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Education

1983 M.A. in history and English language and Anglo-American literature

1978–1983 József Attila University, Szeged,

[Majors: History and English language and Anglo-American literature]

Academic degrees

2014 Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences [International Relations]

2009 Habilitation (Dr. habil.) University of Pécs [History]

1998 Ph.D. Janus Pannonius University, Pécs [History]

1989 University Doctor's degree (Dr. univ.) [History], József Attila University, Szeged

Positions

2014 – Research Chair, Institute of Political Science, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2013–Professor of History, Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of International Studies

2009–2013 Associate Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of International Studies

2007– 2014 Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Political Science, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

1998– Founding Director, Cold War History Research Center, Budapest, (www.coldwar.hu)

1991– 2007 Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator (1991–2003), Institute for the History of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, Budapest (www.rev.hu)

1997–2000 Coordinator, Hungarian Program, Project on Openness in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union [Based at the National Security Archive, Washington D.C.]

1989–1992 Visiting lecturer in history, József Attila University, Szeged

1987–1991 Research librarian, National Széchényi Library, Budapest

1983–1987 Archivist, New Hungarian Central Archives, Budapest

Main interest

Cold War History, East–West relations, the history of détente;

Hungary's international relations after World War II;

The role of the East Central European states in the Cold War

Political transition in East Central Europe

The history of European integration

Current book projects

Hungary and the Cold War, 1945–1991

The role of the East Central European states in the Cold War, 1945–1991

Citations

Number of independent citations: 750

International co-operation

From 1992– I have been coordinating the Hungarian research projects of the Cold War International History Project, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.

1996–2000 I was a member of the international advisory board of the “Project on Openness in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union”, founded by the National Security Archive in Washington D.C.

From 2000– I have been a member of the international editorial board of the journal *Cold War History* published by Frank Cass in London.

2000–2005 I was coordinating the Hungarian research projects of the Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact (Washington–Zurich)

From 2001 I have been a member of the international editorial board of the *Journal of Cold War Studies* published at Harvard University.

2003–2005 Member of the Academic Board of Balassi Bálint Institute in Budapest

2003–2010 I was a member of the international group of scholars working on the three volume book project: *The Cambridge History of the Cold War* (2010). I have written the chapter: East Central Europe, 1953–1956. Among the 72 contributors I am the sole member from East Central Europe.

2004–2008 I was coordinating the Hungarian research projects of the international research project: “East Central Europe and the German Question”, 1956–1975 (Mannheim University)

From 2004 I have been an Associate Member of the Cold War Studies Centre at the London School of Economics.

From 2012 I have been a member of a project on the „long détente” organized by the Saxo Institute at Copenhagen University.

Editorial/Advisory board memberships

2011 – Radovi Zavoda za hrvatsku povijest, Zagreb

2011 – 2014 Külügyi Szemle (Foreign Policy Review), Budapest

2000 – Journal of Cold War Studies (Harvard University)

1999 – Cold War History (London)

2017 – Cold War Eastern Europe. Online database (Routledge).

Awards:

2013: Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, Knight's Cross (Awarded by the President of the Republic)

2018: For the University medal – Corvinus University of Budapest

Fellowships

1990: Visiting fellow, Institute of Slavonic and East European Studies, London University [3 months] Archival research in the Public Record Office, Kew

1992: Research Fellow, Cold War International History Project, The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C. [3 months]

Archival research: National Archives, Washington D.C. , National Security Archive, Washington D.C. , Eisenhower Library, Abeline, Kansas, Mudd Manuscript Library, Princeton University, United Nations Archives, New York

2001–2002 Center Fellow, Project on the Cold War as Global Conflict, International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University, New York [9 months]

2006–2007 Fulbright Visiting Professor, New York University, New York [9 months]

2013 Visiting Professor, Saxo Institute, Copenhagen University [1 month]

Teaching experience

1989–1992 Szeged University; Visiting lecturer, The Foreign Policy of Hungary, 1945–1956

1994 Turku University, Finland, Visiting lecturer

The History of Hungary in the 20th century [In English]

1995 Vendéglátóipari Főiskola, Budapest [College of Commerce and Catering Trade]

Visiting lecturer, The History of Hungary, 1945–1989 [In English]

1995 Budapesti Közgazdaságtudományi Egyetem, [Budapest University of Economics]

Visiting lecturer, The history of the Cold War, [1953–1963] (Ph.D. course)

2003 Matthias Corvinus Collegium, Budapest, Visiting lecturer

Diplomatic history in the 20th century

2006–2007 Fulbright Visiting Professor, New York University, New York [9 months]

The History of East-West relations in Europe after the Second World War

East Central Europe and the Cold War, 1945-1991

2006–2007 Visiting Professor, Empire State College, New York

The History of East-West relations in Europe after the Second World War

2007 Fall István Deák Visiting Professor for East Central European history,
Columbia University

Courses: The History of East-West relations in Europe after the Second World War
East Central Europe and the Cold War, 1945–1991

2010 Spring István Deák Visiting Professor for East Central European history,
Columbia University, New York [4 months]

Courses: Patterns of Soviet/Russian interventions from Poland to Georgia, 1939–2008

The History of East–West relations in Europe after the Second World War

2011 Fall István Deák Visiting Professor, Columbia University, New York [4 months]

Courses: Patterns of Soviet/Russian interventions in Eastern Europe, 1939–2008

The History of East–West relations in Europe after the Second World War

2013 Visiting Professor, Saxo Institute, Copenhagen University [1 month]

2015 Fall István Deák Visiting Professor, Columbia University, New York [4 months]

Courses: Patterns of Soviet/Russian interventions in Eastern Europe, 1939–2015

The History of East–West relations in Europe after the Second World War

2016 Fall István Deák Visiting Professor, Columbia University, New York [4 months]

Courses: Patterns of Soviet/Russian interventions in Eastern Europe, 1939–2015

The History of East–West relations in Europe after the Second World War

Teaching abroad

1994 Visiting Professor, Turku University, Finland (1 semester)

2006–2007 Fulbright Visiting Professor, New York University, New York [9 months]

2006–2007 Visiting Professor, Empire State College, State University of New York, New York [9 months]

2007 Fall István Deák Visiting Professor, Columbia University (1 semester)

2010 Spring István Deák Visiting Professor, Columbia University (1 semester)

2011 Fall István Deák Visiting Professor, Columbia University] (1 semester)

2013: Visiting Professor, Saxo Institute, Copenhagen University [1 month]

2015 Fall István Deák Visting Professor, Columbia University, New York [4 months]

2016 Fall István Deák Visting Professor, Columbia University, New York [4 months]

Longer study trips

1990 London, Visiting Fellow, Institute of Slavonic and East European Studies, London University; [3 months] (Hungarian Ministry of Culture–British Council)
Topic: Hungarian–British relations, 1945–1956,
Great-Britain and the 1956 Hungarian revolution
Public Record Office, London, Kew

1991 London, Archival research in the Public Record Office, Kew [1 month]

1995 London, Archival research in the Public Record Office, Kew [1 month]

1997 Washington D.C., National Archives [2 weeks]

1998 Washington D.C., National Archives, [2 weeks]

Topic: The United States and Eastern Europe, 1956–1969

2001–2002 New York, Center Fellow, Project on the Cold War as Global Conflict, International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University, [9 months]

Topic: The role of the EAst-Central European states int he Cold War

International conferences organized by me

Hungary and the World, 1956. The New Archival Evidence, (1956 Institute– Cold War International History Project, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington D.C. – National Security Archive, Washington D.C.)

Budapest, 26–29, September, 1996

European Archival Evidence on Stalin and the Cold War, (1956 Institute – Cold War International History Project, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.)

Budapest, October 3–4, 1997.

Political Transition in Hungary, 1989–1990, (Cold War History Research Center, Budapest – 1956 Institute – Cold War International History Project, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington D.C. – National Security Archive, Washington D.C.)

Budapest, 10–12 June, 1999

New Central and Eastern European Evidence on the Cold War in Asia,

(The George Washington University Cold War Group–Cold War History Research Center – 1956 Institute)

Budapest, October 31–1 November, 2003.

First Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, 15-16, July, 2010

Second Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, 11-12 July, 2011

Third Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, 9-10 July, 2012

Fourth Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, 9-10 July, 2013

Fifth Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, 8-9 July, 2014

Sixth Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, 7-8 July, 2015

Seventh Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, 30-31 May, 2016

(Co-organized with the European Institute at Columbia University in New York)

Eight Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference

at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, June 6-7, 2017

(Co-organized with the European Institute at Columbia University in New York)

Ninth Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference

at Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, June 4-5, 2018

(Co-organized with the European Institute at Columbia University in New York)

The Cold War History Research Center

I founded the Cold War History Research Center in 1998 as the first NGO in the field of contemporary history in the former Soviet Bloc countries. Following my example, by now there are similar Cold War centers, operating on a project basis in Sofia, Prague, Moscow, London and Shanghai. The Center has been intensively collaborating with the most important institutions in the field especially in the US and Europe.

The web site of the Center (www.coldwar.hu) is the only English language content providing Cold War related web site in the region, including Russia, providing articles, documents, chronologies, bibliographies, databases and other research aids covering the history of the whole Soviet Bloc as well as Yugoslavia, Austria and Finland in the Cold War era. Based on the quantity and the quality of the materials we offer, the web site is presently the no. 5-6. in the World. By searching for „Cold War history” on Google the Center appears on the first page from 145 million hits.

The (unpaid) international internship program of the Center that started in 2009 is also very popular, our interns usually spend 2-3 months (sometimes even 4-8 months) with us mostly in the Summer period. By 2018 we have had altogether 222 interns, from 38 countries, representing 92 universities, 23 interns arrived from the USA alone. (Austria, Azerbaijan, Canada, China, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, France, Iran, Italy, Lithuania, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, The Netherlands, Turkey, Greece UK, Ukraine, USA.)

Participation at international conferences/seminars (100)

The Role of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution in the Collapse of the Soviet Communist System,

Budapest, 13–15 June, 1991

Paper presented: President Kliment Voroshilov's Telegram to Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain on the Soviet Intervention in Hungary on 4 November 1956.

1956 in Hungary and in Poland,

Budapest, December, 1991

Paper presented: The British Government and the Hungarian Revolution of 1956.

Hungary 1956 – Finnish–Hungarian Seminar,

Tampere, Finland, 29–30 March, 1993.

Paper presented: The Hungarian Revolution in 1956 and the Western Great Powers

Internal factors facilitating Communist takeover in East-Central Europe 1944–1948

Opcno, Czech Republic, 9–11 September, 1993.

Paper presented: The Interaction of the Internal and Foreign Policy of the Hungarian Communist Party During the Political Crisis in the Spring of 1946.

Prague 1968 and the World.

Prague, 3–5 March, 1994.

Paper presented: The International Background of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and that of the Prague Spring in 1968. A comparative analysis.

6th of March 1945: The Groza Government and Rumania's Communisation.

Bucharest, 3–4 March, 1995.

Paper presented: The Communist Parties and the National Issue in Central and Eastern - Europe [1945–1947] - An Important Factor Facilitating Communist Takeover in the Region.

Die ungarische revolution 1956. Austrian – Hungarian Conference,

Vienna, 6 April, 1995. [Collegium Hungaricum]

Paper presented: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the Great Powers.

V. World Congress for Central and East European Studies,

Warsaw, 6–11. August, 1995.

Panel XIV-9: 1956: Hungary in the light of new archival sources.

Paper presented: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the Great Powers.

Hungary and the World, 1956. The New Archival Evidence,

Budapest, 26–29 September, 1996.

Paper presented: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and World Politics

The Suez War of 1956 after 40 Years.

Kairo, 29 October, 1996 [Al Akhram Institute for Strategic and Political Studies]

Paper presented: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the Suez Crisis.

The Paris Peace Treaty of 1947

Budapest, 27 March, 1997.

Paper presented: Initiatives of the Hungarian Communist Party prior to the Hungarian Government Delegation's Visit to Moscow in the Spring of 1946.

The New Cold War History

Athens, Ohio, 9–11 May, 1997.

Paper presented: New Findings on the Cold War in Hungary

Poland 1980–1982. Internal Crisis, International Dimensions

Jachranka, 8–10 November, 1997.

European Archival Evidence on Stalin and the Cold War

Budapest, October 3–4, 1997.

Paper presented: Stalin and Hungary 1944–1948.

The Czechoslovak February, 1948

Prague, 20–22 February, 1998.

The End of the Cold War in Europe, 1989: "New Thinking" and New Evidence,

Musgrove, St. Simon's Island, Georgia, May 1–3, 1998.

I was moderating Panel I.: The Emergence of Soviet "New Thinking in Eastern Europe

The Years of Transition, 1947–1949

Budapest, 10–11 September, 1998.

Paper presented: The Origins of the Cold War.

The Memory of the Cold War, [1956, 1968, 1989–1990]

Budapest, 9–10 October, 1998.

Paper presented: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the Soviet Bloc

Eastern European Perspectives on the German Question

Essen, 23–24 November, 1998.

Paper presented: Hungary and the German Question, 1949–1956.

Political Transition in Hungary, 1989–1990

Budapest, June 10–12, 1999.

Paper presented: East–West Relations and the Hungarian Transition

The Democratic Revolution in Czechoslovakia. Its Preconditions, Course and Immediate Aftermath Praha, October 14–16, 1999

Poland 1986–1989. The End of the System

Warsaw–Miedzeszyn, October 21–23, 1999.

Paper presented: Political Transition in Hungary, 1988–1990

New Cold War History: Historiography, Theory, and Methodology

Moscow, 7–11 May, 2000.

Paper presented: The “New Course” in East–West Relations, 1953–1956

III. Országos Jelenkortörténeti Konferencia. [Third National Conference on Contemporary History]

Debrecen, 2000. augusztus 29–31.

Előadás: A magyar külpolitika néhány kérdése 1945 után [Some issues of Hungarian foreign policy after 1945]

Annual conference, Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact

Zurich, December 2, 2000.

Paper presented: Hungarian archival sources on the Warsaw Pact.

Ten Year Anniversary Cold War Summit, Cold War International History Project
Washington D.C., March 2–3, 2002.

Paper presented: The Cold War History Research Center in Budapest.

Towards an International History of the War in Afghanistan.

Washington, D.C. , Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars,
April 29–30, 2002.

I participated at the conference as an observer.

*L'Europe en mutation. Le processus d'Helsinki: de l'Europe divisée
au perspectives de la Grande Europe*

Paris, Sorbonne III. 7–8 June, 2002.

Paper presented: The Human Rights Issue in Hungary

Sawyer seminar

International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University.

New York, 27 September, 2002.

Paper presented: Eastern Europe and the Cold War

Romania and the Cold War,

Bucharest, October 3–6, 2002

I was chair of the Panel: Romania and the Warsaw Pact, 1969–1989

Annual conference, Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact,
Zurich, November 16, 2002

Paper presented: New Hungarian archival sources on the Warsaw Pact.

Between East and West: Hungarian Foreign Policy in the 20th Century

Indiana University, Bloomington, March 29, 2003.

Paper presented: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the Superpowers

Annual conference, Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact,

Vienna, October 11, 2003.

Paper presented: New Hungarian archival sources on the Warsaw Pact

New Central and Eastern European Evidence on the Cold War in Asia,
George Washington University Cold War Group–Cold War History Research Center,
Budapest, 31 October – 1 November, 2003.

Paper presented: Hungarian mediation during the Vietnam War, 1965–1966.

“Hatvanas évek” konferencia, [“The sixties”]

Budapest, October 17–18, 2003.

Paper presented: “Magyarország és az Európai biztonság, 1966–1970” [Hungary and European security, 1966–1970]

Külpolitika és nemzeti érdek. Folytonosság és diszkontinuitás a 20. századi magyar külpolitikában. [Foreign policy and national interest. Continuity and discontinuity in 20th century Hungarian foreign policy]

Teleki László Intézet, Budapest, Külpolitikai Tanulmányok Központja, [Center for Foreign Policy Studies]

Budapest, December 8, 2003.

Paper presented: Magyar külpolitika a szovjet szövetségi rendszerben, 1968–1989.
[Hungarian foreign policy in the Soviet alliance system, 1968–1989]

NATO and the Warsaw Pact: Intra–Bloc Conflicts

Lemmitzer Center for NATO and European Union Studies, Kent State University
April 23–24, 2004.

Paper presented: Why Was There No „Second Cold War” in Europe? Hungary and the Soviet Intervention in Afghanistan in 1979.

The Helsinki Process: a historical reappraisal

University of Padova, June 7, 2004.

Paper presented: Hungary and the CSCE Process, 1965–1970

Annual conference, Parallel History Project on NATO and the Warsaw Pact

Urbino, October 1–2, 2004.

Paper presented: Hungarian archival sources on the Warsaw Pact.

Eastern Europe and Western Europe in the Cold War [1965–1975]

Münster, October 23–23, 2004 [University of Duisburg-Essen and the University of Paris IV-Sorbonne].

Paper presented: The Warsaw Pact and the Helsinki Process

The Warsaw Pact: From its Founding to its Collapse, 1955–1991,

Washington D.C., 2005. május 26–27.

Előadás: Warsaw Pact Coordination and the CSCE process, 1965–1970

The Helsinki Process and the Demise of Communism

Prague, 2005 június 5–7.

Paper presented: Hungary and the Making of the CSCE process, 1965–1970

At the roots of the European security system: thirty years since the Helsinki Final Act

Zurich, September 8-10, 2005

Paper presented: The Warsaw Pact and the Preparation for a European Security Conference, 1964–1970

A Kádár-korszak és a rendszerváltás. IV. Országos Jelenkortörténeti Konferencia.

[The Kádár era and political transition]

Budapest, 2005. október 24–26.

Előadás: Magyarország nyugat-politikája a Kádár-korszakban.

[Hungary's Westpolitik in the Kádár era]

Conference for the Creation of an International History of the Cold War. The Origins and Early Development of the Cold War, 1945-1962. (Workshop for the forthcoming 3 volume

Cambridge History of the Cold War)

March 30 to April 2, 2006, The Truman Presidential Museum & Library, The Harry S.

Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs and the University of Missouri – Kansas City

Paper presented: East Central Europe from 1953 to the Aftermath of the 1956 Revolutions

Encuentros – Viejos y nuevos encuentros entre Hungría, Europa e Iberoamérica: 1956 y 2006

El reflejo de la revolución húngara de 1956 en Iberoamérica. Coloquio Internacional

Pécs, 2 de mayo de 2006.

Paper presented: The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 and International Politics

VI. Hungarológiai kongresszus, (VIth Congress of Hungarian Studies) Debrecen, 2006.
August, 22-27.

Paper presented: A helsinki folyamat hatása a magyar külpolitikai gondolkodásra. [The impact of the Helsinki process on Hungarian foreign policy thinking]

The 1956 Hungarian Revolution in Historical Perspective. 50th Anniversary Reassessments.
Harvard University, Cambridge, Ma. October 30, 2006.

Paper presented: Soviet Decision making During the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

Fifty Years` Perspective on the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Case Western Reserve
University, Cleveland, September 18-20, 2006.

Keynote speech: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution in World Politics

The 1956 Hungarian Revolution 50 Years Later - Canadian and International Perspectives.
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, 2006. October 12-14.

Keynote speech: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution in World Politics

1956 and Its Impact on the Soviet Bloc.

Columbia University, New York, November 2-3, 2006.

Paper presented: Could the Hungarian Revolution Have Succeeded in 1956?

Traveling scholars project. The 1956 Hungarian Revolution: Fifty Years On. (Charles Gati,
Attila Szakolczai, Csaba Békés)

New School, New York, October 2, 2006.

Princeton University, Princeton, October 3, 2006.

George Washington University, Washington D.C. October 4, 2006.

City University of New York, New York, October 5, 2006.

Hungarian Cultural Center, New York, October 6, 2006.

New York University, New York, October 9, 2006.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Ma. October 10, 2006.

Revolution, Ideology and Memory. Roundtable discussion. Participants: Ágnes Heller, Paul
Berman, Csaba Békés.

Hungarian Cultural Center, New York, October 24., 2006

The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 and After: Impact and Contribution.
Bard College, NY. (USA) February 15-17, 2007

Opening keynote speech: The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and World Politics

Transformation through Communication: Changes in the East-West Conflict in the Era of Détente (1966-1975) Budapest, 2007 October 19-20.

Paper presented: The interdependence of Ostpolitik and West German-Hungarian economic relations 1963-1973

Dealing with the Past in East Central Europe. Columbia University, 2007, December 2-3:
I was chair of Panel 2. (Czechoslovakia, GDR, Romania)

Döntéshozatal és külpolitikai tanácsadás. [Decision making and foreign policy advising]
Hungarian Institute for Foreign Policy. Budapest, February 21, 2008.

Participation in a roundtable on Hungarian Foreign policy strategy and foreign policy thinking.

Teller Ede Emlékülés [Edward Teller seminar]

Magyar Tudományos Akadémia, Budapest, 2008. január 16.

Paper presented: Szuperhatalmi politika a hidegháborúban, 1945-1962.

[Superpower politics in the Cold War, 1945-1962]

Prague Spring and the Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia, 1968.

Center Austria, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, April 3-4, 2008.

Paper presented: Hungary and the Prague Spring.

Modern magyar külpolitika - a jelen és múltja. [Modern Hungarian foreign policy – the present and its past]

Habsburg Intézet-Teleki László Alapítvány, Budapest, 2008. április 11.

Paper presented: Magyar külpolitika a bipoláris világban, 1945-1991.

[Hungarian foreign policy in the bipolar World, 1945-1991]

Der "Prager Frühling". Das Internationale Krisenjahr 1968.

Ludwig Boltzmann-Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung.

Wien-Graz, August 20-22.

Paper presented: Hungary Between Prague and Moscow.

Security Apparatus, Propagandism and the Prague Spring

Prague, 7–9 September 2008.

Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes (ÚSTR), Institute of National Remembrance, Institute for the History of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, Polish Institute, Faculty of Arts, Charles University.

Paper presented: Hungary and the Prague Spring

The „Prague Spring” and the Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia, 1968.

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, October 9-10, 2008.

Paper presented: The ‘Prague Spring’, Hungary and the Warsaw Pact Invasion.

Détente and CSCE in Europe. The States of the Warsaw Pact and the Federal Republic of Germany in their Mutual Perception and Rapprochement, 1966-1975.

Volkswagen Stiftung-project "Détente and CSCE in Europe" at the University of Mannheim in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

Prague, 12-15 October 2008.

Paper presented: Hungary, the German question and the CSCE Process, 1965-1975

Political Mythology and History Organised by the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” – Faculty of History, Faculty of Philosophy, Centre for Doctoral and Post-doctoral Research “Dialogue Europe” with the support of WAZ Media Group

2-4 April 2009, Sofia. Paper presented: Real and Apparent Crises of the East–West Relations during the Cold War

Dropping, maintaining and breaking the Iron Curtain: The Cold War and East-Central Europe twenty years later.

Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences.

Prague, November 19–21, 2009.

Paper presented: *Cold War, Détente and the Soviet Bloc, 1953–1975*

A magyar nemzeti érdek nyomában: a nemzeti, regionális és európai

érdekek viszonya. [In search of the national interest: the relationship of the national, regional and European interests]

Magyar Külügyi Intézet [Institute of Foreign Affairs] 2009. november 27.

Paper presented : A nemzeti érték értelmezhetősége a Kádár-korszakban

*15th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities "Nations and States: on the map and in the mind" Columbia University, 15-17 April, 2010, PANEL CE9
Central European Nationalism in the Age of the Cold War*

I was the discussant of the panel.

Austria and Hungary, 1945–1955/56

Austrian-Hungarian workshop, Austrian Cultural Forum, Budapest

Cold War History Research Center, Budapest, Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Kriegsfolgen-Forschung, Graz. Paper presented: Soviet policy in Hungary, 1945–1956.

First Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference at Corvinus University of Budapest. July 15–16, 2010 Corvinus University of Budapest

I was the convener of the conference and chair of Panel 3. (International Relations during and after the Cold War)

The Forty Years' Crisis: Refugees in Europe, 1919–1959

14 – 16 September, 2010. Birkbeck College, University of London, London.

Paper presented: The Hungarian revolution of 1956 and its refugees

On the path to Reunification–West and East Germany in their Alliances from 1970 to 1990.

Militärgeschichtliches Forschungamt, Potsdam, September 22-24, 2010.

Paper presented: Eastern strategies.

(In panel I: The way to Ostpolitik and détente after 1970)

Hungarian Foreign Policy in the 1960s and 1970s.

October 28, 2010. Institute of Political History, Budapest

Paper presented: The foreign policy of János Kádár, 1956–1980.

Show trials, concentration and labour camps, political refugees in Europe before and after World War II.

ELTE, Budapest, March 2 – March 5, 2011.

Paper presented: The role of the East-European show trials in the emerging Cold War

„Der Wiener Gipfel 1961: Kennedy und Chruschtschow“

Internationale wissenschaftliche Konferenz

Donnerstag, 19. Mai, bis Samstag, 21. Mai 2011 an der Diplomatischen Akademie Wien

Panel 9: Sowjetische Geheimdienste und Propaganda. Chair: Csaba Békés

Second Annual Cold War History Research Center International Student Conference

at Corvinus University of Budapest Corvinus University of Budapest

Budapest, 11-12 July, 2011. I was the convener and chair of Day 2, Panel 1 (Hungary in the Cold War)

THE COLD WAR: HISTORY, MEMORY, REPRESENTATION

Berlin, July 14-17, 2011

Paper presented: Cold War memory sites and museums in Central Europe

Government responses to Arab Spring: Revolutions and Repression in History,

Panel discussion, Columbia University, History Department, November 15, 2011.

Presentation: Revolts and repression in East Central Europe, 1953-1989.

International Workshop on “The Long Détente”.

University of Copenhagen, April 20-21, 2012.

Paper presented: Detente and the Soviet Bloc, 1953-1991

“Ninety Years of U.S.–Hungarian Diplomatic Relations”

Co-hosted by the U.S. Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the participation of Central European University.

Budapest, May 10, 2012.

Paper presented: The US and the 1956 Hungarian Revolution

Vor 25 Jahren: 1987: Der Ostblock vor dem Zusammenbruch

Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur

Berlin, 31. Mai bis 2. Juni 2012

Paper presented: Hungary in 1987

The end of an era: The Kremlin and Eastern Europe 1989–1991

Budapest, Andrásy University

18–19 September, 2012

Paper presented: Political transition in Hungary, 1988–1989

The Epoch-Making Decade: The Long 1970s and European-Transatlantic Processes in Political Culture, Discourse and Power, University of Copenhagen, November 29-30, 2012

Paper presented: Détente and the Soviet Bloc, 1975–1991.

I was also moderator of session 3: Private diplomacy, alternative Europe and media discourses.

Expansive attempts in great power politics. University of Pécs, Hungary. October 16-17, 2013.

Paper presented: Soviet superpower politics during the Cuban missile crisis

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San Antonio, November 20-23, 2014. (Participation in 3 panels)

8-15 *Memoirs in Translation: Autobiographical Texts from Central and Eastern Europe*.
Discussant.

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Paper presented: How Hungary Rewrote its History after 1989

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D.C.

Paper presented: The Soviet Bloc and the CSCE process

Panel Discussion: Russia – Ukraine: Which way forward? Panelists: Assistant Professor Tarik
Amar, Columbia University, Professor Csaba Békés, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Dr.
Wendelin Ettmayer, former Austrian Ambassador, former Member of the Austrian
Parliament, Valerii Kuchinskyi MA, former Ukrainian Ambassador, currently at Columbia
University, Associate Professor Olena Nikolayenko, Fordham University. October 29, 2015.
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Center, November 4, 2015.

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Paper presented : American Propaganda and Realpolitik During the Cold War

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communities

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I was the chair of Panel 4: From civil wars to Cold Wars: the Bolshevik state and Europe after
1917

Lectures abroad

1994 Turku University, Turku, Finland

1995 Oslo University, Oslo, Norway

2002 Hungarian Saloon, New York, USA

2005 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., USA

2006 Fészek Klub, New York, USA

2006 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA

2006 Montclair State University, New Jersey, USA

2006 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA

2006 Columbia University, New York, USA

2006 Empire State College, State University of New York, New York, USA

2008 Toronto University, Toronto, Canada

2008 Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

2010 Maricopa Community College, Phoenix, Arizona

2011 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA

2011 Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World History, Beijing, China

2011 Beijing University, Beijing, China

2011 East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

2013 Copenhagen University, Copenhagen, Denmark

2013 Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of World History, Beijing, China

2013 Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of East-European and Central Asian Studies

2015 Committee on Global Thought. Columbia University

2015 Washington History Seminar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.

Traveling scholars project. The 1956 Hungarian Revolution: Fifty Years On.

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Organized by the Hungarian Cultural Center in New York in 2006 at the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. The three scholars had lectures at the following institutions in the US:

New School, New York, October 2, 2006.

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