

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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heritagization of religion, China

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Manchu, Sibe

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Hungary

## EDUCATION

2001–2007

“Dharma Gate” Budapest Buddhist University

- Chinese Language and Culture Programme
- higher education college

2007–2009

“Dharma Gate” Budapest Buddhist University

- Chinese Language and Culture Programme
- MA

2009–2016

Interdisciplinary Doctoral School, Faculty of  
Humanities, University of Pécs

- European Ethnology and Cultural  
Anthropology Doctoral Programme
- PhD

## PLACES OF WORK

2009–2011

“Dharma Gate” Budapest Buddhist University

- college assistant lecturer

2017

Modern East Asia Research Group, Institute of  
International Studies and Political Science,  
Pázmány Péter Catholic University

- junior research fellow

2017–

Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the  
Humanities

- research fellow (2017–2022)
- senior research fellow (2022–)

2019–

Chinese Department, Institute of Oriental Languages and Cultures, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

- senior lecturer

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **LEADERSHIP OF PROJECTS**

2014–2016

Chinese Sibe Language and Culture Research Center, Ili Normal College, China

- project leader
- *Chongxiu xibo jiapu de shehui wenhua renleixue jiazhi yanjiu* (Research on the Anthropological Value of (Re)Writing Sibe Family Trees) (2014YSXBZD01)

2017–2020

Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the Humanities

- project leader
- “Premium” Postdoctoral Research Program of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Prémium 2017-6)
- *Heritagization in Contemporary China*

2020–2024

Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the Humanities

- project leader
- “OTKA” Young Researchers’ Excellence Programme, National Research, Development and Innovation Office (134244)
- *Heritagization and Secularization in China (from 1949 to the present day)*

### **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

2011–2012

School of Ethnology and Sociology, Xinjiang Normal University, China

- visiting researcher

2012–2013

History and Culture Research Center of Northeast Ethnic Groups in China, Dalian Minzu University, China

- visiting researcher

2014–2016

Chinese Sibe Language and Culture Research Center, Ili Normal College, China

- visiting researcher

2016–2017

Modern East Asia Research Group, Institute of International Studies and Political Science, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary

- visiting researcher

### **FIELD EXPERIENCE**

2010

Inner-Mongolia, Heilongjiang Province, Jilin Province, Liaoning Province, Qinghai Province, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China

- research on Sibe culture

- 5 months
- 2011–2013 Inner-Mongolia, Heilongjiang Province, Jilin Province, Liaoning Province, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China
- research on Sibe ethnonationalism
  - 14 months
- 2013–2014 Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China
- research on Sibe ethnonationalism
  - 14 months
- 2017 Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China
- research on the process of heritagization
  - 1 month
- 2018 Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China
- research on the process of heritagization
  - 3 months
- 2019 Jilin Province, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China
- research on the process of heritagization
  - 1 month
- 2023 Jilin Province
- research on the process of heritagization
  - 1 week
- ACADEMIC TEACHING**
- 2009–2011 „Dharma Gate” Budapest Buddhist University
- Classical Chinese Language; Modern Chinese Language; History of Chinese Culture; History of China; History of Chinese Philosophy and Religion; History of Buddhism in China; Bamboo Painting
- 2017–2017 Department of Translation and Interpreting, Eötvös Loránd University
- Translation Techniques
- 2017–2018 School of Ethnology and Sociology, Xinjiang Normal University, China
- History, Memory, Identity; From Hungarian Ethnography to European Ethnology
- 2021– Chinese Department, Institute of East Asian Studies, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary
- The Peoples of the Far East I-II.; Translation Techniques II.; Reading Texts III.; Modern Sinology; History of the Religion of the Far East; Religions of the Far East; Religion in Modern China; Fieldwork, Politics and Ethics in Asia

## GRANTS, AWARDS

### GRANTS

2005–2006

Chinese State Scholarship

- Beijing Language and Culture University, China
- study in another HEI
- 12 months

2010

Eötvös Grant (Hungarian State Scholarship Board)

- Central Minzu University, Beijing, China
- study in another HEI
- 3 months

2013

Campus Hungary Program

- Cultural Department of Qapqal Sibe Autonomous County, Xinjiang, China
- off-site practise
- 6 months

2014

Campus Hungary Program

- Ili Normal College, Xinjiang, China
- study in another HEI
- 6 months

### AWARDS

2005

The First Chinese Language Competition of Hungarian Undergraduate Students

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place

2006

Socio-photo Competition of the Hungarian Sociological Association

- 1<sup>st</sup> place

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### MEMBERSHIP

2018

Member of the Public Body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2020

European Association for Chinese Studies

American Association for Chinese Studies

## PUBLICATIONS

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN ENGLISH

2016 Sárközi, Ildikó Gyöngyvér (2016): „There is no nation without history, there is no family without a family tree.” On Sibe Ethnic Nationalist Aspirations through the Example of a „Family Tree Unification” Story. *ACTA ETHNOGRAPHICA HUNGARICA*, 61. 173–195.

2018 Sárközi, Ildikó Gyöngyvér (2018): *From the Mists of Martyrdom. Sibe Ancestors and Heroes on the Altar of Chinese Nation-Building*. Halle: Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.

2021 Sárközi, Ildikó Gyöngyvér (2021): The Story of an unborn book: A case study on the heritagization of the Chinese Sibe genealogy writing tradition. *ASIAN ETHNICITY*, 22. 77–89.

Sárközi, Ildikó Gyöngyvér (2021): Shamanism – Religion, culture, both or neither? A case study on a Chinese Sibe song and dance group of pensioners. *SHAMAN: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR SHAMANISTIC RESEARCH*, 29. 155–180.

2022 Sárközi, Ildikó Gyöngyvér (2022): Silence. In Mirsultan, Aysima – Schluessel, Eric – Sulaiman, Eset (eds.): *Community Still Matters. Uyghur Culture and Society in Central Asian Context*. Copenhagen: NIAS Press. 124–137.

2023 Sárközi, Ildikó Gyöngyvér (2023): A Piece of Qing History. The Historical Value of a Sibe Self-taught Historian’s Collection of Genealogies. *Ming Qing Yanjiu* 27. 54–94.

#### FULL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

<https://m2.mtmt.hu/gui2/?type=authors&mode=browse&sel=authors10025044>

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

2012 *Xiongyali renleixue lishi* (The History of Hungarian Ethnology)

- School of Ethnology and Sociology, Xinjiang Normal University, China
- in Chinese

*Zhuming de Xiongyali renleixue jia* (Famous Hungarian Ethnologists)

- History and Culture Research Center of Northeast Ethnic Groups in China, Dalian Minzu University, China
- in Chinese

2018 *Secularization and Heritagization or Where Have Superstitions Gone? Sirin Mama and the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Chinese Sibe*

- Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany
- The title of the conference: *Traditional Religions, Secularism, and Revivals: Buddhism and Shamanism in Northern Eurasia*
- in English

*The Emotional Background of the Sibe Ethnonationalism*

- Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany
- in English

*Family Tree Reunification and Identity Homogenization Among the Sibe*

2019

- Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- The title of the conference: *The 2nd International Conference of Sibe Studies (ICSS)*
- in English

*The Story of an Unborn Book: Investigating the heritagization of past narratives among the Chinese Sibe*

- University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- The title of the conference: *Present Tense, Past Perfect? Narrative constructions of social representations in Central Eurasia*
- in English

*From the Mists of Martyrdom*

- Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany
- in English

*The Genealogical Community of the Chinese Sibe and the 'Family Tree Reunification Story' of the Hashūri clan*

- School of History and Culture, Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, China
- in Chinese and English

2023

*Fieldwork, Politics and Heritagization of Religion in China*

- Halle an der Saale, Germany
- The title of the Conference: *The Young Scholars Groups Conference: Asia, which way will you swipe?*
- in English