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CURRICULUM VITAE

PhD

Mongolian linguistic (2004), Department of Inner Asian, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (prof. György Kara): Social Organization of Western Buryats in the case of a Steppe and a Taiga Buryat community

Degrees

Cartography, Geography, Hydrology (1996),
Cultural Anthropology (1998, Dr. Mihály Sárkány) Eötvös Loránd University

Language skills

English (fluent), Russian (fluent), Evenki (spoken), Buryat (spoken), Hungarian (mother)

Employments

Research Center for the Humanities, ELTE, August 2025-
Research Center for the Humanities, HUN-REN, 2019-August 2025
Research Center for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 2012-2019
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge (Marie Curie Fellow), 2012-2014
Siberian Studies Centre, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, 2003-2004
Institute of Ethnology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1999-2011
ELTE University, 1997-1999

Position

senior research fellow

Research projects

2025 Orientalist (Turanist) Traditions in Finland and Hungary: Converging Research, Knowledge, and Networks in Inner and East Asia (one month)

2025 Living under 'uncanny' circumstances in the capital of the Slovak state after WWII. Attempts to recover the property rights of Hungarian-speaking persons forcibly deported to the Petrzalka labour camp in early May 1945 (six weeks)

2024 Researching Epics in Tajikistan and Pamiri Land (2 months, (Klebensberg Research fellowship)

2024 Hungarian Memory of the forced camp in Petrzalka 1945-46, Visegrad International Fellowship (6 weeks)

2024 Memories of Hungarian speakers in Slovakia about Forced Deportations: Ethically Sensitive Approach (10 weeks)

2022-2023 Vilmos Diószegi memorial research project (Eötvös Loránd Research Network)

2022 Vilmos Diószegi memorial research project (2 months, Klebensberg Kuno fellowship)

2019: Benedek Baráthosi Balogh research project (2 months, Klebensberg Kuno fellowship)

2018: György Almásy – Ármin Vámbéry research project (2 months, Klebensberg Kuno fellowship)

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2014-2020: Vidéktörténet (1944–1990) (History of the Hungarian countryside).
Vidéktörténeti témacsoport (Countryside research group), Research Center for the Humanities
– National Memory Committee.

2012-2015: Where Rising Powers Meet: China and Russia at their North Asian Border
(headed by Professor Caroline Humphrey, Mongolia and Inner Asian Studies Unit, University
of Cambridge)

2012-2014: Unaccountability as Indigenous Business Management among the Evenki people
in East Siberia (Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship, Department of Social Anthropology,
University of Cambridge)

2013-2014: Scientific Heritage of Ethel J. Lindgren, the Field Researcher anthropologist of
Manchurian Evenki between 1929-32, Department of Social Anthropology and Museum of
Archeology and Anthropology, University of Cambridge

2009-2012: Culture Contacts in the Borderland of Taiga and Steppe - Hungarian Scientific
Research Fund

2008-2010: Power and Emotion in Russia, collaborator: N. Ssorin-Chaikov, Wenner-Gren
Foundation

2008-2009: Loosing Culture: Evenki in Russia (UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi)

2005–2007: ‘Social Significance of House of Culture’ collective project, Max Planck Institute
for Social Anthropology (Halle/Saale, Germany)

2003– 2004: Ethnicity, Land and Hunting, Social Ties in Different Ecozones of the Baikal
Region, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (Halle/Saale, Germany)

2003 ECHO-NECEP programme (EU-funded scientific project for description of nonEuropean
cultures) Description of the Evenki and Tungus People (with A. Lavrillier (France) EPHE,
Paris-Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Ethnology, Budapest,
<http://www.ehess.fr/centres/necep>)

2002–2008: Ethnographic Research on the Peoples of South Siberia. Russian–Hungarian
academical cooperation (collaborator: D. Funk)

1999 – 2002: Siberian and Inner-Asian Studies in Hungary, Hungarian Academy of Sciences,
Institute of Ethnology, Junior Researcher

Fieldwork

2025 Finland
2024 Tajikistan, Pamiri Land
2023 Slovakia
2022 Northeast Kazakstan
2022 Northern Mongolia
2021 Southern Ozbekistan, Southern Kyrgyzstan
2021 Bashkortostan
2019 Bashkortostan

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- 2019 Amur Region and Sakhalin (sponsored by MINPAKU/Japan)
- 2018 Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Karakalpakstan, Ozbeqistan
- 2017 Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan,
- 2014-2020 Southern Vértes Mountain (Hungary, WW2)
- 2008-9 *Baunt Evenki-Orochons (one year)*
- 2006 Western Buryats, Kurumkan-Barguzin Evenki (5 hónap)
- 2005 Transbaikalia, Southern-Yakutia
- 2004 Baunt Evenki
- 2003 Verhne-Tuturi Evenki
- 2000 *Western Buryats (one year)*
- 1999 Tungokochen Evenki
- 1998 Tofa, Western Buryats
- 1997 Western Buryats
- 1995 Western Buryats, Kalar Evenki
- 1994 Yssyk-köl/Kyrgyzstan
- 1993 Western Buryats

Visiting Scholar

Milan Simecka Foundation, Comenius University, Bratislava/Slovakia 2023-2025 Bratislava,
Institute of Social Anthropology and Ethnography, Slovak Academy of Sciences,
Aberdeen University, 2007, 3 months
Halle/Saale, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, 2005-2007
Kazak State University, 1994, 3 months
Irkutsk State University, 1993, 3months