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Research Interests

racism, far-right movements and ethno-politics in Central and Eastern Europe; the political economy of illiberalism, the governance of poverty and ethnic difference in particular; qualitative methodologies

Selected Publications

2022. (forthcoming) "Sozialdarwinismus unserer Zeit: Der Aufstieg einer neuen Rechten aus der Krise des semi-peripheren Neoliberalismus", Stefan Wellgraf & Christine Hentschel (Hrsg.) *Rechtspopulismus: Kulturwissenschaftliche Perspektiven*. Leipzig: Spector Books.

2021. "[The consolidation of authoritarian rule in rural Hungary: workfare and the shift from punitive populist to illiberal paternalist poverty governance](#)", *Europe-Asia Studies*, 73(9): 1703–1725.

2020. "[From Neoliberal Disembedding to Authoritarian Re-Embedding: The Making of Illiberal Hegemony in Hungary](#)", *International Sociology*, 35(6): 721–738. (co-author: Gábor Scheiring)

2018. [The Revolt of the Provinces. Anti-Gypsyism and Right-Wing Politics in Hungary](#). Berghahn: New York & Oxford.

2017. "[Understanding the rise of the far right from a local perspective: Structural and cultural conditions of ethno-traditionalist inclusion and racial exclusion in rural Hungary](#)", *Identities*, 24(3): 313–331. (co-author: Margit Feischmidt)

Work in Progress

Building the 'work-based society': State-enabled grassroots clientelism and the re-establishment of order in present day Hungary (co-authors: Cecília Kovai, Gergely Pulay)

Education

2008 – 2016: PhD in Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, Budapest,

Hungary. Thesis title: 'The revolt of the provinces. Anti-gypsyism and right-wing politics in rural Hungary'. Defense date: 23 September 2016.

2006 - 2007: MPhil Social Anthropology, Cambridge University, Cambridge, U.K.

2000 - 2006: MA Sociology, ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary.

2000 - 2006: MA Political Science, ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary.

Membership in Academic and Professional Organisations; Editorial Board Membership

Focaal. Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology. Consulting Editor

Awards and Honours

2016/2017. Best Dissertation Award, Central European University

Teaching Experience

1 Jan 2018 - 30 Jun 2018: Visiting Assistant Professor - Columbia University

1 Sep 2016 - 31 Jul 2017: Lecturer and Tutor - Roma Graduate Preparation Program, Central European University

Further Affiliations

Program Lead, "Inclusive kindergartens in Budapest's 8th district"

Languages

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