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Fields of interest, keywords: nation-building,
heritagization of religion, China

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Manchu, Sibe

Date and place of birth: 26th July 1978 Budapest,
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

- assistant 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*

2020–2025

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)*

2024–2025

Institute of Ethnology, Research Centre for the Humanities

- project leader
- Bilateral Programme (HAS – CASS; NKM 2023-68)
- Cultural Exchange and Mutual Learning between Countries along the Silk Road (China and Hungary)

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research on Sibe culture• 5 months
2011–2013	Inner-Mongolia, Heilongjiang Province, Jilin Province, Liaoning Province, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research on Sibe ethnonationalism• 14 months
2013–2014	Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research on Sibe ethnonationalism• 14 months
2017	Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research on the process of heritagization• 1 month
2018	Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research on the process of heritagization• 3 months
2019	Jilin Province, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research on the process of heritagization• 1 month
2023	Jilin Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research on the process of heritagization• 1 week
2024	Liaoning Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• research on the process of heritagization• 1 week

ACADEMIC TEACHING

2009–2011	„Dharma Gate” Budapest Buddhist University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Translation Techniques
2017–2018	School of Ethnology and Sociology, Xinjiang Normal University, China <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

- 2nd place

2006

Socio-photo Competition of the Hungarian Sociological Association

- 1st 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.
- 2024 Sárközi, Ildikó Gyöngyvér (2024): Minzu as Technology: Ethnic Identity and Social Media in Post 2000s China by Lei Hao. *CHINA JOURNAL*. 154–156.

FULL PUBLICATION LIST

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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

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

2019

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