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## RESEARCH AREAS

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Critical Security Studies, Nuclear Security, Constructivist Approaches to International Relations, US Foreign and Security Policy, Theories of European Foreign Policy

## EDUCATION

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| 2015 | <b>Central European University</b><br>PhD in Political Science<br><i>Dissertation:</i> Wor(l)ds of Dr. Strangelove: The Persuasiveness and Institutionalization of Defense Rationalist Ideas on Nuclear Strategy, 1948-63<br><i>Dissertation Committee:</i> Alexander Astrov (supervisor), Ned Lebow, Paul Roe |
| 2007 | <b>Central European University</b><br>MA in Political Science with Distinction   |
| 2006 | <b>Corvinus University of Budapest</b><br>MA in International Studies  |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2020-     | <b>Visiting Research Fellow</b> , Democracy Institute (DI), Central European University<br><br><b><u>Research areas:</u></b> rightwing populism's narrative construction of security threats, the symbolic use of borders in mitigating ontological insecurities, the securitization of migration as a societal control mechanism<br><br><b><u>Ongoing research project(s):</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ BordEUr: Jean Monnet 'New European Borderlands' Network<br/>Project duration: 2019-2022<br/>Scheme: Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Networks. Total budget: EUR 299,693<br/>Lead project researcher</li></ul>   |
| 2011-2020 | <b>Junior Researcher (2011-15), Research Fellow (2015-2020)</b> Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS), Central European University<br><br><b><u>Research areas:</u></b> migration and security, transatlantic relations, theories of EU foreign policy<br><br><b><u>Completed research projects:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>MIGRATE: CTRL + EnterEurope Jean Monnet Migrant Crisis Network.</i><br/>Project duration: 2016-2019<br/>Scheme: Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Networks. Total budget: EUR 299,497<br/>Researcher tasked with investigating the securitization of migration in contemporary Hungary.</li><li>○ <i>Anti EU-rhetoric versus national interests? Nationalistic populism and its reception in Central Europe.</i> Project duration: 2017-2018<br/>Scheme: Europe for Citizens, Total budget: EUR 147,750</li></ul> |

- *Joint solutions for common challenges - How to deal with the refugee and migration crisis across borders.* Project duration: 2016-2017  
Funded by the Future Fund of the Republic of Austria. Project ID: P15-2251
  - *The changing world order and its implications for the "wider Europe"*  
Project duration: 2011-2014  
Scheme: Hungarian Science Fund K-type grant. Grant ID: OTKA 84079  
Total budget: HUF 12,776,000
- 2008 - 2011     **External Researcher**, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs., ‘Practices of Hegemony’ project sponsored by the Hungarian Science Fund (OTKA)  
Scheme: K-type grant Project ID: OTKA 76153 Total Budget: HUF 5,281,000  
Research area: US nuclear policy
- 2008 - 2011     **Lead Researcher for Hungary**, International Visegrad Fund, ‘Young experts of Visegrad for the future of Europe – Sharing the Experience of European Integration with Neighbouring Countries’ project  
Research area: the politics of the Hungarian NGO sector

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2017     **Visiting Professor**, Institute of Social Sciences and International Relations, Metropolitan University  
*Course:* Academic Writing
- 2017     **Visiting Professor**, Chair of International and European Politics and Public Administration, Andrásy University  
*Course:* Strategic Thinking in Foreign and Security Policy
- 2015-     **Assistant Professor**, Department of European Studies, ELTE University  
*Courses:* Security Studies (undergraduate), Contemporary IR Theory (graduate), Critical Approaches to Security (graduate), US Foreign and Security Policy (undergraduate), Security Policy (undergraduate)
- 2015-     **Lecturer**, Széchenyi István College for Advanced Studies  
*Courses:* Geopolitics, Contemporary IR Theory (graduate)
- 2012-2015     **Adjunct Lecturer**, Department of European Studies, ELTE University  
*Course:* Security Studies (undergraduate)
- 2011     **Lecturer**, Rajk László College for Advanced Studies (Fall 2011/12)  
*Course:* Theory of International Relations (graduate, in Hungarian)
- 2010     **Teaching Assistant**, Central European University  
*Course:* Scope and Methods in Political Science (graduate, in English)
- 2009     **Lecturer**, College for Advanced Studies in Social Theory (Fall 2009/2010)  
*Course:* Academic Writing (graduate, in Hungarian)
- 2009     **Teaching Assistant**, Central European University  
*Course:* Thinking about Strategy and Security (graduate, in English)
- 2009     **Certificate** in Teaching in Higher Education training, Curriculum Resource Center, Central European University
- 2008     **Lecturer**, Matthias Corvinus Collegium (Spring 2008/2009)  
*Course:* Scope & Methods/Academic Writing (undergraduate, in English)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2020 Szalai András, Kopper Ákos (2020). “**Translating Security across Borders: Staging the Migration Crisis in Hungary and Transylvania**”. *Millennium*, August 2020. (online first)
- 2020 Monsees, Linda; Slaven, Mike; Kopper, Ákos; Szalai, András; & Kroll, Stefan (2020). “**The Politicisation of Security: Controversy, Mobilisation, Arena Shifting**”, *European Review of International Studies*, 7(1), 105-122.
- 2019 Kopper, Ákos, Zsolt Körtvélyesi, Balázs Majtényi and Andras Szalai. “**Logiques d’(in) sécurité en Hongrie. Gouverner par le droit et par l’exclusion dans un régime illibéral.**” *Cultures & Conflits* 113 (2019): 99-123.
- 2015 “**Essentially Sound and Fundamental**”: **Historicizing the Logic of Deterrence in the Counterforce Debate.** *International Relations*, Special Issue 2015
- 2010 **From Rational Science to Morality – Tracing the Nuclear Taboo in Deterrence Theory** *Foreign Policy Review* 2010 (1)
- 2009 **Coping With the Security Dilemma: A Fundamental Ambiguity of State Behaviour** *SKEPSI* Vol. 2(2) pp. 98-113.

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

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- 2020 **Securitizing Migration in Contemporary Hungary: From Discourse to Practice**, In: A. Prodromidou, M. Kmezcic, F. Bieber, P. Gkasis, C. Krause (eds.): *Migration, Integration, Disintegration*. (Routledge, forthcoming)
- 2019 **The Construction of the Refugee Other in Hungary During the 2015 ‘Migration Crisis’**. In Alexandra Prodromidou and Pavlos Gkasis (eds.) *Along the Balkan Route: The Impact of the Post-2014 ‘Migrant Crisis’ on the EU’s South East Periphery*. Berlin: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
- 2014 **Politics or Policies? – The European Visions of Large EU Powers and the EU’s Role**. In Péter Balázs (ed.) *Sectoral Policies for a Broader Europe*. Budapest: CENS-CEUPress.
- 2013 **Divided Leadership? – The Changing Transatlantic Relationship and its Effects on EU External Action** In Péter Balázs (ed.) *Europe’s Position in the New World Order*. Budapest: CENS-CEUPress.
- 2013 **Discourses on the EU’s International Role and External Policies** In Péter Balázs (ed.) *Europe’s Position in the New World Order*. Budapest: CENS-CEUPress.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- 2018 **Nationalistic populism and its reception in Central Europe** (co-authored with Dominika Hajdu, Marko Lovec, Christian Kvorning Lassen, and Paul Schmidt). ÖGfE Policy Briefs no. 24.
- 2018 **Introduction** in: Andras Szalai (ed.) *Us vs. Them in Central and Eastern Europe: Populism, the Refugee Other and the Re-Consideration of National Identity* (Friedrich Ebert Foundation : Budapest)
- 2017 **Hungary and the Migrant Crisis** in: Pavlos Gkasis, Alexandra Prodromidou, Nikos Zaharis (eds.) *European Migrant Crisis Symposium: Challenges for a Fragmented Corridor*. SEERC Working Paper No. 01.

- 2016 **National report on Hungary** (co-authored with Gabriella Göbl) in: *Joint Solutions for Common Challenges in Central Europe: Cross-Border Cooperation in the Refugee Crisis, Joint Report*, Vienna: Austrian Society for European Politics, pp. 13-15.
- 2015 **Securitizing Migration in Contemporary Hungary** (co-authored with Gabriella Göbl), *CENS Working Paper*. Available at: <https://cens.ceu.edu/sites/cens.ceu.edu/files/attachment/event/573/szalai-goblmigrationpaper.final.pdf>
- 2012 **Elefántcsonttorony és Politika: A tudásalapú közösségek szakpolitikai szerepe** (Ivory Tower and Politics: The Policy Role of Epistemic Communities) *Századvég* No. 62.
- 2011 **Ideák, politika és intézmények: a politikatudomány három „új institucionalizmusa”** (Ideas, Politics and Institutions: The Three New Institutionalisms of Political Science) *Replika* 74.
- 2011 **The Hungarian Presidency and Schengen Enlargement** in *Achievements of the first Hungarian EU Council Presidency*, EU Frontiers Policy Paper No. 8, June 2011.
- 2011 **Civil Society’s Development in Hungary** (co-authored with Renáta Nagy and Éva Médea Ferencz) in Szalai András (ed.) *Sharing the Experiences of EU Accession with Ukraine – Best Practices of the V4 Civil Sectors* (Budapest: Corvinus Society for Foreign Affairs and Culture, 2011).
- 2011 **Nukleáris fegyverek és hegemónia: Az Egyesült Államok poszt-hidegháborús atomstratégiája** (Nuclear Arms and Hegemony: The United States’ Post-Cold War Nuclear Strategy) *Hungarian Institute of International Affairs* (available at [www.hiia.hu](http://www.hiia.hu))
- 2007 **Kiotón innen és túl – Az amerikai csatlakozás esélyei** (Beyond Kyoto – Chances of American Ratification) *Kül-világ* 2007/3-4.

## UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH

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- Securitization as Enacted Melodrama: The Hungarian Anti-Immigration Campaign of 2015-16**  
Working Paper
- Wor(l)ds of Dr. Strangelove: The Persuasiveness and Institutionalization of Defense Rationalist Ideas on Nuclear Strategy, 1948-1963**  
Doctoral Dissertation.
- The Policy Role of Expert Ideas: From Interpretivism to Discursive Institutionalism**  
Working Paper

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- 2018 **Migration & Cognition: Researching Identities on the Move – Conference, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK**  
*Presented paper:* Securitization as Enacted Melodrama: The Political Spectacle of the Hungarian Anti-Immigration Campaign
- 2017 **European Consortium for Political Research – 11<sup>th</sup> General Conference, Oslo, Norway**  
*Presented paper:* Securitization as Enacted Melodrama: The Political Spectacle of the Hungarian Anti-Immigration Campaign
- 2017 **International Studies Association – 58<sup>th</sup> International Conference, Baltimore, USA**

- Presented paper:* Theatrics of Xenophobia: Securitizing Migration in Contemporary Hungary
- 2016 **CEEISA Annual Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia**  
*Presented paper:* Securitizing Migration in Contemporary Hungary: From Discourse to Practice
- 2015 **Junior Scholar Workshop, Warsaw, Poland**  
*Presented paper:* The Policy Role of Expert Ideas: From Interpretivism to Discursive Institutionalism
- 2013 **ISSS-ISAC “Bridging the Academic/Policy Divide” – Joint Conference, Washington DC, USA**  
*Presented paper:* Wor(1)ds of Dr. Strangelove: The Persuasiveness of Defense Rationalist Ideas in the Counterforce Policy Debate
- 2013 **Midwest Political Science Association – 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, USA**  
*Presented paper:* The Policy Influence of Expert Ideas: A Discursive Institutional Approach
- 2013 **European Consortium for Political Research – Joint Sessions Workshop, Mainz, Germany**  
 Workshop: Interpreting Foreign Policies  
*Presented papers:* The Balance of Terror Then and Now – Historicizing the Logic of Deterrence in Contemporary US Defense Policy
- 2012 **International Studies Association – 53<sup>rd</sup> International Conference, San Diego, USA**  
*Presented papers:* a) "My Reach is Global, My Tower Secure": Exploring the Westphalianization of Cyberspace (co-authored with Viktor Friedmann) b) A Return to Power: Epistemic Communities and Skill-Based Rule
- 2011 **European Consortium for Political Research – 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland**  
*Presented paper:* The Discursive Influence of Expert Ideas – Defense Intellectuals and Cold War US Nuclear Strategy

## **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2019 **8th Thessaloniki International Symposium in World Affairs.** International symposium, organized by the Northern Greece Entrepreneurs Cultural Society, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, and the Navarino Network, Thessaloniki, 20 October, 2019.  
 Title of talk: Control through Uncertainty: The Expanding Securitization of Political Opposition in Hungary
- 2019 **Future of Europe: Nationalism and Populism.** International conference, University of Kent - Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS), Brussels, 5 April, 2019.  
 Title of talk: The Impact of Migration on Nationalism and Populism in Hungary
- 2018 **Nationalistic populism and its reception in Central Europe – The state of play.** Roundtable discussion organized by the Austrian Society for European Politics, Vienna, 16 October, 2018.
- 2018 **Refugee Crisis two years later: From retrospective to prospective insights.** International conference, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, 26 April, 2018.  
 Title of talk: Hungarian Elections Turned Single-Issue: The Imaginary Politics of Migration

- 2017 **The Balkan-Corridor Today—Situation, Reforms and Debates after the Migration and Refugee Crisis.** Expert workshop, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Akademie, Berlin, 14 September, 2017.  
Title of talk: Evolution of migration and asylum policies throughout Europe: What are the legislative approaches? – Hungary
- 2016 **Central Europe and the Refugee Question: Cooperation or Confrontation?** Roundtable discussion organized by the Austrian Society for European Politics, Vienna, 9 June, 2016.
- 2016 **The European Migrant Crisis: Challenges of a Fragmented Corridor.** Symposium organized by the South East European Research Center, Thessaloniki, 14 March, 2016.  
Title of talk: Hungary and the migrant crisis

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2012 **Fulbright Graduate Research Scholarship**  
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies  
George Washington University – *Washington DC, US*  
Host: Charles L. Glaser, PhD.
- 2010 **Central European University Doctoral Research Support Grant**  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science  
University of California Santa Barbara – *Santa Barbara, US*  
Host: Robert Rauchhaus, PhD.
- 2007 - 2011 **Full Doctoral Scholarship**  
Department of Political Science, Central European University

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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- Member** – Hungarian Europe Society (2014-)  
**Member** – International Studies Association (2010-)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE :

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- Reviewer** – *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*  
**Reviewer** – *International Migration*  
**Reviewer** – *Intersections: East European Journal of Society and Politics*

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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- HUNGARIAN** – native  
**ENGLISH** – reading, writing, verbal excellent  
**GERMAN** – reading, writing, verbal good  
**FRENCH** – reading, writing, verbal good  
**SPANISH** – reading good, writing, verbal basic

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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*Available on request...*