Sophia University, course leader and designer, two 100 minutes classes per week for 15 weeks. Online synchronous delivery.

2020 Autumn Semester “Ethics: Rationality, Religion, and Ethics”, BA Course, Sophia University, course leader and designer. Online synchronous delivery.

2020 Summer quarter “Social Design Project”, BA Course, Tokyo Institute of Technology, course co-designed with Prof Nohara, co-teachers: Prof Kayoko Nohara, Dr Giorgio Salani. Online synchronous delivery.

2020 February, supervising and advising MA students on their research projects and improving research ethics education at the lab of Prof Kayoko Nohara at the Tokyo Institute of Technology

2019 November 20 “Philosophy of Action”. Invited lecture in BA course at Soka University, Tokyo, Japan. Host: Dr Ryo Chonabayashi.

2019 summer quarter “Social Design Project”, BA Course, Tokyo Institute of Technology, course co-designed with Prof Nohara, co-teachers: Prof Kayoko Nohara, Prof Naoya Abe.

2018 November 15 “Free Will”; “Ethics”. 2 invited lectures in BA courses at Soka University, Tokyo, Japan. Host: Dr Ryo Chonabayashi.

2014/2015 spring semester “Early Modern Philosophy”, BA Course, Oxford Brookes University. Teaching assistant to Dr Yuuki Ohta.

2013/2014 spring semester “Freedom of Will”, MA course, University of Pécs, Department of Philosophy, course leader and course designer, co-teacher: Dr László Kocsis.

2013/2014 fall semester “Moral Psychology”, BA course, University of Pécs, Department of Philosophy, course leader and course designer.

2011/2012 fall semester “History of Philosophy”, BA course, University of Pécs, Department of Philosophy, co-teacher: Prof Tamás Demeter.

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2010/2011 spring semester “Epistemology: Self-Knowledge”, MA course, University of Pécs, Department of Philosophy, course leader and course designer.

2010/2011 spring semester “Michael Thompson: Life and Action”, MA course, University of Pécs, Dep. of Philosophy, co-teachers: Dr Zsolt Garai, Dr Éva Kocsis.

2009/2010 spring semester “Epistemology of Action”, MA course, University of Pécs, Department of Philosophy, co-teacher: Dr Zsolt Garai.

Teaching Philosophy at secondary level

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| 04/2021 – 03/2022 | Philosophy, Ethics and Critical Thinking, Junior and Senior High School of Kogakuin University, Tokyo. |
| 03/07/2018 | Fukushima Prefectural High School, JSPS Science Dialogue Philosophy lecture and discussion session. |
| 2013-2016 | Teaching 10 hours of Philosophy every semester at the European School at Culham (6 th and 7 th year groups), supported by the Jacobsen Fellowship of the Royal Institute of Philosophy. |
| 09/2010-10/2010 | Individual teaching practice in Philosophy for 12 th grade classes, Leowey Klara High School, Pécs. |
| 03/2009-04/2009 | High school teaching practice in Philosophy for 12 th grade classes, Leowey Klara High School, Pécs. |

Teaching English and Tutoring

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| 2021 - | <i>Culture Hiyoshi</i> , English Language School, Hiyoshi, Kawasaki, Kanagawa |
| 2019 - | <i>Cafetalk</i> , online Japan-based website, 500+ online one-on-one lessons to adult learners |
| 2019 – 2021 | <i>TutorMe</i> , online US-based tutorial website, 1000+ online one-on-one tutorials in business and management, humanities, and social science subjects (mainly philosophy, literature, art history, and business and consulting) |

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Selection of research talks

1. “Which capacities, what kind of agency?” *Homo Ludens. Mind, Agency and Video Games*. Hybrid event, Department of Philosophy, University of Concepcion, Chile and the Neuropsychology and Cognitive Neurosciences Research Center, Catholic University of Maule, Chile. 26-28/10/2022.
2. “The Investigation of Group Responsibility based on an Account of Action and Agency.” 20th Anniversary of the Philosophy PhD School at the University of Pecs, Hungary. 07/05/2022.
3. “AI as Group Agent.” Global Research Center for Logic and Sensibility, Keio University, Annual Meeting 2022. Online event by Keio University, Tokyo. 03/03/2022.
4. “Group Agency and Responsibility.” Prof. Wolfgang Ertl’s Ethico-Metaphysical Graduate Seminar. Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. 03/12/2021.
5. “Introduction: An overview of the field of Philosophy of Action” and “What Happens When We Move.” ‘After Davidson’ Panel of the Annual Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Society of Japan. Keio University, Tokyo. 10/11/2019.
6. “Does the Chairman Deserve the Blame?” *Setouchi Philosophy Forum: Action and (the Phenomenology) of Agency Workshop*. Okayama University, Okayama. 17/09/2019.
7. “AI, Decisions, and Responsibility.” *Annual Meeting of the Global Research Center for Logic and Sensitivity*. Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. 28/02/2019.
8. “Is there an Essential Difference between Actions and Events.” Tokyo Workshop on Action and Agency. Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan. 20/02/2019.
9. “Agents in Movement.” *Agency and Autonomy Workshop* by the Setouchi Philosophy Forum. Hiroshima Institute of Technology, Hiroshima, Japan. 31/01/2019.
10. “On the Responsible Design and Deployment of Autonomous Agents.” Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan. 30/01/2019.
11. “Monism and Pluralism about Action.” Tottori University, Tottori, Japan. 29/01/2019.
12. “Is there an Essential Difference between Actions and Events.” CAPE lecture series. Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. 22/01/2019.
13. “Intentional, Unintentional, Voluntary, Involuntary.” Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan. 21/01/2019.
14. “Actions, Rational, Irrational, Arational.” *Rationality, Representation, and Reality*. Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan. 8-9/12/2018.

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15. "On the Responsible Design and Deployment of Autonomous Agents." *Cybersecurity France-Japan: New issues on technology and algorithmic ethics/privacy/fairness, related to Digital/AI/Machine-Learning*. Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. 31/10/2018.
16. "Doings and Things Done." *Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy*. University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan. 30/05/2018.
17. "Doings and Things Done." Prof. Wolfgang Ertl's *Ethico-Metaphysical Graduate Seminar*. Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. 27/04/2018.
18. "Actions and their Causes." *Setouchi Philosophy Forum*. Okayama University, Okayama, Japan. 02/02/2018.
19. "Monism and Pluralism about Action." *Keio Faculty Lectures*. Keio University, Tokyo, Japan. 15/12/2017.
20. "Reasoning and Moral Conformism." *Peregrinus Lectures*. Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary. 10/11/2015.
21. "Actions and Practical Knowledge." *2015 Joint Session*. University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom. 12/07/2015.
22. "Final Reflections." *Freedom, Determinism, and Responsibility*. The Queen's College, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom. 8/03/2014.
23. "How to Handle Actions." *Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy*, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan. 16/01/2014.
24. "Why it is a Bad Idea to Construct Military Robots that can be held Responsible." Kerényi Károly Special College for Advanced Studies, University of Pécs. 10/09/2013
25. "Knowledge of Action." *13th BPPA*, University of Glasgow, Scotland. 25/06/2013.
26. "Folk Concepts of Action." *Research Student Spring Symposium*. Oxford Brookes University, Oxford. 11/05/2013.
27. "How to Handle Actions." *Philosophy of Action Research Group*. The Queen's College, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom. 26/02/2013.
28. "Two Ways to Describe Actions." Fourth International Graduate Conference at CEU: Aspects of Self and Agency. Budapest, Hungary. 30-31/03/2012.
29. "What is *THE* motivating state?" *Third Annual Dutch Conference on Practical Philosophy*. Amsterdam, Netherlands. 14-5/10/2011.
30. "Knowing How and Our Introspective Knowledge of What We Intend." *Joint Action Meeting IV*. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria. 07/07/2011

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31. “Motivating Mental States.” *Analytic Pragmatism – In Focus: Huw Price’s Work*. University of Pécs, Hungary. 09/05/2011.
32. “How Privileged Access Works.” *The Cognitive Seminar*. Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Budapest, Hungary. 18/04/2011.
33. “How do We Get to Know Our Own Intentions?” *19th Meeting of the Hungarian Society for Cognitive Science*. University of Kaposvar, Hungary. 27/01/2011.
34. “Reasons and Motivations by Alvarez.” *Conference of the Philosophy PhD School of the Department of Philosophy of the University of Pécs*, Hungary. 1/10/2010.
35. “What Must Reasons be in Order to Explain Actions?” Public talk delivered at the first occasion of the *Open Research Presentations* series of Kerényi Károly College at the University of Pécs, Hungary. 03/02/2010.
36. “Indispensable Realism?” *Mental Fictionalism – Discussing Tamas Demeter’s ‘Mental Fictionalism.’* University of Pécs, Hungary. 12/12/2008.
37. “Die Dennett-McDowell Debatte.” Proseminar, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Graz, Austria. 3/12/2008.
38. “The Dennett-McDowell Debate”. *Language, Cognition, Mind*. Conference organized by the Philosophy Department of Eotvos University, Budapest and the Philosophy of Language Research Group of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Eotvos University, Budapest, Hungary. 2-3/10/2008.
39. “The Application of the Concept of Plan-like Intentions in Autism Research”. *6th Interdisciplinary Grastyán Graduate Conference*. The Seat of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Pécs, Hungary. 26-27/03/2008.
40. “Intentional Action without Belief in Success in Davidson’s and Bratman’s Work”. *Conference of Kerényi Károly College of University of Pécs*. University of Pécs, Hungary. 26-27/04/2007.

Associations, memberships, organizing work

2019-4/2020 *In Parenthesis Project*. Notes from a Biscuit Tin: Mary Midgley Memorial Philosophy-Poetry Event Series, role: organiser of the Tokyo event with poet Yasuhiro Yotsumoto. <https://www.notesfromabiscuittin.com/about/>

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- 2019/11/10 Discussion panel for the Annual Conference of the Japanese Society for Philosophy of Science, title: ‘Action and Agency after Davidson’, co-organiser Dr Yudai Suzuki http://pssj.info/program/program_data/52/ws/index.html
- 2018 – Mita Philosophy Association, role: member
- 2016-2017 Co-organizer with Prof. Rhona Sharpe of the Academic Enhancement Standards Committee seminar 2016-17, Oxford Brookes University
- 2015 – Castle Hill Reading Group in Philosophy of Science, Budapest, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, role: member
- 2012-2015 British Postgraduate Philosophy Association, role: member and representative at Oxford Brookes University
- 2013-2014 Main organizer of the conference “Freedom, Determinism, and Responsibility,” The Queen’s College, 07-08/03/2014
- 2013-2014 British Postgraduate Philosophy Association, role: Funding officer
- 2012-2015 Philosophy of Action Research Group, Oxford, role: member, organizer (2014)
- 2012 – Society for the Philosophy of Agency, role: member
- 2012 – Aristotelian Society, role: member
- 2007-2010 Kerényi Károly College for Advanced Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, University of Pécs, roles: Mentor, senior, conference organizer, member of executive committee

Scholarships and funding for research

- 2017-19 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Kakenhi funds for research activities and expenses. Project/Area Nr. 17F17783, 1,600,000 JPY <https://kaken.nii.ac.jp/grant/KAKENHI-PROJECT-17F17783/>
- 2015-2016 University of Hertfordshire PhD tuition fee waiver grant
- 2015-2016 Jacobsen Fellowship, Royal Institute of Philosophy teaching grant £1080
- 2014-2015 Jacobsen Fellowship, Royal Institute of Philosophy teaching grant £1080
- 2013-2014 Jacobsen Fellowship, Royal Institute of Philosophy teaching grant £1280
- 2014 Main organizer of the conference “Freedom, Determinism, and Responsibility,” taking place at The Queen’s College, on the 7-8 of March 2014. (Speakers: Randolph Clarke, Laura Ekstrom, Alfred R. Mele, Dana K. Nelkin, Timothy O’Connor, Derek Pereboom, Saul Smilansky), with a budget

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of £ 4505. The event was supported by competitive grants won from The Mind Association, The Aristotelian Society, Royal Institute of Philosophy, Analysis Trust, Oxford Brookes University, The Queen's College Oxford University.

- 2013 Society for Applied Philosophy Travel Support for speakers at the 2013 British Postgraduate Philosophy Association – competitive travel grant for UK based graduate students to attend research events
- 2013 Aristotelian Society Student Expense Bursary for the Joint Session – competitive travel grant for UK based graduate students to attend research events
- 2013 Oxford Brookes Research Expenses Scheme – competitive travel grant for OBU based graduate students to attend research events
- 2012-2015 Oxford Brookes University PhD Scholarship (full tuition fee and £7,000 sustenance/year)
- 2010-2012 Hungarian State PhD Scholarship (full tuition fee and living expenses covered)
- 2010 Pro Renovanda Cultura Hungariae Foundation – competitive grant for to support acquiring research supplies 300 EUR
- 2008-2009 CEEPUS mobility grant, Karl Franzens Universitaet, Graz, Austria; a 900 EUR/month plus university fees scholarship to enable students to attend another Central European university and work on their MA thesis research

Refereeing

- 05/2018 - *Ethical and Moral Theory*, referee
- 07/2016 – *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, referee
- 04/2013 – *Praxis Journal of Philosophy*, referee

IT skills

Google products (including Google Sites and Google Classroom), Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Lucid Chart, Mediasite Lecture Capture, MemoQ, Microsoft Office, Moodle, Miro, ETR, Neptun, Prezi, DaVinci Resolve (basic video editing), Scratch and Tynker (simple coding for children), Wacom Bamboo (simple drawing hardware and software), YouTube

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Relevant further training

13/11/2021	Tutoring techniques and principles, Greene's College, Oxford
26/02/2021	Teaching techniques workshop and practice, Berkeley House, Tokyo
26/02/2021	Hybrid delivery of lectures: how to assist students to participate in lessons held in the classroom, Sophia University, Tokyo
28/01/2021	Harassment Prevention training, Sophia University, Tokyo
15-16/11/2017	Research ethics and ethical research funds usage, CITI, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
26/05/2016	Data Protection, OBU, Oxford, UK
28/01/2015	How to support students and residents with Autism, Autism Oxford UK
10/2014-12/2014	Health and Safety; Display Screen Equipment; Manual Handling, OBU, Oxford, UK
09/09/2014	FAA Level 2 award in emergency first aid at work (QCF)
04/09/2014	Conflict management non-physical intervention skills course, OBU, Oxford, UK
2-5/09/2014	University hall warden training, Oxford Brookes University (OBU), Oxford, UK

ORCID ID 0000-0003-4668-1764

Languages Hungarian (native), English (native level C2), German (working proficiency B2), Japanese (beginner A2)

Driving License Category C since 2002; accident free driving

Interests Literature & art, international relations & politics, running & hiking, community work