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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Research Interests

Problems of corruption and political systems; EU subsidies; Russian propaganda.

Education

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1998, Ph.D. in Sociology.

L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) Paris, from October 1990 to July 1991.

Budapest University of Economics (former Karl Marx University of Economics), 1990, Doctoral degree (dr. univ.).

Karl Marx University of Economics, 1981-1984, M.Sc. in Economics.

Current Positions

SGH Warsaw School of Economics; Associate Professor; from September 2023.

Corruption Research Center Budapest; Managing Director; from January 2015.

Institute of Economics KRTK; Senior Research Fellow; from September 1997.

Past Positions

Institute of Sociology and Social Policy at Corvinus University of Budapest; Associate Professor; from July 2016 to June 2017.

Research Institute of Economics and Enterprises; Managing Director; from June 2002 to November 2017.

Corvinus University of Budapest; Associate Professor (part-time); from August 1992 to June 1998.

KOPINT-DATORG Ltd; Research Fellow; from September 1988 to August 1997.

Domestic Trade Research Institute, Research Fellow, from May 1986 to August 1988.

Grants & Scholarships

Research Fellowship; *Maison des Sciences de l'Homme*, Paris; from April to July 2001.

Bolyai János Grant, *Hungarian Academy of Sciences*, Budapest; from 1998 to 2001.

Karl Polányi Award for the best publication of the year, *Hungarian Sociological Society*; 1998.

Research Fellowship, *Open Society Institute*, CEU Privatization Project; from 1995 to 1997.

Research Fellowship of French Government, *CNRS*, Paris; from October 1993 to July 1994.

Research Fellowship of French Government; *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales*, Paris; from October 1990 to July 1991.

Selected Publications

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- Szántó, Z., Varga, Sz. & Tóth, I. J. (2012). The social and institutional structure of corruption: some typical network configurations of corruption transactions in Hungary. In: Vedres, B. – Scotti M. (Eds.), *Networks in Social Policy Problems*. Cambridge University Press. (pp. 156 – 176). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511842481.009>.
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