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Research Interests

political economy of East Central Europe, European integration, transnationalization and Europeanization, regional development and regional disparities, industrial policy, state aid, cohesion policy

Selected Publications

Éltető, Andrea, and Gergő Medve-Bálint. 2023. 'Illiberal Versus Externally Fomented Growth Model Readjustment: Post-GFC State Aid in the EU's Semi-Periphery'. *Competition & Change* 10245294231162176. doi: 10.1177/10245294231162176.
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Bohle, Dorothee, Gergő Medve-Bálint, Vera Šćepanović, and Alen Toplišek. 2022. 'Riding the Covid Waves: Authoritarian Socio-Economic Responses of East Central Europe's Anti-Liberal Governments'. *East European Politics* 38(4):662-86. doi: 10.1080/21599165.2022.2122044.
(<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21599165.2022.2122044>)

Medve-Bálint, Gergő, and Vera Šćepanović. 2020. 'EU Funds, State Capacity and the Development of Transnational Industrial Policies in Europe's Eastern Periphery'. *Review of International Political Economy* 27(5):1063-82. doi: 10.1080/09692290.2019.1646669.
(<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09692290.2019.1646669>)

Makszin, Kristin, Gergő Medve-Bálint, and Dorothee Bohle. 2020. 'North and South, East and West: Is It Possible to Bridge the Gap?' Pp. 335-57 in *Governance and Politics in the Post-Crisis European Union*, edited by R. Coman, A. Créspey, and V. A. Schmidt. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Medve-Bálint, Gergő. 2018. 'The Cohesion Policy on the EU's Eastern and Southern Periphery: Misallocated Funds?' *Studies in Comparative International Development* 53(2):218-38. doi: 10.1007/s12116-018-9265-2. (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12116-018-9265-2>)

Medve-Bálint, Gergő. 2017. 'Funds for the Wealthy and the Politically Loyal? How EU Funds May Contribute to Increasing Regional Disparities in East Central Europe'. Pp. 220-40 in *EU Cohesion Policy: Reassessing Performance and Direction*

, *Regions and Cities*, edited by J. Bachtler, S. Hardy, P. Berkowitz, and T. Muravska. London; New York: Routledge. (<https://library.oapen.org/bitstream/id/88f91631-4d99-489c-8e06-89ddd175a18b/1005876.pdf>)

Boda, Zsolt, and Gergő Medve-Bálint. 2017. 'How Perceptions and Personal Contact Matter: The Individual-Level Determinants of Trust in Police in Hungary'. *Policing and Society* 27(7):732–49. doi: 10.1080/10439463.2015.1053479. (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10439463.2015.1053479>)

Medve-Bálint, Gergő. 2014. 'The Role of the EU in Shaping FDI Flows to East Central Europe'. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 52(1):35–51. doi: 10.1111/jcms.12077. (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jcms.12077>)

Medve-Bálint, Gergő, and Zsolt Boda. 2014. 'The Poorer You Are, the More You Trust? The Effect of Inequality and Income on Institutional Trust in East-Central Europe'. *Sociologický Časopis / Czech Sociological Review* 50(3):419–53. doi: [dx.doi.org/10.13060/00380288.2014.50.3.104](https://doi.org/10.13060/00380288.2014.50.3.104). (https://sreview.soc.cas.cz/artkey/csr-201403-0004_the-poorer-you-are-the-more-you-trust-the-effect-of-inequality-and-income-on-institutional-trust-in-east-cent.php)

Research Projects

2023 - 2026: Democracy and growth regimes in Central and Southern Europe (Bolyai Research Scholarship)

2022 - 2025: 20 years in the European Union: a public policy assessment of Hungary's EU membership (NKFIH FK143022) - contributing researcher

2020 - 2024: Transnational industrial policy in the EU's periphery: the use of state aid and EU funds in Southern and Eastern Europe (NKFIH FK135342) - Principal Investigator

2020 - 2022: Industrial policy on the periphery of the European Union (Bolyai Research Scholarship)

2017 - 2020: Regional development capacities on the periphery of Europe: managing foreign investment and EU funds in Eastern and Southern Europe (MTA Premium Postdoctoral Scholarship, PPD-028/2017) - Principal Investigator

2015 - 2016: Maximizing the Integration Capacity of the European Union (MAXCAP, FP7) - contributing researcher

2012 - 2015: New European Crimes and Trust-based Policy (FIDUCIA, FP7) - contributing researcher

2012 - 2015: Institutional trust and public policy effectiveness in Hungary (OTKA K101701) - contributing researcher

Work in Progress

Medve-Bálint, Gergő and Andrea Éltesztő: Economic nationalists, regional investment aid, and the stability of FDI-led growth in East Central Europe (under review)

Medve-Bálint, Gergő: From Rust to High-Tech Hubs: FDI-led Upgrading of Urban Economies in East

Central Europe (under review)

Cornel Ban, Gergő Medve-Bálint and Clara Volintiru: Municipal developmental alliances and industrial policy: The politics of upgrading strategies in three Central European cities (under review)

Academic Career

2009 – Researcher, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Political Science, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2015 – PhD, Central European University

2016-2017: Research Fellow, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Political Science

2018 – Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Political Science

2019-2022: Head of Department, ELKH Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Political Science, Department of Government and Public Policy

2022 – Deputy Director, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Political Science

Membership in Academic and Professional Organisations; Editorial Board Membership

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Committee of Political Science

Awards and Honours

Bolyai Plaque (2023)

Bolyai János Research Scholarship (2020-2022)

MTA Premium Postdoctoral Research Grant (2017-2020)

Publication Award, Center for Social Sciences (2014 and 2020)

Pro Scientia Award (2005)

Teaching Experience

Corvinus University of Budapest (since 2016)

Further Affiliations

Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of Social and Political Sciences

Languages

- English (Proficient)
- Italian (Proficient)
- German (Intermediate)