

Júlia Váradi

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Academic degree: PhD student (University of Pécs; Interdisciplinary Doctoral School; Ethnography and Cultural Anthropology Doctoral Programme)

Research interests, keywords: international student mobility, international students, short-term migration, social sustainability, contemporary social challenges

University studies, education

- 2024 - PhD studies
University of Pécs, Interdisciplinary Doctoral School; Ethnography and Cultural Anthropology Doctoral Programme
research topic: international students in Pécs; transnational and translocal lives; short-term migration (in progress)
- 2021-2024 master studies
University of Pécs; Department of European Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology (specialization in cultural anthropology)
thesis topic: Cultural anthropological study of international students in Pécs
- 2018-2021 bachelor studies
University of Pécs; Department of European Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology (culture, religion, ecology specialization)
thesis topic: The Caucasus region in Hungarian origin research and alternative theories of the ancestral homeland

Professional practice

- 2021; 2024 JPM Ethnography Museum
- museological professional practice (Pécs, Hungary)
- 2019 Kriza János Ethnographic Society – Babeş-Bolyai University Hungarian Department of Ethnography and Anthropology
- professional practice for university students majoring in ethnography (Zabola, Romania)

Work experience

- 2026 - ELTE Research Centre for the Humanities – Institute of Ethnology
Project no. ADVANCED 152797, titled The Resilience of the Hungarian Countryside (1989–Present): Economic Strategies, Adaptation Limits, and Pathways of Self-Organization and Survival
- 2025 - University of Pécs; Department of European Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology
Project no. K 147073 NKFIH Crises and Everyday Strategies: Anthropological Perspectives on Social and Environmental Crises
- 2024 - Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań
Answer Project - “ANSWER – Anxieties and Social coping strategies Within the last 50 years in the context of Natural Environment: A Comparative Case Study of Poland, the Ukraine, and Hungary.” (project no.2021/43/D/HS6/01702) - Department of Social Problems Research and Social Work, Faculty of Sociology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań
- 2022-2023 Eötvös Loránd Research Network – Research Centre for Humanities – Institute of Ethnology
Work on the Digital Database of Hungarian Folk Beliefs
- 2021 Ördögkatlan Festival (Hungary) – Both Miklós Udvara (Ukrán Udvar)
participation in the preparation and organisation of the festival's ethnographic programmes

Conference presentations

- 2025
Open Scientific Session on Biographical Perspectives of Anxiety and Coping. Faculty of Sociology, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poznan, October 25, 2025

The Sum of All Anxieties: A Biographical Tapestry of Environmental–General Anxieties and Coping from a Central and Eastern European perspective. IASNR European Hub Meeting, Krakko, September 11-13, 2025

Elements of dwelling in mobility. A cultural anthropological study of international students in Pécs. AHEA 2025 Conference, Pécs, June 19-21, 2025
- 2024
Arcok az utcán, történetek a tükörben. A pécsi nemzetközi hallgatók kulturális antropológiai vizsgálata. Tanszéki hagyományok & változó világok. Néprajz és kulturális antropológia szakos hallgatók II. konferenciája. Budapest, April 18-19, 2024
- 2022
Gyöngyélet? A 18–19. századi katonaállítások néprajzi olvasata. Tanszéki hagyományok és változó világok. Néprajz és antropológia szakos hallgatók nemzetközi konferenciája és találkozója. Szeged, April 29-30, 2022

Publications

See the works of Júlia Váradi in the Hungarian Archives of Scientific Works (mtmt.hu)

Research scholarships

- 2023-2024 Új Nemzeti Kiválósági Program (ÚNKP)
(New National Excellence Programme)
- nyertes pályázat (egy tanéven át szóló ösztöndíj, 10 hónap) (scholarship for 10 months)
 - kutatási téma: a pécsi nemzetközi hallgatók (research topic: international students in Pécs)
- 2022-2023 Pécsi Tudományegyetem Kriszbacher Ildikó Tehetséggondozó Program (KITEP)
(University of Pécs Kriszbacher Ildikó Scholarship)
- nyertes pályázat (egy tanéven át szóló ösztöndíj, 10 hónap) (scholarship for 10 months)
 - kutatási téma: pécsi nemzetközi hallgatók (research topic: international students in Pécs)

Memberships

- 2026 - Magyar Néprajzi Társaság (Hungarian Ethnographic Society)
- 2026 - Magyar Kulturális Antropológiai Társaság (Hungarian Cultural Anthropological Association)
- 2025 - Kortás Kihívások Kutatóközpont (PTE) (Research Center for Contemporary Challenges, UP)
- 2022- PTE Fenntartható Fejlődésért Szakkollégium (UP College for Sustainable Development)

Student academic competitions

- 2025 37. Országos Tudományos Diákköri Konferencia (OTDK)
(37th National Student Research Conference)
- különdíjat nyert: Társadalomtudományi Szekció, Kulturális- és szociálanropológia (special award: Socio-Cultural Anthropology section)
- title of competition entry:
Studying, abroad. A cultural anthropological study of international students in Pécs.
- 2021 35. Országos Tudományos Diákköri Konferencia (OTDK)
(35th National Student Research Conference)
- II. helyezett: Humán Tudományi Szekció, Társadalomnéprajz (2nd place: Socio-Ethnography section)
- title of competition entry:
Live in clover? An Ethnographic Reading of 18th–19th Century Military Conscription