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**EDUCATION**

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| 2014 - Present | **Central European University (CEU)**  Ph.D. Candidate in Political Theory Dissertation Title: To Whom Should We Grant Asylum? Liberal Democracy, Refugeehood and Asylum  Advisor: Prof. Dr. Nenad Dimitrijevic |
| 2012 | **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** M.Sc. in Political Theory, completed with Merit |
| 2009-2010 | **University of Tartu**  Student Exchange (Weighted Average Grade: 4,76 of 5) |
| 2011 | **University of Erfurt**  B.A. in Staatswissenschaften (Political Science, Sociology, Economics and Law), completed with Distinction (GPA 3,6 of 4) |

**FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS**

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| Jul 2018 – Jul 2019 | **Visiting Fellow,** *University of Amsterdam, Philosophy and Public Affairs* |
| Jan - Mar 2018 | **Visiting Fellow**, *Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) at Oxford University* |
| 2017 | **Doctoral Research Support Grant (DRSG)**,  Grant amount: **€ 4000** |
| Sept - Oct 2017 | **Visiting Fellow**, *Institute for Advanced Studies Kőszeg*,  Grant amount: **€ 2000** |
| 2014 | **Full Doctoral Fellowship**, *Central European University*,  Grant amount: **€ 64, 611** |
| May - Jul 2011 | **Junior Scholarship,** *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.* |

**MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

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| 2015 - Present | **Migrant Solidarity Group of Hungary (MigSzol),** *Activist,* [*www.migszol.com*](http://www.migszol.com) |
| 2015 - Present | **Migration Research Group (MiRG),** Central European University |
| 2014 - Present | **Political, Legal and Moral Theory Research Group (POLEMO)**, Central European University |

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ELECTIVE POSITIONS**

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| ***Central European University*** | | | |  |
| 2017 – Present | **Member** of the Re-Accreditation Committee to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, USA | | | |
| 2016 – Present | **PhD Student Representative,** *University Doctoral Council* | | | |
| 2015 – Present | **PhD Student Representative,** *Doctoral School Council*  at the Doctoral School Council of the Doctoral School of Political Science, International Relation and Public Policy | | | |
| 2014 – Present | **PhD Students Representative** *Political Theory Track* | | | |
| ***Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*** | | |  | |
| 2013 – 2014 | **Junior Lecturer and Researcher** *Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science* in Political Theory | | | |
| ***Ver.di Munich (Labor Union)*** | |  | | |
| 2013 - 2014 | **Executive Board Member,** *Division of Science and Education* | | | |
| ***Zukunftsinstitut (Think Tank)*** | |  | | |
| 2012 - 2013 | **Intern**, conducting research, writing reports as well as doing editorial and organizational tasks concerning contemporary social and economic trends in Germany | | | |
| ***International Organization for Migration (IOM)*** | |  | | |
| 2008 | **Intern**, conducting research, doing organizational tasks within the Communication and the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Unit concerning social and economic issues of migration | | | |

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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| ***Central European University, Budapest*** | |  | |
| November 2016 | **Constituent Power: Between Facticity, Validity and Legitimacy** *Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations,* (PhD course, guest lecturer), | | |
| 2016 (winter) | **Political Science and International Relations,** *Open Learning Initiative for Refugees* | | |
| 2016 (winter) | **Constitutionalism and Democracy,** *Department of Political Science,* (graduate course, Teaching Assistant) | | |
| ***Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich*** | | |  |
| 2014 (winter) | **Systems Theory of Politics,** *Faculty of Social Sciences,* (undergraduate course, Lecturer) | | |
| 2013 - 2014 (summer) | **Foundations in Political Theory,** *Faculty of Social Sciences* (undergraduate course, Lecturer) | | |

**OP-EDs AND MEDIA MENTIONS**

“Why the EU condones human rights violations of refugees in Hungary”, op-ed in [opendemocracy](https://www.opendemocracy.net/can-europe-make-it/felix-bender/why-eu-condones-human-rights-violations-of-refugees-in-hungary) on 15th of April 2018

“Why the E.U. condones the Abuse of Refugees in Hungary”, op-ed in [refugeesdeeply](https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/community/2018/04/17/why-the-e-u-condones-the-abuse-of-refugees-in-hungary) on 17th of April 2018

“Hungary: Refugees not welcome” mentioned and quoted in [infomigrants](http://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/9089/hungary-refugees-not-welcome) on 9th of May 2018

**CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

***Presentations***

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2018, February). *The Situation of Refugees in Hungary after 2015.* Paper presented in the Work in Progress Seminar at the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, Oxford, UK.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2018, February). *To Whom Should We Grant Asylum? Liberal Democracy and the Right to Refugeehood.* Paper presented in the Work in Progress Seminar at the Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, Oxford, UK

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2017, December). *Whose Responsibility are Refugees? On Systems of Shared Responsibility for Hosting Refugees.* Paper presented at the Institute for Advanced Studies Kőszeg. Conference on Sources of Modern Dissent, Kőszeg, Hungary

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2017, November). *To Whom Should We Grant Asylum? Liberal Democracies and the Obligations towards Refugees*. Paper presented at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Kőszeg, Hungary.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2017, April). *Our Duties Towards Others: The Duty of the State Towards Refugees.* Paper presented at Central European University. Conference on Politics in Illiberal Times, Budapest, Hungary.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2016, November). *To Whom Should we Grant Asylum? A Conceptual History and Normative Argument for a Political Concept of Asylum and the Refugee.* Paper presented at the University of Augsburg. Conference on Political Theory of Refugees, Augsburg, Germany.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2016, June). *To Whom Should We Grant Asylum?* Paper presented at the University of Malmö. Conference on Migration, Irregularisation and Activism Conference, Malmö, Sweden.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2016, April). *To Whom Should We Grant Asylum?* Paper presented at Central European University. Conference: 8th Graduate Network Conference, Budapest, Hungary.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2015, September). *Political Obligation and the Military Draft: An Obligation to Die For the State?* Paper presented at the Eötvös Loránd University, Central European University and Pázmány Péter Catholic University. Conference on War and Peace in Political Thought: First Istvan Hont Conference in Political Thought, Budapest, Hungary.

***Invited Presentations***

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2016, December). *Civil Society, the Migration Crisis and the Challenge of Integration.* Presented at Central European University. Conference on From “Crisis” to Challenges of Integration: The Current State of the Balkan Migration Route, Budapest, Hungary.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2016, November). *Reporting on the Current Situation of Refugees in Hungary.* Presented on the 25th Statewide Symposium, Stapelfeld. Conference on Migration and Integration, Flight, Asylum – Contemporary Developments (transl. from German), Stapelfeld, Germany.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2016, October). *Hungary's Long Summer of Migration - Irresponsible governance fails people seeking international protection.* Presented MigSzol Report at Central European University, at the Migration Research Group, Budapest, Hungary.

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2016, September). *Civil Societies: Perception and Realities of the Migrant Crisis.* Presented at Andrássy University. Conference on Political Discourse on the Migrant Crisis in the EU and Western Balkans, Budapest, Hungary.

***Panels Chaired***

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2017, April). *Politics in Illiberal Times.* Panel Chaired at Central European University, Conference on Politics in illiberal Times, Budapest, Hungary.

***Panel Discussant***

**Felix Bender, E.H.** (2016, August). *Building a Home, Building an Identity.* Panel Discussant at Central European University. Conference on The Challenge of the Refugee Crisis – Panacea or Pandemonium for Europe? Budapest, Hungary.

***Conferences Organized***

2018, March. *13th Annual Doctoral Conference*. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

2017, April. *Politics in Illiberal Times, 12th Annual Doctoral Conference*. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

2016, April. *8th Graduate Network Conference*. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

2016, April. *11th Annual Doctoral Conference*. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

2015, April. *10th Annual Doctoral Conference*. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

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| German | **Mother tongue** |
| English | **Excellent Command** *in spoken interaction and presentation, writing and reading (European level: C2)* |
| Dutch | **Excellent Command** *in spoken interaction and presentation, writing and reading (European level: C1)* |
| French | **Good Command** *in spoken interaction and presentation, writing and reading (European level: B1)* |
| Russian | **Basic Command** *in spoken interaction and presentation, writing and reading (European level: A2)* |