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### EDUCATION

**ELTE University**, Budapest, Hungary

Ph.D. in Political Science. 2014

Dissertation title: "Crisis-induced Delegation in Financial Regulation: A Comparative Political Economy Analysis"

**University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, United States

M.A. in Politics. 2010

Thesis title: "Crisis-induced Delegation to Trustees: The Bank Bailouts of 2008"

**Corvinus University**, Budapest, Hungary

M.A. in Economics. 2006

Thesis title: "Incremental and Programme Budgeting Techniques in Hungary, 2002-2006".

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### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

#### **Director**

Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences,  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

July 2019 –

(Interim Director: January 2019 – June 2019)

#### **Head of Department**

Department of Government and Public Policy, Centre for Social Sciences,  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

August 2016 – January 2019

**Senior Research Fellow**

Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
January 2018 –

**Research Fellow**

Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
December 2014 – December 2017

**Junior Research Fellow**

Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
September 2010 – November 2014

**Teaching Assistant**

Department of Government, University of Virginia  
September 2009 – May 2010

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VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

**Visiting research fellow**

Institute of Advanced Studies, Kőszeg  
Fall 2016

**Visiting research fellow**

Department of Government, University of Vienna  
Spring 2015

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE LEADING FUNDED PROJECTS

**Quantitative Text Analysis and Text Mining in Political Science (POLTEXT)**

- Position: Principal investigator (2015-2020)
- Institution: Centre for Social Sciences, HAS
- Grant: Incubator grant of CSS HAS (for the period 2017-2019)
- Funding: HUF 10.200.000
- Summary: International working group established in order to advance the application of text mining techniques in political science as well as to prepare algorithms for conducting quantitative text analysis. Website: [poltext.tk.mta.hu](http://poltext.tk.mta.hu)

### **The Quality of Public Policy in Hungary: A Big Data Approach**

- Position: Principal investigator (2017-2019)
- Institution: Centre for Social Sciences, HAS
- Grant: Hungarian National Research Fund (NKFIA), grant nr. FK-123907
- Funding: HUF 5.411.000
- Summary: The main research objective of the project is to gauge the formal quality of government and public policy in post-regime change Hungary. This task is undertaken by applying text mining methods to a new database of Hungarian laws and decrees.

### **Hungarian Comparative Agendas Project (CAP)**

- Position: Research director (2013 to 2017)
- Institution: Centre for Social Sciences, HAS
- Grant: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) grant nr. K109303
- Funding: HUF 33.663.000
- Summary: The Hungarian country project of the Comparative Agendas network. New databases include newspaper front-pages, interpellations, laws and budgets coded for policy content. Website: [cap.tk.mta.hu](http://cap.tk.mta.hu)

### **Electoral Pledges and Public Policy in Hungary**

- Position: Research group leader (2010 to 2013)
- Institution: Centre for Social Sciences, HAS
- Grant: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA) grant nr. K101401
- Funding: HUF 6.968.000
- Summary: The Hungarian country project of the pledge fulfillment research community. Databases describe the pledge-content of manifestos and policy.

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### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (as lecturer, instructor or teaching assistant)**

- **University of Virginia** (2009-2010): Comparative Politics 1010, European Politics 3110.
- **Corvinus University of Budapest** (2006-2019): Economic Policy (Dept. of Economic Policy), Political Economy, The Politics of Budgeting, The Political Economy of the Financial Crisis (TEK College), Government and Governance (Dept. of Political Science), Text Mining (Rajk College)
- **ELTE University of Budapest** (2006-2019): Introduction to Public Policy, American Politics (ELTE ÁJK), Introduction to Public Economics (ELTE TÁTK), Policy Analysis, Comparative Political Economy,

Introduction to Qualitative Data Analysis, Research Methods in Political Science (Bibó College)

- **Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2017):** Text Mining for Social Scientists

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## PRIZES AND GRANTS

- **Bolyai Research Grant** of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2019)
- **APSA Travel Grant** (2019)
- **Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS) Book Grant** (2019)
- **Best Paper Award in Political Science**, CSS HAS (2019)
- **HAS International Conference Support Grant** for POLTEXT Inubator Workshop (2018), Annual CAP Conference (2019)
- **Text as Data (TADA) Conference Travel Grant** (2018)
- **Harkály Prize** of the Bibó István College for Advanced Studies (2017)
- **Poliinformatics Workshop Travel Grant** (2017)
- **MPSA Conference Fee Waiver Grant** (2017)
- **Hungary Initiatives Foundation Travel Grant** (MPSA, 2015, 2017)
- **Hungarian Academy of Sciences Travel Grant** (APSA, 2016)
- **National Culture Fund of Hungary Book Grant** (2015)
- **Foundation for Political History Research Grant** (2015-16)
- **Kolnai Prize** of the Hungarian Political Science Association (2015)
- **Fulbright Foreign Student Grant** (August 2009 – May 2010)

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE AND SUPERVISION

- **Committee on Political Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences:** regular member (2017-2020)
- **Conference panel chair:** QTA-DUB (2019), CAP (2019), POLTEXT (2018, 2019), MPSA (2015, 2017), HPSA (2017, 2018)
- **Conference organizer/program director:** POLTEXT (Budapest, 2018, Tokyo, 2019), Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference (Budapest, 2019)
- **Membership in Academic Organizations:** APSA, EPSA, ECPR, Text as Data Association, HPSA
- **Reviewer:** American Politics Research, Theory and Practice of Legislation, Hungarian Political Science Review, Hungarian Review of Sociology
- **Grant proposal reviewer:** National Research, Development and Innovation Office (Hungary)

- **Award Committee:** Bryan D. Jones Award for Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar (Annual Conference of the Comparative Agendas Project, 2020)
- **Text as Data (TADA) Conference:** Doctoral Consortium Mentor (2018)
- **B.A., M.A. thesis supervision, national competition reviewer, thesis and admissions committee membership:** ELTE, Corvinus, Bibó College, OTDK

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## LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- **Languages:** Fluent in English and Hungarian (mother tongue), advanced in French (DALF)
- **Data analysis:** Text mining, data analysis and statistical skills in Excel, STATA, R, Python, ATLAS.ti

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

**2020** The Politics of Manufactured Crisis: Political Entrepreneurship and the Fiscal Wars of the early 2010s in the U.S. *Intersections – East European Journal of Society and Politics*, (forthcoming)

**2019** The Hungarian Policy Agendas Project (co-author: Zsolt Boda). In: Frank R Baumgartner, Christian Breunig, Emiliano Grossman (eds.) *Comparative Policy Agendas: Theory, Tools, Data*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.

**2019** Electoral Reforms, Entry Barriers and the Structure of Political Markets: A Comparative Analysis. (co-authors: Attila Horváth, Ágnes M. Balázs. *European Journal of Political Research*, 58:(2) pp. 741-768. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12309>

**2018** Punctuated Equilibrium In Democracy and Autocracy: An Analysis of Hungarian Budgeting Between 1868 and 2013. (co-author: Tamás Berki) *European Political Science Review*, 10:(4) pp. 589-611. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773918000115>

**2018** Institutional Entrepreneurship and the Mission Creep of the National Bank of Hungary. In: Caner Bakir, Darryl S L Jarvis (eds.) *Institutional Entrepreneurship and Policy Change*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. pp. 243-278. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-70350-3\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-70350-3_10)

**2018** From Pledge-Fulfilment to Mandate-Fulfilment: An Empirical Theory (co-author: András Körösényi). *Intersections – East European Journal of Society and Politics*, 2018:(1) pp. 115-132.

**2017** Exercising Control and Gathering Information: The Functions of Interpellations in Hungary (1990-2014) (co-authors: Bálint Kubik; Csaba Molnár). *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 2017(4) pp. 465-483. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13572334.2017.1394734>

**2017** Incrementalism and Punctuated Equilibrium in Hungarian Budgeting (1991-2013) (co-author: Tamás Berki). *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*, 2017:(2) pp. 151-180. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1108/JPBAFM-29-02-2017-B001>

**2016** Mandate Slippage, Good and Bad. Making (Normative) Sense of Mandate-Fulfillment. *Intersections – East European Journal of Society and Politics*, 2016:(1) pp. 123-152.

**2016** Coding Policy Influence with ATLAS.ti: Methodological Notes from a Study on Hungarian Banking. In: Friese, S. – Ringmayr, T. (eds.) ATLAS.ti User Conference 2015: Qualitative Data Analysis and Beyond, pp. 1-15. Universitätsverlag der TU Berlin.

**2015** Delegation and the Crisis-Driven Political Development of Bailout Institutions: The Case of Japan Between 1992 and 2003. *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, 2015:(4) pp. 459-488.

**2015** Who Decides in Times of Crisis?: A Comparative Examination of Bureaucratic Delegation in 4 EU Countries (2008-2010). *Journal of Comparative Politics*, 2015:(2) pp. 38-52.

**2010** President Wilson and the International Origins of the Federal Reserve System – A Reappraisal. *White House Studies*, 10(4), pp. 425-447.

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## BOOKS IN HUNGARIAN

**2019** Paradigmák fogságában: Elitek és ideológiák a magyar pénzügyi kapitalizmusban (Captured by Paradigms: Elites and Ideologies in Hungarian Finance Capitalism). Napvilág, Budapest

**2018** A magyar közpolitikai napirend (The Hungarian Policy Agenda). Co-editor with Zsolt Boda. MTA TK PTI, Budapest. ISBN 978-963-418-018-0

**2016** Kvantitatív szövegelemzés és szövegbányászat a politikatudományban (Quantitative Text Analysis and Text Mining in Political Science). Editor and

contributor on several chapters. L'Harmattan, Budapest. ISBN 978-963-414-229-4

**2014** Hatalom szabályok nélkül - Kormány és törvényhozás viszonya pénzügyi válság idején (Power without Rules - Executive-Legislative Relations in Times of Financial Crisis). Új Mandátum, Budapest. ISBN 978-963-287-076-2

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## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### 2019

Interdisciplinary Network of Institutional Research (WINIR), London, 12.16-18.  
POLTEXT Text Mining Conference, Tokyo, 09.13-15.  
American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington DC., 08.29-09.01  
Politics and Computational Social Science, Washington DC. 08.28.(participant)  
European Political Science Association (EPSA), Belfast, 06.20.-22.  
Quantitative Text Analysis Workshop, Dublin, 06.18-19.  
Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Budapest, 06.06-08.

### 2018

Southwestern Political Science Association (SWPSA), Orlando, 10.10-13.  
Text as Data Annual Conference, Seattle, 09.21-22. (doctoral mentor)  
International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE), Pula, 09.12.-5.  
Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Amsterdam, 07.04-06.  
ECPR Joint Sessions, Nicosia, 04.10-14.  
Political Science Association (PSA) Political Methodology, Essex, 01.12.

### 2017

PolText Text Analysis Workshop, Seattle, 08.28-30.  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Lyon, 07.01.  
ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments Conference, Basel, 06.29.-07.01.  
Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Edinburgh, 06.15-17.  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 04.09.

### 2016

American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, 09.02.  
ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments Conference, Munich, 07.01.  
Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Geneva, 06.27.  
EUENGAGE Text Analysis Workshop, Amsterdam, 06.21.

### 2015

ATLAS.TI User Conference, Berlin, 08.28-30.  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), London, 07.02.  
Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Lisbon, 06.24.  
Department of Politics, University of Vienna, Vienna, 05.17.  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 04.18.

Southwestern Political Science Association (SWPSA), Denver, 04.09.  
Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Las Vegas, 04.03.

**2014**

Content Analysis in the Social Sciences, Mannheim, 10.10-12.  
Policy and Politics, Bristol 09.16-17.  
Comparative Agendas Project (CAP), Konstanz, 06.24.  
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), New Orleans, 01.09-11.

**2013**

International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), Grenoble, 06.26-28.  
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), Orlando, 01.03-05.

**2012**

International Political Science Association (IPSA), Madrid, 07.08-12  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 04.12-15.  
Southwestern Political Science Association (SWPSA), San Diego, 04.04-07.