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EDUCATION

Central European University (CEU) – Budapest, Hungary

PhD in Political Science, *summa cum laude*

2006-2013

Primary fields: Comparative Political Economy, International Relations

Dissertation title: Reforming East Central European Welfare States: Governments, Technocrats, and the Patterns of Quiet Retrenchment

Dissertation committee: Béla Greskovits (Supervisor), Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Achim Kemmerling

Central European University (CEU) – Budapest, Hungary

Master of Arts in International Relations and European Studies

2004-2005

Davidson College – Davidson, North Carolina, U.S.A.

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Bachelor of Arts in Economics

2000-2004

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics – program for mathematics students

2002

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Department of Government and Public Policy

Research Fellow 2016-present

Central European University, Department of International Relations

Visiting assistant professor 2014-2016, 2018

Visiting instructor 2011-2013

McDaniel College Budapest, Political Science

Visiting assistant professor 2017-present

Visiting instructor 2010, 2012

COURSES TAUGHT

Central European University, Department of International Relations

International Politics of Development, PhD course – 2018

Research Design and Methods I (Quantitative Methods), MA level – 2011-2015

Research Design and Methods II (Qualitative Methods), MA level – 2013-2016

Global E-School Project on Korean Studies

A hybrid course (online and interactive lectures) on Research Design and Quantitative Methods – 2013

McDaniel College, Political Science

American Public Policy – 2017

Comparative European Politics – 2012

Introduction to Statistics – 2010

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques

Linear Algebra and Calculus: Mathematical Foundations for Social Science Statistics – 2016

Central European University, Global Policy Academy

Research design trainings for policy practitioners – 2017 - present

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

“When does Policy Diffusion Affect Policy Instability? Cases of Excessive Policy Volatility in Welfare Policies in Eastern Europe.” (with Achim Kemmerling) In *Policy Experiments, Failures and Innovations: After Accession In Central and Eastern Europe*. 2018. Edward Elgar Publisher.

[“Forms of Welfare Capitalism and Education-based Participatory Inequality.”](#) (with Carsten Q. Schneider) *Socio-Economic Review*. 2014: 2, 437-462.

Won Best Paper Award for 2014 in *Socio-Economic Review*

[“Education and Participatory Inequalities in Real Existing Democracies: Probing the Effect of Labor Markets on the Qualities of Democracies”](#) (with Carsten Q. Schneider) In *Open Forum CES Working Paper Series*. Harvard: The Minda de Gunzbur Center for European Studies, 2010.

Non peer-reviewed

[“Explaining continuity and change in postcommunist Central European welfare states.”](#) In *Journal for Labour and Social Affairs in Eastern Europe*. 2010: 1, 89-102.

[“Book review: *Development, Democracy and Welfare States: Latin America, East Asia, and Eastern Europe* by Stephan Haggard & Robert Kaufman.”](#) *Czech Sociological Review* 45, 3 (June 2009): .

[“Book review: *Divide and Pacify: Strategic Social Policies and Political Protests in Post-Communist Democracies*, by Pieter Vanhuysse.”](#) *Czech Sociological Review*. 43, 6 (Dec 2007): 1213-1215.

“Book review: *Agriculture in Transition: Land Policies and Evolving Farm Structures in Post-Soviet Countries*, by Zvi Lerman, Csaba Csaki, and Gershon Feder.” *Europe-Asia Studies*. 57,6 (Sept 2005): 917-920.

Works in progress

The power of experts in the politics of liberalizing welfare on Europe's periphery, book manuscript

“Excessive Policy Volatility: A Framework with Some Applications from the field of Pension Reforms” (with Achim Kemmerling), article under review.

“Housing as a fertility trap: Inadvertent familialization on Europe's periphery” (with Dorothee Bohle), article under review.

“Fallen from grace: The political economy of increased rating scrutiny over domestic politics and policy making in developed democracies since the economic and financial crisis” (with Zsófia Barta), article.

“Passive austerity: Hidden welfare state change in Central Eastern Europe,” article.

AWARDS

Best Paper Award for 2014 in *Socio-Economic Review* (with Carsten Q. Schneider)

Doctoral Research Support Grant, Central European University – for time as Visiting Student at Northwestern University (Illinois, USA), Spring 2010.

PhD fellowship, Central European University, 2006-2010

Award for *Outstanding MA Thesis* from CEU Department of International Relations, 2005.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, 2004-05.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Supervised and graded MA theses at CEU IR Department, 2013-2018

Actively participated in redesigning approach to teaching methods at the CEU IR Department, 2011-2016

Application evaluation for prospective students at CEU IR Department, 2013-2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (selected)

Discussant at panels for Council of European Studies Annual Meeting, 2017 and 2018.

Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Intersections*.

Led training for MA students on citation management software (Zotero, Mendeley, Endnote, OneNote) at CEU IR department, September 2014.

Chair of Political Economy Research Group, 2010-2011.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT (selected)

Central European University, ENLIGHTEN H2020 Project

Research Assistant

2018

- Write textbook chapter on developmental gaps between EU core and periphery countries
- Wrote research on social housing in Europe, including text analysis

Central European University, Center for Study of Imperfections in Democracies (DISC)

Doctoral research fellow (collaborating with Carsten Q. Schneider)

2007-2010

- Analyzed micro-level data investigating the connection between labor markets and patterns of political participation
- Wrote research grant proposals for European Union and other academic funding opportunities
- Designed and maintained website on Drupal Content Management System

INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

Presentation at Council for European Studies Annual Meeting; Chicago; Title: "Views from the Top: Transition and the Changing Mission of the Hungarian Central Bank" and "North and South, East and West: is it possible to bridge gaps in the EU?," March 28-30, 2018

Presentation at APSA Annual Meeting *Great Transformations*; Philadelphia, PA; Title: "Strategic austerity: The politics of crisis response in Hungary and Spain," September 1-4, 2016.

Invited presenter at [*Democracy and Its Discontents*](#) (organized by Stanford University's Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law and CEU's Frontiers of Democracy Initiative); Budapest, Hungary; Title: "When Social Disparities Become Political Inequality: The Welfare State as a Buffer" (with Carsten Q. Schneider), October 10, 2015.

Presentation at Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics' Annual Conference *The Institutional Foundations of Capitalism*; Chicago, IL; Title: "Passive austerity: Hidden welfare state change in Central Eastern Europe," July 10-12, 2014.

Invited lecture at University of Mannheim MZES, Research department A Colloquia series; Title: "The Emergence of Patchwork Welfare States in Central and Eastern Europe: How Party Politics Shaped Reforms and Continuity," May 14, 2013.

Presentation and participation at NordWel and REASSESS Summer School 2010; Odense, Denmark; Title: "The politics of reform in post-communist Central European welfare states: Explaining continuity and change in unemployment and non-employment benefits," August 15-20, 2010.

Presentation at ECPR Joint Sessions 2010, Münster, Workshop on *The Dilemma of Political Sophistication and Political Equality*, Title: "Education and Participatory Inequalities in Real Existing Democracies: Probing the Effect of Labor Markets on the Qualities of Democracies" (co-authored with Carsten Q. Schneider), March, 22-27, 2010.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Technical: Extensive experience using statistical analysis programs including R, Stata, and SPSS; Blackboard, Moodle, TurnItIn, Website design (Wordpress)

Languages: English (native), Hungarian (fluent)

OTHER: Parental leave in Spring 2011 and Spring 2015