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References available on request.



a) Education

University of Jena, Fürstengraben 1, 07743, Germany

PhD Philosophy, 10/2017 – 10/2022. Date of defence: 23/11/2022.

Degree classification: magna cum laude

Focus: continental philosophy, Critical Theory

University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, United Kingdom

MA Continental Philosophy, 10/2015 – 09/2016.

Focus: post-Kantian philosophy, politics and aesthetics, epistemology

Corvinus University of Budapest, 1093 Budapest, Fővám tér 8, Hungary

MA International Economy and Business, 09/2012 – 06/2014.

Degree classification: summa cum laude

Focus: institutional economics, history of economic thought, development economics

Corvinus University of Budapest, 1093 Budapest, Fővám tér 8, Hungary

BA International Relations, 09/2009 – 07/2012.

Degree classification: magna cum laude

Focus: security studies, foreign policy, European Union law

b) Teaching and Academic Experience

- Associate Professor of Philosophy & Academic Quality Manager
Kodolányi János University, Department of History and International Relations. 1139
Budapest, Frangepán u. 50–56, Hungary.
10/2023 –
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Academic Quality Manager
Kodolányi János University, Department of International Relations. 1139 Budapest,
Frangepán u. 50–56, Hungary.
09/2022 – 10/2023.

Modules held: Philosophy, Introduction to Political Philosophy, International Political Theory, The Enlightenment and Its Discontents, Regional Studies (5 ECTS each).
Reviewer of dissertations on geopolitics and cultural theory. Fall 2022.

- Research Associate: Metaphysics, process philosophy and Alfred North Whitehead.
University of Oregon, Department of Philosophy. Ct: Dr. Barbara Muraca. Susan Campbell Hall, 211, Eugene, OR 97403, United States.
Fall 2021–2022.
- Lecturer: Georg Lukács’s philosophy of literature.
University of Jena, Faculty of Philosophy. Ct. Dr. Christoph Demmerling. Fürstengraben 27, 07743 Jena, Germany.
Fall 2018–2019.
- Vocational English Teacher
Berufsförderungswerk Leipzig GmbH. Ct. Kathrin Taubert (Sprache & Wirtschaft GmbH). Georg-Schumann-Straße 148, 04159 Leipzig, Germany.
Spring 2018.
- Teaching Assistant: Institutional Economics & Research Methods.
Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Fővám tér 8, Hungary.
Fall 2013 – Spring 2014.

c) Grants and Professional Memberships

- Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Research Fellowship.
04/2019 –06/2022
ELES Scholarship Fund, Federal Republic of Germany.
- President of the Graduate Research Conference Committee (OTDT) at Kodolányi János University
09/2023 –
Responsible for representing the university at the Hungarian Doctoral Council.

d) Publications

Books

- *The Dynamic of Play and Horror in Adorno’s Philosophy*. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter, 2023.
ISBN: 9783111265308.

Journal Articles

- “The Particular as a Locus of Critique in Ernst Jünger’s Micrology.” Accepted by *Comparative Literature – Primerjalna Književnost* (Q2; ISSN: 03511189). To appear in 46, no. 2 (November 2023).

- “Difficulties of a Statesman. Shakespeare’s Coriolanus as a Tragic Hero.” Submitted to the *Journal of Modern Literature* (Q2; ISSN: 15291464).
- “Transcendental homelessness and longing for totality in Lukács and Thomas Mann.” Appeared in *Hermeneia Journal of Hermeneutics, Art Theory and Criticism* 22 (Spring 2019, ISSN: 1453–9047), 79–93.

Abstracts

- Theodor Adorno on playful–seriousness. Appeared in *Philosophy and Play*. Edited by the Hungarian Phenomenological Society. ISBN: 978–615–00–3059–3.

Other Articles

- “‘Watchman, what is left of the night?’ Messianic time in Giorgio Agamben’s ‘The Time that Remains. [Őrálló, meddig tart még az éjjel?’” Appeared in *Lelkipásztor* 98, no. 8–9 (2023): 322–326.
- “Mortambulists. Sidenotes to a new philosophical pessimism. [Halvajárók. Egy pesszimista kísérlet margójára.]” Appeared in *Tiszatáj Online Journal of Culture and Literature*, 06/2018.
- “Barack Obama’s foreign policy: a step towards multilateralism?” Appeared in *UN Model Papers of the Corvinus University of Budapest* 1, no. 1 (February 2010): 45–65.

e) Conference Presentations and Workshops

- Panel chair: “Art, Truth and Time.” Conference of the Society for European Philosophy (SEP), 05/07/2023.
- “The Particular as a Locus of Critique in Ernst Jünger’s Micrology.” Conference of the Society for European Philosophy (SEP), 04/07/2023.
- Workshop on the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (coARA). European University Association, 05/05/2023.
- Research Assessment Workshop. European University Association, 17/10/2022.
- “The dynamic of play and terror in the philosophy of Adorno.” Colloquium at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA, 17/11/2021.
- “Research Methods [Forschungsmethoden].” Graduate Forum, Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk, Gollwitz Manor, Germany, 11/08/2020.

- “The form–content problem in philosophy [Das Verhältnis von Inhalt und Form in der Philosophie].” Graduate Forum, Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk, Gollwitz Manor, Germany, 11/11/2019.
- “The concept of play in Critical Theory.” 12th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome. Loyola University Chicago, John Felice Center, Rome, Italy, 10/05/2019.
- “Philosophy and creative thinking.” ‘Krino’ workshop of critical thinking, Szeged, Hungary, 20/04/2018. *Translator.*
- “Theodor W. Adorno’s notion of playful–seriousness.” Conference of Philosophy and Play, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, 19/04/2018.
- “Heidegger’s *The Age of the World Picture* and the reification of academic philosophy.” ‘Krino’ workshop of critical thinking, Szeged, Hungary, 18/10/2017. *Translator.*
- “Transcendental homelessness in Thomas Mann.” The Legacy of Georg Lukács Conference, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 28/04/2017.

f) Volunteering and Internships

- The Seasteading Institute, ‘Ambassador’. California, the United States, 07/2022 – Responsible for PR research & creating a flagging registry consistent with maritime laws.
- The Harvard Club of Hungary, intern. 05/2019 – 02/2020. Responsible for helping to organise the Annual Reunion of the Harvard Law School Association of Europe & the 2020 Year Opening Festive Concert.
- German Red Cross, volunteer. DRK–Kreisverband, Leipzig, Germany, 09–12/2018. Responsible for facilitating the integration of migrants and asylum–seekers in Germany.
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, intern. 07/2011. Responsible for promoting Hungary’s accession to the UNSC and translating diplomatic notes to Small Island Developing States.
- UNISPAL: International Media Seminar on Middle East Peace, 07/2011. Journalist’s forum on the Israeli–Palestinian peace process. Assistant on behalf of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

g) Skills

- Digital Classroom Tools: Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet; Trello & Slack
- Technical Skills: LaTeX & Metapost for academic and scientific document preparation
- Language Skills: English: Proficient (C2), Hungarian: Proficient (C2), German: Advanced (C1), French: Intermediate (B2) – Passive proficiency, Latin: Advanced (C1)