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Research Interests

- Ethnicity and politics, the participation and representation of the minorities in the public life, decision-making processes in minority policy
- Non-territorial minority autonomies in Europe
- The modern history of the minorities living in Hungary, the 1993 and 2011 minority laws, the system of minority self-governments, the elections of minority self-governments, minority rights in Hungary
- Roma political parties in Hungary

Selected Publications

- Dobos Balázs: [The Parliamentary Representation of Minorities in Hungary](#). EUROPEAN YEARBOOK OF MINORITY ISSUES 21:1 pp. 288-312., 25 p. (2024)
- Dobos Balázs; Kovács Attila; Munda Hirnök Katalin: [Narodnostni vidiki parlamentarnih volitev na Madžarskem leta 2022 s posebnim ozirom na slovensko narodnost](#). RAZPRAVE IN GRADIVO: TREATIES AND DOCUMENTS: JOURNAL OF ETHNIC STUDIES 92:92 pp. 83-103., 21 p. (2024)
- Andeva, Marina; Dobos Balázs; Djordjević, Ljubica; Kuzmany, Börries; Malloy, Tove H. (eds.): [Non-Territorial Autonomy: An Introduction](#). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland (2023), 228 p.
- Dobos Balázs: Cultural Autonomy, Safe Haven or Window-Dressing?: Institutions Maintained by Minority Self-Governments in Hungary. In: Ghencea, Flavia; Dodovski, Ivan; Smith, David J. (eds.): Realising Linguistic, Cultural and Educational Rights Through Non-Territorial Autonomy. Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland (2023) pp. 155-170. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-19856-4_11
- Dobos Balázs: [The Minority Self-Governments in Hungary](#). In: Autonomy Arrangements in the

- World, 2nd edition. Bolzano: EURAC Research, 2022. 39 p.
- Vizi Balázs; Dobos Balázs; Natalija, Shikova (eds.): [Non-Territorial Autonomy as an Instrument for Effective Participation of Minorities](#). Budapest, Szkopje: Centre for Social Sciences (CSS), University American College Skopje (2021), 330 p.
- Dobos Balázs, Molnár Sansum Judit: Cultural Autonomy in Hungary: Inward or Outward Looking? *Nationalities Papers*, 48(2) 251-266 (2020). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/nps.2019.80>
- Dobos Balázs: The Elections to Nonterritorial Autonomies of Central and South Eastern Europe. *Nationalities Papers*, 48(2), 289-306 (2020). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/nps.2019.1>
- Dobos Balázs: [A személyi elvű kisebbségi autonómiák Kelet-Közép-Európában](#). Budapest: Társadalomtudományi Kutatóközpont, Kalligram, (2020), 248. p. ISBN: 978-963-468-194-6
- Dobos Balázs: [Between Importing and Exporting Minority Rights: The Minority Self-Governments in Hungary](#). In: Salat Levente, Constantin Sergiu, Osipov Alexander, Székely István Gergő (szerk.): *Autonomy Arrangements around the World: A Collection of Well and Lesser Known Cases*. Cluj-Napoca: The Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, 2014. pp. 275-298. (ISBN: [978-606-8377-30-8](#))
- Dobos Balázs: [The Role of Elections in Minority Contexts: The Hungarian Case](#). In: Nimni Ephraim, Osipov Alexander, Smith David J (szerk.): *The Challenge of Non-Territorial Autonomy: Theory and Practice*. Oxford: Peter Lang Academic Publishers, 2013. pp. 163-180. (ISBN: [978-3-0343-1714-6](#))
- Dobos Balázs: [Roma political parties in Hungary after 1989](#). In: Dácz Enikő (szerk.): *Minderheitenfragen in Ungarn und in den Nachbarländern im 20. und 21. Jahrhundert*. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2013. pp. 279-291. (Andrássy Studien zur Europaforschung; 8.) (ISBN: [978-3-8487-0779-9](#))
- Dobos Balázs: [A kisebbség joga: Kisebbségi törvénykezés Magyarországon \(1988-2006\)](#). Budapest: Argumentum - MTA Etnikai-nemzeti Kisebbségkutató Intézete, 2011. 269 p. (ISBN: 978-963-446-642-0)
- Dobos Balázs: The Development and Functioning of Cultural Autonomy in Hungary. *ETHNOPOLITICS* 6:(3) pp. 451-469. (2007). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17449050701487488>

Research Projects

Ongoing research projects:

- The parliamentary representation of minorities in international comparison: descriptive or substantive representation? (Hungarian National Research, Development and Innovation Office, 2022-2026)
- [Legal approaches to operationalize nationality and ethnicity](#) (Hungarian National Research, Development and Innovation Office, 2020-2025. Institute for Legal Studies, principal investigator: András László Pap)

Past research projects:

- [ENTAN - European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network \(COST Action 18114, 2019-2023\)](#)
- [The effectiveness of minority self-governance in Central and South Eastern Europe](#) (János Bolyai Research Scholarship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 2019-2022, ÚNKP Bolyai+ New National Excellence Program of the Ministry for Innovation and Technology, 2019-2020)

- The Internal Dynamics of Non-Territorial Autonomy Regimes in Central and South-eastern Europe: a Five-Country Comparison (Hungarian National Research, Development and Innovation Office, postdoctoral grant, 2015-2019). [The Elections of Non-Territorial Autonomies in Central and South Eastern Europe: Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Serbia and Slovenia. Electoral Database \(1994-2019\)](#) (in Hungarian)
- Ethnopolitical mobilization and Roma parties in Hungary and in East Central Europe (János Bolyai Research Scholarship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 2012-2015)
- [The comparative analysis of the legal status of minorities in Central Europe](#) (Hungary and its neighboring countries. Project between 2004-2017). [Legal database](#) (in Hungarian)

Work in Progress

- Balázs Dobos: Cultural Autonomy and Political Participation: Minority Elections in Central and Eastern Europe (Routledge Advances in Minority Studies, forthcoming in 2025)
- Balázs Dobos: The question of recognising new minorities in Hungary (Hungarian Journal of Legal Studies, forthcoming in 2025)

Academic Career

- 2022-2027, principal investigator: The parliamentary representation of minorities in international comparison: descriptive or substantive representation? (Hungarian National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Grant no. 143523)
- 2019-2023: participant: [ENTAN - European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network \(COST Action 18114\)](#)
- 2019-2022, principal investigator: "The effectiveness of minority self-governance in Central and South Eastern Europe" (János Bolyai Research Scholarship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, ÚNKP Bolyai+ New National Excellence Program of the Ministry for Innovation and Technology, 2019-2020).
- 2015, participant: European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) Eastern Partnership Programme: National Minorities and Ethno-political Issues: Belarus-Moldova-Ukraine
- 2015-2019, principal investigator: "The Internal Dynamics of Non-Territorial Autonomy Regimes in Central and South-eastern Europe: a Five-Country Comparison" (Hungarian National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Postdoctoral Grant No. PD116168). [Electoral database](#) (in Hungarian)
- 2012-2015, principal investigator: "Ethnopolitical mobilization and Roma parties in Hungary and in East Central Europe" (János Bolyai Research Scholarship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- 2010: participant in the Hungarian-Slovak joint project entitled „Neznámy sused – Az ismeretlen szomszéd” (The Unknown Neighbour, Terra Recognita Foundation and its Slovakian partners)
- 2009-2012: participant in the project of the MTA-ELTE Joint Research Group on Parties, Party Systems, Parliamentarism entitled „The Encyclopedia of the Hungarian Political Parties, 1846-’ (OTKA K 79153). Topic: ethnic parties and ethnopolitical organizations that fielded candidates at the parliamentary elections, 1989-2010”
- 2008: organizing a panel for the Jubilee Conference 60 Years of KÖZGÁZ, editing the conference volume
- 2008: [chronology on the history of the 1993 Hungarian law on the rights of national and ethnic minorities](#) (in Hungarian)

- 2007-2010: junior research fellow, 2010-2019: research fellow, 2019- senior research fellow (Institute for Minority Studies, Centre for Social Sciences)
- 2006-2007: participant in the project entitled "Exchange of Experience between Hungary, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine in the Fields of Ethnic Minority Policy, Human Rights and Security Policy" (Quadrilateral Hungarian-Ukrainian-Moldovan-Romanian comparative research project)
- 2006-2010: participant in the international research project entitled „FP6/Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest” (Centre for Philosophy of Law of the Catholic University of Louvain), healthcare subgroup
- 2004-2010: "The Policy Analysis of Hungary's Minority Policy. The Case of the Minority Law" (PhD project, Corvinus University of Budapest). [Project description](#), [PhD thesis](#)
- 2004-2017: developing the [Central European Minority Rights Database](#) (in Hungarian). [Project description](#)
- 2003: professional practice at the Office for National and Ethnic Minorities

Education

2004-2007: Corvinus University of Budapest, Post-graduate Programme in Political Science

1999-2004: Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities (Budapest), History

1999-2004: Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities/ Faculty of Social Sciences (Budapest), Political Science

Membership in Academic and Professional Organisations; Editorial Board Membership

- [Treatises and Documents, Journal of Ethnic Studies / Razprave in Gradivo, Revija za narodnostna vprašanja](#) (member of the editorial board, 2023-)
- [Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe \(JEMIE\)](#) (member of the editorial board, 2020-)
- [Regio](#) editor (2020-)
- External member of the Board of the Doctoral School of Politics (Corvinus University of Budapest, 2016-2020)

Selected conferences and workshops

- "Struggles for representation and recognition. Contested identities among new minorities in Hungary." Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 28th Annual World Convention. New York, Columbia University, 2024. május 16-18.

- "Levels of electoral mobilization in minority council and parliamentary elections: Evidence from Central and South Eastern Europe." 2023 ASN European Conference. Cluj-Napoca, Babes-Bolyai University, 2023. július 6-8.

- "The parliamentary representation of minorities in Hungary: effective participation or window-dressing?" Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 27th Annual World Convention. New York, Columbia University, 2023. május 18-20.

- "Group boundaries as partisan considerations. The elections of minority self-governments in Hungary."

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 26th Annual World Convention. New York, Columbia University, 2022. május 4-7. (online)

- „The Integrative and Mobilization Capacity of Non-Territorial Cultural Autonomies in Central and South Eastern Europe.” New Nationalisms in an Open World. International Political Science Association (IPSA) 26th World Congress of Political Science. Lisbon, 2021. július 10-15. (online)

- „Ethnopolitical mobilization within the non-territorial cultural autonomies of Central and South Eastern Europe.” Political Organisations of Crossborder Minorities. Institute for Minority Rights (EURAC), Queens University Belfast. Bolzano/Bozen, EURAC, 2021. június 15-16. (online)

- „Conceptualization, Operationalization and Efficiency: The Case of Non-Territorial Cultural Autonomies in Central and South Eastern Europe.” Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 25th Annual World Convention. New York, Columbia University, 2021. május 5-8. (online)

- „Hungary”. Monitoring and Evaluation of Performance of National Minority Councils. European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg, 2021. április 21. (online)

- "The idea and practice of non-territorial cultural autonomies in Central and South Eastern Europe." Diversity and Democratic Governance: Legacies of the Past, Present Challenges, and Future Directions? International Political Science Association (IPSA), University of Sarajevo, 12-15 June 2019.

- "Identities and Non-Territorial Autonomies in Central and South Eastern Europe." Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 2018 European Conference: Nationalism in Times of Uncertainty. University of Graz, 4-6 July 2018.

- "Do Elections Matter? The Effects of Electoral System Design in the Non-Territorial Autonomies of Central and South Eastern Europe." 23rd ASN World Convention. Columbia University, New York, 3-5 May 2018.

- "Empowerment, Participation and Inclusiveness. The Elections of Non-Territorial Autonomies of Central and South Eastern Europe." 22nd ASN World Convention. Columbia University, New York, 4-6 May 2017.

- "Creating Minority Self-governments through Elections: The Non-Territorial Autonomies of Central and South Eastern Europe." Europe, Nations, and Insecurity: Challenges to Identities. Vytautas Magnus University, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN). Kaunas, 30 June - 2 July 2016.

- "Consultative and advisory bodies for minorities: a European overview." Advisory and Deliberative Structures – Models and Their Effectiveness. European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) Eastern Partnership Programme, Kyiv, 30 November 2015.

- "Exploring the views and the main characteristics of Roma party leaders in Hungary." 2015 Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society and Conference on Gypsy Studies, Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Chisinau, 10-12 September 2015.

- "Between Europeanization and Nation-Building: Hungary's Post-Accession Minority Policies." New Perspectives in European Studies: Europeanisation in the EU and the Neighbourhood. Queen's University, Belfast, 7 March 2015.

- "Together or separately? The dynamics of trans-ethnic coalition politics in Hungary." Trans-ethnic Coalition-building within and across States. Uppsala University, Uppsala, 7-9 January 2015.
- "Roma Responses to Recent Challenges: Roma Political Parties in the Times of Crisis." 2014 Annual Conference of the Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES), Södertörn University, Stockholm, 4-5 December 2014.
- "The Political Mobilisation Strategies of Roma Parties in Hungary." 2014 Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society and Conference on Gypsy Studies. Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, 11-13 September 2014.
- "Unity in diversity? Roma political parties within the ethnic party family." 19th ASN World Convention, Columbia University, New York, 24-26 April 2014.
- "Funding and Political Participation of Minorities in Hungary." Distribution of Financial Support to Organisations Representing National Minorities. European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Flensburg, 5-6 December 2013.
- "Ethnopolitical mobilization of Roma political parties in Hungary." British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) European Congress, University of Cambridge, 7 April 2013.
- "The Political Participation of Minorities in Hungary and the Limits of their Influence." European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions of Workshops, University of Mainz, 11-16 March 2013.
- "The role of elections in minority context. The Hungarian case." Minorities, Nations and Cultural Diversity. The Challenge of Non-Territorial Autonomy. Queen's University, Belfast, 9-10 November 2012.
- "The Minority Self-Governments in Hungary." Autonomy Arrangements in the World. European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Flensburg, 14-15 September 2012.

Awards and Honours

- 2011 - Youth Award of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2020 - Publication Award of the Centre for Social Sciences
- 2023 - János Bolyai Research Scholarship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, memorial certificate

Teaching Experience

Courses:

Since fall term 2019: "Human and Minority Rights" (ELTE Faculty of Education and Psychology, MA courses in both English and Hungarian)

Since spring term 2017: "Theories of nationalism and multiculturalism" (Corvinus University of Budapest, PhD course)

Since spring term 2016: “Nation-building, minority politics, ethno-political conflicts” (Corvinus University of Budapest, PhD course)

Since fall term 2009: “Nations, Minorities, and Minority Policies in ECE” (Corvinus University of Budapest, MA course in English)

2006–2009: „Nation, minorities and minority policies” (Corvinus University of Budapest, MA course in Hungarian)

2005–2006: “Introduction to Political Science” (Corvinus University of Budapest, BA course in Hungarian)

Between 2014 and 2016 various courses at the Eszterházy Károly University of Applied Sciences in Eger: ‘Theories and practices of nationalism and multiculturalism’, ‘European civilization studies’, ‘Comparative studies on equal opportunities policies’, ‘National Identity and Foreign Policy in the Euro-Atlantic Region’, ‘Nation-building, minority politics, ethno-political conflicts’, ‘Nation-building and minority politics in Central and Eastern Europe’ (in Hungarian), ‘Governmental policies’ (in Hungarian), ‘Introduction to political science’ (in Hungarian), ‘European Peace Settlements: the 1919–1920 Versailles and the 1947 Paris Peace Systems’.

Courses with other colleagues:

2009–2012: “Hungarian Political History after 1945” (Corvinus University of Budapest, in Hungarian)

2009–2010: “20th Century Social History and Political Culture” (Corvinus University of Budapest, in Hungarian)

2007–2014 „20th Century Political History” (Corvinus University of Budapest, in Hungarian)

2007–2009: „Introduction to Political Science” (Corvinus University of Budapest)

2004–2006: „Minority policy and minority rights in Hungary” (Eötvös Loránd University, in Hungarian)

Languages

- English (Proficient)
- Hungarian (Native)
- German (Intermediate)