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Scientific degree:

2007: M.A. in History – Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.

2010: M.A. in Ethnography – Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

2016: Ph.D (history) *summa cum laude*

dissertation: The Workers' Lifestyle on the Colonies of the Rimamurány-Salgótarján Iron Works Company Ltd. in Salgótarján between the two World Wars. – Department of European Historiography and Social Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

Teaching Activities:

2008–2010: Visiting lecturer at the Department of Social and Economic History, Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

2017: Visiting lecturer at the Department of Modern and Contemporary Hungarian History, Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

2017–2018: Assistant Lecturer at the Departement of Modern and Contemporary Hungarian History, Faculty of Humanities, University of Szeged

Selected Publications, Presentations and Posters in English:

2024 A Reusable Past. Opportunities for the Utilization of Industrial Heritage in Salgótarján, Hungary ACTA ETHNOGRAPHICA HUNGARICA 68 : 2

2023 Children Don't Like Eating What They're Supposed to Eat... A Study of Public Catering for Children in Hungary from a Historical Perspective ACTA ETHNOGRAPHICA HUNGARICA 68 : 1 53-77.

2022. How did state-run school catering change the eating habits of children in Northern Hungary. Poster at the Conference on School Meals,

- Western Norway University, Bergen, 8-12. June 2022.
- 2018 Revisiting enterprise politics in the interwar Hungary: The case of The Rimamurány–Salgótarján Iron Works Co.: Workers' lifestyle and rate of living on the colony of the steel factory in Salgótarján before the World War II. METSZETEK - TÁRSADALOMTUDOMÁNYI FOLYÓIRAT 7/4. 151-166.
- 2017 Why did 'Rima-workers' reject Communism? Worker's lifestyle and rate of living on the colony of the steel factory in Salgótarján before the World War II. Presentation on the European Labour History Network Conference, Université Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne. 2. Paris, 4. November 2017.

Selected Publications in Hungarian:

- 2017 (*Monography*) 'Rimaites' In The Valley Of The Mills: The Pre-Nationalisation Structure Of a Salgótarján Workers' Colony. Ágota Lídia Ispán (ed.) Budapest: Magyar Néprajzi Társaság, 2017. 216 p. (Néprajzi Értekezések; 6.) (ISBN:978-615-80634-2-5)
- 2017 The Relation Between Employer and Labour of the Salgótarján's Steel Works in the First Half of the 20th Century. In: Bartha Eszter, Bezsenyi Tamás (szerk.) Egy másik Kelet-Európa: Munkás- és társadalomtörténeti tanulmányok Mark Pittaway emlékére. 303p. Budapest: ELTE BTK Kelet-Európa Története Tanszék 81-108. (ISBN:978-963-284-921-8)
- 2017 Sport and Leisure in the Colony of Salgótarján's Steel Works in the First Half of the 20th Century. MÚLTUNK - POLITIKATÖRTÉNETI FOLYÓIRAT:(2) pp. 1-22.
- 2019 Tradition, Globalization, Regulation. Examining The Society-SHAPING Role Of Children's Catering in the 20th Century, ETHNO-LORE 36. 123-144.
- 2020 "Little Boarders" Between the Two World Wars. Preliminary study for the examination of the foodways of working-class children in Ózd and Salgótarján. ETHNO-LORE 37. 97-112.
- 2023 Children Don't Like Eating What They're Supposed to Eat... A Study of Public Catering for Children in Hungary from a Historical Perspective ACTA ETHNOGRAPHICA HUNGARICA 68:1 53-77.
- 2024 A reusable past. Perspectives of utilizing industrial heritage in Salgótarján, ACTA ETHNOGRAPHICA HUNGARICA 68:2

Social Activities, Membership

Member of the Public Body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Member of The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH)

Member of the Hungarian Mining and Metallurgical Society

Member of the Hungarian Ethnographical Society

Member of the István Hajnal Circle – Hungarian Association of Social Historians

Member of the Hungarian Labour History Network