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Degrees Earned

Ph.D., Political Science, Rutgers University	2003
M.A., Political Science, Rutgers University	1999
M.A., Political Science, Central European University, Hungary	1997
M.A., American Studies, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary	1994
M.A., French Language and Literature, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary	1994

Professional Licensure and Certifications

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

- “Death Discourses: Language and the Reality of Iraq” – with Mary Ann Davis – forthcoming in Issues in Political Discourse Analysis
- “Analyzing U.S. State Legislative Resolutions on Immigrants and Immigration: the Role of Immigration Federalism” – with Alexandra Filindra – forthcoming in International Migration
- “The Violence of Others: ‘Eastern’ and ‘Western’ Press Discourses” – Politics in Central Europe - The Journal of the Central European Political Science Association 5 (December 2009) 2: 95-110.
- “The Borders of Orientalism: ‘Europeanization’ in Hungary and Ukraine” – with Olena Leipnik – Debate: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe, vol. 16, no. 2. August 2008, pp. 151-169.
- “The EU-cators: Discourses of Education and Ontologies of the EU in Hungarian Handbooks” – Debate: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe, vol. 16, no. 1, April 2008, pp. 87-99.
- “Gazing ‘There and Back Again’: Bilateral Relations as Constructions of Hungarian Identity in the Press”. Dialectical Anthropology, 27: 297-312, 2003.

“A rendkívüli megismerése: A politikus diszkurzív konstrukciója a magyar sajtóban”. (“How the Extraordinary Became Knowable: The Discursive Construction of the Politician in the Hungarian Press”). Médiakutató, Spring 2001, 30-42.

Books

Böröcz, József, and Melinda Kovács, eds. Empire's New Clothes: Unveiling EU Enlargement. 2001. ISBN: 1-84287-009-2. E-book originally published at www.ce-review.org, and currently available at <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~eu/Empire.pdf>

Chapters

“The Selfless Self: Constructions of the EU in its Yearly Reports, 1998-2002.” in The European's Burden: Global Imperialism in EU Expansion ed. Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro, Peter Lang Publishers, 2006, pp. 209-24.

“Shedding Light on the Quantitative Other – The EU's Discourse in the Commission Opinions of 1997” with Peter Kabachnik in Empire's New Clothes: Unveiling EU Enlargement.

“Putting Down and Putting Off: The EU's Discursive Strategies in the 1998 and 1999 Follow-Up Reports” in Empire's New Clothes: Unveiling EU Enlargement.

“A kvantitatív másság felfedezése – Az EU diskurzusa az 1997-es országvéleményekben” (Hungarian translation of “Shedding Light on the Quantitative Other”) EU-birodalom, 61-88.

“Elmarasztalni és elhalasztani: Az EU diszkurzív stratégiái az 1998-as és 1999-es országjelentésekben” (Hungarian translation of “Putting Down and Putting Off”). EU-birodalom, 89-110.

Proceedings

“Percepciók, fajok, valóságok: Benito Cereno tanulságai” (“Perceptions, Races, Realities: The Lessons of Benito Cereno”) in: Mónika Román, ed. Publicationes Universitatis Miskolciensis. Sectio Philosophica. Tomus VII.-Fasciculus 1. Fasciculus specialis "Irodalom és politika". Miskolc: Typographia Universitatis, 2001, pp. 59-71

Artistic Performances

Artistic Exhibitions

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

Funded External Grants

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

“We Lied by Day, We Lied by Night’ – The 50th Anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the Political Discourse of Lying”. Paper presented at the 20th Annual Conference of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Bursa, Turkey, November 7-11, 2009.

“Moving out of Silence: The transformation of Women’s Voices in the Movement Towards Democracy” – with Tamara Waggener. Paper presented at the 20th Annual Conference of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Bursa, Turkey, November 7-11, 2009.

“The Violence of Others: ‘Eastern’ and ‘Western’ Press Discourses”. Paper presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Baku, Azerbaijan, November 9-12, 2008.

“All Politics is Local: State-level Differences in Legislative Immigration Discourses” – with Alexandra Filindra - Paper presented by A. Filindra at the Eighth Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, May 31 2008.

“Death Discourses: Language and the Reality of Iraq” – with Mary Ann Davis – Paper presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 12-15, 2008.

“The EU-cators: Discourses of education and ontologies of the EU in Hungarian handbooks” paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the Alliance Universities for Democracy, Katowice, Poland, November 5-8, 2006.

“Under ground, out of control – East-west cultural exchange through film” paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the Alliance Universities for Democracy, Katowice, Poland, November 5-8, 2006.

“So That Accession Will Be No Question: Ontologies In Promotional EU Accession Materials In Hungary” paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 8, 2005.

“Femininity, Masculinity, And Maybe Post-Communism: Genders And Their Constructions In The Hungarian Press” presentation in the Concordia College Faculty Colloquium Series, September 14, 2004.

“Millennial Masculinity: Constructions In The Hungarian Press” paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 16, 2004.

“Exclusions, Evolutions, Emancipations: Changing Constructions Of Women In Hungarian Public Discourse” paper presented at the 13th Annual Women’s Studies Conference at Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, October 17, 2003.

“The Selfless Self: Constructions Of The EU In Its Yearly Reports, 1998-2002.” paper presented at the 8th World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2003.

“The Bridge: Discursive Political Theory For Empirical Research” paper presented at the 56th Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, April 2002.

“Play Nice: Towards A Wittgensteinian Politics” paper presented at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2001.

“Putting Down And Putting Off: The EU’s Discursive Strategies In The 1998 And 1999 Follow-Up Reports” Invited to present at ‘Challenges of the European Union’s Eastern Enlargement’ – Conference organized by the Canadian Center for German and European Studies on September 14, 2001.

“The Evolution Of The Excluded Actor: The Discursive Construction Of Women In Post-Communist Hungary” paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, May 2001.

“Communicating Past Each Other? The EU And Hungary’s Discursive Construction Of One Another” paper presented at “Nation-Making, Past and Present: Community, Economy, Security” The Sixth Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, April 2001.

“Perceptions, Races, Realities: The Lessons Of Benito Cereno” paper presented at the Literature and Politics conference of the University of Miskolc, October 1999.

“Wicked Words: Discourses Of Corruption In The US And Hungary” paper presented at “The Way Ahead: Choices in Transformation” - CEP International Student Conference, Budapest, 1997.

“Somewhere On The Road From Darkness To Light: Tocqueville’s Notion Of History In Democracy In America”, paper presented at the American Studies Conference at ELTE, Budapest, 1992.

Work or Professional Experiences

Honors and Awards

Open Society Institute Doctoral Fellowship	1997-2001
Soros Foundation Award , Central European University	1996-97
Fulbright Fellowship , Political Science Department at Rutgers University	1995-96

Other Competencies

Tri-lingual in English, French and Hungarian