

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Personal Data**

Date of Birth: September 17, 1943  
Place of Birth: Budapest, Hungary  
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### **Graduated**

at Eötvös Lóránd University, Philosophy Department, 1967.

### **Foreign Languages**

English, French, German, Russian (reading and speaking)  
Italian, Polish (reading)

### **Current Appointment**

University Professor, Professor of Philosophy and Political Science,  
Central European University

### **Previous Appointments**

Research Fellow, Institute of Philosophy, Hungarian Academy of Science (1967-1973, 1989-1996)

### **Teaching Experience**

École des Hautes Études en Science Sociales, Paris 1983  
Directeur d'études associé

### New School for Social Research

1988-89	Visiting Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology
2004, 2005	Visiting Professor of Sociology and Political Science, Departments of Sociology and of Political Science

New York University School of Law

1996, 2000, 2002      Global Professor of Law, Global Law School Program

New York University, Faculty of Arts and Science

2006-2014                      Global Distinguished Professor of Philosophy

New York University School of Law

2010-2014                      Global Visiting Professor of Law

**Courses Taught**

At the Central European University

*Contemporary Political Philosophy* (MA, since 1992/1993)

*Liberty* (MA, since 1998/1999)

*Justice* (MA, since 1998/1999)

*Philosophy of Rights* (LLM, Legal Studies Department, 1999-2001)

*Philosophy of Law* (LLM, Legal Studies Department, 1996-1998)

*Ethics* (MA, 2008-2012)

*Political Authority and Obligation* (PhD, since 2001/2002)

*Normative Ethics* (PhD, 2002-2007)

*Democratic Theory* (PhD, since 1999/2000)

*Classical Philosophical Authors, Reading Seminar* (PhD, since 2000/2001)

*Theory of Justice* (PhD, since 2000/2002)

At the Budapest University of Economics

- László Rajk College

*John Stuart Mill* (1987/1988)

*Liberalism* (1989/1990)

- Social Theory College

*John Rawls and His Critics* (1999/2000)

At ELTE, Faculty of the Humanities

*Democratic Theory* (1996/1997)

At the New School for Social Research

*Philosophy of Rights* (1988/1989)

*Transitions to Democracy* (1988/1989), with Andrew Arato

*Constitutionalism and Democratic Politics* (Fall 2004)

*Democratic Theory and Democratic Transitions* (Fall 2005)

At the New York University School of Law

*Transition from Communism to Democracy* (LLM, Fall 1996, Fall 2000)

*Political and Legal Obligation* (JD, Fall 2002)

*Political Philosophy* (LLM, Fall 2010, Fall 2012)

*Colloquium in Law, Economics, and Politics* (JD, 2010) with John Ferejohn

At the New York University Philosophy Department

*Political Authority and Obligation* (Fall 2006), with Thomas Nagel

*Global Justice* (Spring 2008), with Thomas Nagel

*Ethics and Politics* (Fall 2009), with Thomas Nagel

## **Main Publications**

### **I. Books**

Towards an East European Marxism, with György Bence, under the pseudonym of Marc Rakovski, London: Allison and Busby, 1978.

Le marxisme face aux pays de l'Est, with György Bence, under the pseudonym of Marc Rakovski, Paris: Savelli, 1978.

A szovjet típusú társadalom marxista szemmel (A Marxist view on Soviet-type societies), with György Bence, Párizs: Magyar Füzetek Könyvei 5, 1983.

Vannak-e emberi jogaink? (Do We Have Human Rights?) Budapest: AB Független Kiadó, 1985.

2nd enlarged edition, Paris: Magyar Füzetek Könyvei 11., 1987.

3d edition with a new Preface, Budapest: Stencil Kulturális Alapítvány, 2003.

L'Égale Dignité: essai sur les fondements des droits de l'homme. Paris: Seuil, 1989.

Politics in Hungary: For a Democratic Alternative. New Jersey: Atlantic Research and Publications, Highland Lakes, N.J. 1989.

Węgry 1956-57. Czas odbudowy systemu (Hungary 1956-57. The Restoration of the System). Warszawa: NOWA, 1989.

Az abortusról: érvek és ellenérvek (On Abortion: Arguments For and Against). Budapest: Cserépfalvi, 1992.

In Polish: Aborcja. Argumenty za i przeciw. Warszawa: PWN, 1993.

Hogyan lehetséges kritikai gazdaságtan? (How Is Critical Economics Possible?) written in 1972 with György Bence and György Márkus, Budapest: T-Twins, 1992.

Az állam semlegessége (Political Neutrality). Budapest: Atlantisz, 1997.

Neutralnost države (Political Neutrality). Sremski Karlovci, Novi Sad: Izd. Knjiž. Zorana Stojanovića, 1996.

Alkotmányos demokrácia: három tanulmány. Budapest : Indok, 2000.

In English: Constitutional Democracy. Budapest–New York: CEU Press, 2003.

Contemporary Political Philosophy, edited for the CEU Press, 1997-2000 (Belorussian, Bulgarian, Czech, Georgian, Latvian, Serbian, Ukrainian translations).

A politika mint erkölcsi probléma (Politics as a Moral Problem). Budapest: Irodalom Kft, 2004.

In English: Politics as a Moral Problem. Budapest–New York: CEU Press 2008.

In Polish: Politika jako problem moralny. Cracow: 2014.

Az összetorlódott idő (Time arrested). Bratislava: Kalligram 2013.

Mi a liberalizmus? (What is Liberalism?) Bratislava: Kalligram 2014.

Az állam semlegessége, bővített kiadás. (Political Neutrality, Enlarged Edition.) Bratislava: Kalligram 2015 (in preparation).

## **II. Translations**

A. Gehlen: Az ember (Man). Budapest: Gondolat 1975.

J.-G. Fichte: Az ember rendeltetése (The Vocation of Man). Budapest: Helikon 1976.

J.-J. Rousseau: Értekezések és filozófiai levelek (Treatises and Philosophical Letters). Budapest: Európa 1978.

Voltaire: Válogatott filozófiai írásai (Selected Philosophical Writings). Budapest: Akadémiai kiadó 1991.

I. Kant: A tiszta ész kritikája (Critique of Pure Reason). Szeged: Ictus 1995.  
2<sup>nd</sup>, revised edition, Budapest: Atlantisz 2004.

J.-J. Rousseau: A társadalmi szerződésről (On the Social Contract). Budapest: Matúra 1998.

V.O. Kljucsevszkij: Az orosz történelem fogalmai (V.O. Kliuchevsky: Concepts of Russian History). ELTE Institute of Slavic Studies 2010.

V.O. Kljucsevszkij: Oroszország története (V.O. Kliuchevsky: The History of Russia). Manuscript.

### III. Articles and Book Chapters

“A strukturális elemzés határai” (The Limits of Structural Analysis), with György Bence, Kritika 8 and 9, 1969.

“A nyelv a mindennapi élet elméletében” (Language in the Theory of Everyday Life), with György Bence, Általános Nyelvészeti Tanulmányok VII (1970), ed. by Zsigmond Telegdi.

„L.Sz. Vigotszkij: Válogatott pszichológiai tanulmányok” (Selected Psychological Studies by Lev Semionovitch Vygotsky), Általános Nyelvészeti Tanulmányok VII (1970), ed. by Zsigmond Telegdi.

“Jogok, morális jogok, emberi jogok” (Rights, Moral Rights, Human Rights), Beszélő 16, 1986.

“Szabadság, egyenlőség” (Liberty, Equality), Századvég 10, 1991.

“Az Alkotmánybíróság a halálbüntetésről” (The Constitutional Court on Capital Punishment), Jogtudományi Közlöny 12, 1991.

“Lehetséges-e semleges állam?” (Political Neutrality Possible: Is It Possible?) Századvég, 13, 1992.

“Über Politik, Ethik und Recht in der Abtreibungsfrage”, Transit: europäische Revue, 4, Summer 1992.

“Az abortuszról: Újabb érvek és ellenérvek” (Abortion, Some Further Arguments), Café Babel 2-3, 1994.

“Egyenlőtlenség és kizsákmányolás” (Inequality and Exploitation), in: Lehetséges-e egyáltalán? (Is It Possible at All?), ed. by Ágnes Erdélyi and András Lakatos, Budapest: Atlantisz 1994.

“Between Reform and Revolution: Three Hypotheses”, Constellations, 3, 1995.

- “Verfassungsreform in Ungarn,” Transit: europäische Revue, 9, Summer 1995.
- “Hagyomány és kritika között” (Between Tradition and Criticism), Kritika 2, 1995.
- “Eutanázia” (Euthanasia), Világosság 7, 1995.
- “From Costs-and-Benefits to Fairness,” East European Constitutional Review, 3, 1996.
- “Beyond the Nation State,” Social Research, 1, Spring 1996.
- “Introduction” to Contemporary Political Philosophy, ed. By János Kis. CEU Press, 1997-2000 (Belorussian, Bulgarian, Czech, Georgian, Latvian, Serbian, Ukrainian translations).
- “Between Reform and Revolution,” East European Politics and Society, 2, Spring 1998.
- “Az igazságosság elmélete” (A Theory of Justice), Világosság 8-9. 1998.
- “Az Alkotmánybíróság a terhességmegszakításról” (The Constitutional Court on Abortion), Fundamentum 3, 1998.
- “Hamlet: egy olvasat olvasata” (Hamlet: Interpreting an Interpretation) Holmi 12, 1998.
- “On Liberty: A Dispute with György Markus,” Constellations, 3, 1999.
- “Az első Alkotmánybíróság öröksége” (The Heritage of the First Constitutional Court), Fundamentum 3 and 4, 1999, 1, 2000.
- “Das Erbe der demokratischen Opposition” (The Heritage of the Democratic Opposition), Transit, Winter 1999/2000.
- “Zwischen Reform und Revolution” (Between Reform and Revolution). In Berliner Journal für Soziologie, 3, 1999.
- “The Unity of Mankind and the Plurality of States.” In R. Dahrendorf et al. (eds.), Paradoxes of Unintended Consequences, Budapest: CEU Press, 2000.
- “Nation-Building and Beyond.” In: Will Kymlicka and Magda Opalski (eds.), Can Liberal Multiculturalism be Exported? Oxford: Oxford University Press 2002.
- “Státustörvény” (The Status Act). In Beszélő, 3, 2002.
- “Behind the Veil of Ignorance”, Croatian Journal of Philosophy 2, 2002.

“Lukács György dilemmája” (The Dilemma of György Lukács). In A szabadság értelme – az értelem szabadsága (The Reason for Liberty and Liberty for the Reason), ed. by I.Z. Dénes, Budapest: Akadémiai 2004.

Дилемма Дёрдя Лукача (The Dilemma of György Lukács). In Д. Лукач: ПОЛИТИЧЕСКИЕ ТЕТКСТЫ (Political Writings). Moscow: Три Квадрата 2006.

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A népszavazás a köztársasági alkotmányban (Referendum in the Constitution of the Republic). In Fundamentum 13 (2009) No. 4.

Constitutional Precommitment Revisited. In The Journal of Social Philosophy 40 (2009) 570-594.

A pozitív szabadság két fogalma. In Holmi 9/2010.

State Neutrality, in M. Rosenfeld and András Sajó, eds.: Oxford Handbook of Comparative Constitutional Law. Oxford: The University Press 2012.

Filozófia a kései modernitás korában (Philosophy in the Age of Late Modernity), in Holmi 6/2012.

Popular Sovereignty, in E. Peruzzotti, ed.: Critical Theory and Civil Society. London: Routledge 2013.

Berlin’s Two Concepts of Positive Liberty, in European Journal of Political Theory 2013.

Philosophy in the Times of Late Modernity, in *Thesis Eleven* 2/2015.

The Core of Egalitarian Justice: Towards a Complex Account. (Manuscript.)