

Sántha, István 20.01.2026.

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

MA

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

Nyelvtudás

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

Munkahely

Néprajztudományi Intézet, Humán Tudományok Kutatóközpontja (ELTE)
/ Institute of Ethnology, Research Center for the Humanities, ELTE (2025-

Institute of Ethnology, Research Center for the Humanities (2019-2025)

Institute of Ethnology, Research Center for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2012-9)

Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge (Marie Curie Fellow) 2012-4

Siberian Studies Centre, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology 2003-4

Institute of Ethnology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (1999-2011)

Beosztás

Tudományos főmunkatárs

Kutatási projektek

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)

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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, Klebelsberg Kuno fellowship)

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

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

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 Insitute for Social Anthropology (Halle/Saale, Germany)

2003– 2004: Ethnicity, Land and Hunting, Social Ties in Different Ecozones of the Baikal Region, Max Planck Insitute 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)

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

Terepmunka

2025 Finland
2024 Tajikistan, Pamiri Land
2023 Slovakia
2022 Northeast Kazakstan
2022 Northern Mongolia
2021 Southern Uzbekistan, Southern Kyrgyzstan
2021 Bashkortostan
2019 Bashkortostan
2019 Amur Region and Sakhalin (sponsored by MINPAKU/Japan)
2018 Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Karakalpakstan, Uzbekistan
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

Vendég kutató

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