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## Research Interests

- Ethnicity, interethnic relationships
- Nationalism, national culture and cultural memory
- Multiculturalism, recognition policy, identity policy
- Migration, transnational mobility
- Social solidarity and volunteering
- Racism, interethnic conflicts
- Roma and Hungarian minority communities in Central and Eastern Europe

## Selected Publications

‘We Are That In-Between Nation’: Discourses of Deservingness of Hungarian Migrants Working in Institutions of Refugee Accommodation in Germany. *Sociology*. 2020.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0038038520941690> (Co-author Zakariás, I)

[Memory-Politics and Neo-nationalism: Trianon as Mythomoteur](#). *Nationalities Papers*. 2020. 48 (1), 30-143.

Deployed fears and suspended solidarity along the migratory route in Europe. *Citizenship Studies*. 2020. 24 (4), 441-456.

How Migration Experience Affects the Acceptance and Active Support of Refugees? Philanthropy and Paid Work of Hungarian Migrants in the German Immigrant Service. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*. 2020. Online published <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15562948.2020.1724353>

Producing the nation through philanthropy: Legitimising coethnic and prorefugee civic action in Hungary. *Nations and Nationalism* 2020. Online published <https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12607>, co-author: Zakariás I.

[New Forms of Nationalism and the Discursive Construction of the Gypsy Other](#). In: *The Rise of Populist Nationalism: Social Resentments and Capturing the Constitution in Hungary*. Ed: Feischmidt, M.& Majtényi, B. Budapest: CEU Press, 2019, 179-208.

[Conclusion: Civil Involvement in Refugee Protection—Reconfiguring Humanitarianism and Solidarity in Europe](#). In: *Refugee Protection and Civil Society in Europe* Feischmidt, M, Pries, L, Cantat, C, eds. Palgrave Macmillan, 2019, 379-399. Co-author: Cantat, C.

Politics of Care and Compassion: Civic Help for Refugees and Its Political Implications in Hungary—A Mixed-Methods Approach. In: *Refugee Protection and Civil Society in Europe* Feischmidt M, Pries L, Cantat C, eds. Palgrave Macmillan, 2019, 59-99. Co-author: Zakariás

Feischmidt Margit, Majtényi Balázs ed. 2019. [The Rise of Populist Nationalism Social Resentments and the Anti-constitutionalist Turn in Hungary](#). CEU Press, New York – Budapest

Feischmidt Margit (2017) [Nationalismus und die Darstellung der »Anderen« Die diskursive Konstruktion von Rassismus in der ungarischen Provinz](#) In: Irene Götz ; Klaus Roth; Marketa Spiritova (Hrsg) *Neuer Nationalismus im östlichen Europa Kulturwissenschaftliche Perspektiven*. Munich: Transcript Verlag, pp 245-266.

[‘Rocking the nation’: the popular culture of neo-nationalism](#). *Nations and Nationalism*, Volume 23, Issue 2 April 2017, 309–326. (társszerző: Pulay Gergő)

[Understanding the rise of the far right from a local perspective: Structural and cultural conditions of ethno-traditionalist inclusion and racial exclusion in rural Hungary](#). *Identities. Global Studies in Culture and Power*. Volume 24, 2017 - Issue 3, 313-331, (Társszerző: Szombati Kristóf)

Dampened Voices: [A Comparative Look at Roma Adolescents’Discourses on Being ‘Othered’ at School](#) In: Schiff Claire, Szalai Júlia (ed.) *Migrant, Roma and Post-colonial Youth in Education across Europe: Being ‘visibly different’*. London: Palgrave, 2014. pp. 120-135.

*Nemzet a mindennapokban: Az újnacionalizmus populáris kultúrája*. Budapest: L'Harmattan Kiadó, 2014. Társszerzők : Glózer Rita, Ilyés Zoltán, Kasznár Veronika Katalin, Zakariás Ildikó

*"Csak másban": Romareprezentáció a magyar médiában*. Budapest; Pécs: Gondolat - PTE Kommunikáció- és Médiatudományi Tanszék, 2013. Társszerkesztők:- Bogdán Mária, Guld Ádám

*Etnicitás. Különbségteremtő társadalom* (Ethnicity. Social Distinctions and cultural difference in the society) Editor. Budapest: Gondolat. 2010.

[Nationalist Politics and Everyday Ethnicity in a Transylvanian Town](#). 2006. Princeton University Press. Co-authors: Rogers Brubaker, Jon Fox and Liana Grancea.

Magyar nyelvű kiadás: *Nacionalista politika és mindennapi etnicitás egy erdélyi városban*. Budapest: L'Harmattan Kiadó, 2011. Román kiadás: *Politica naționalistă și etnicitate cotidiană într-un oraș transilvănean*. Cluj: Kriterion, 2011.

*Nem kívánt gyerekek? Külföldi gyerekek magyar iskolákban*. MTA. Kisebbségkutató Intézet. Budapest,

## Research Projects

- [Helping Displaced People from Ukraine: Collective Forms and Social Contexts of solidarity](#)
- [Intersections](#). East European Journal of Society and Politics, *editor in chief*
- [Solidarity as an answer to the crisis caused by the pandemic: actions and discourses](#)
- [Social conflicts and identity politics](#). Supported by the Incubator Program of Research Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2014-2016)
- [Transnational forms of solidarity and volunteering](#) (Supported by own resources, Institute for Minority Studies, Research Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- Competing migrant positions. Perceptions of migration within Europe and from outside Europe. (Supported by Kosmos Alumni Program of Humboldt University and Institute for Minority Studies, Research Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- [The School is not an island](#). Supported by OTKA, project leader:: Papp Z. Attila

## Academic Career

2015-9 International migration, social conflicts and identity politics (securitization and new humanitarianism) (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences)

2013 Publication support OTKA (Hungarian National Science Found)

2012 Discourses of the Hungarian Far-Right Politics and Media, Tom Lantos Institute

2012 Roma Childhood Vaccination in Europe, led by Romani CRISS (Roma Center for Social Intervention and Studies), supported by European Center for Disease Control

2008-2011 EDUMIGROM (Ethnic Differences in Education and Diverging Prospects of Urban Youth in the Enlarged Europe) supported by European Commission 7th Framework Program (<http://www.edumigrom.eu/ishas>)

2008-2014 New forms of nationalism and the changing discourses on nationhood in Hungary, supported by OTKA (Hungarian National Science Found)

2005-2007 The chances for equality of the inhabitants of small villages in Hungary, a project of the Institute of Regionalist Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, supported by the Hungarian National Research and Innovation Found.

2007 Ethnological understanding of cultural diversity in Central European (V4) urban spaces supported by the Visegrad Found.

2005-2006 Qualitative methods in cultural studies. Curriculum development, HEFOP.

2002-2005 The integration of migrant children in the Hungarian school system with Pál Nyíri supported by OTKA (Hungarian National Science Found)

1998-2005      Nationalism and ethnicity in Transylvania, with Rogers Brubaker, Jon Fox and Liana Grancea, supported by UCLA

1998      The social memory of the violent interethnic conflict in Tirgu Mures (Romania), with Rogers Brubaker, supported by UCLA

1996      The Perception of the IFOR Forces in a Hungarian Village led by Éva Kovács, participant institution Department for Communication Studies University of Pécs, supported by the Open Society Institute

1995-1997      The Politics of National Identities in Eastern and Central Europe", project of Institute of European Ethnology, Berlin, led by Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Kaschuba

## **Education**

2009      *doctor habilis*, University of Pécs

2003      *PhD*, Humboldt University, Berlin

1995 - 2001      *doctoral candidate*, European Ethnology Institute, Humboldt University, Berlin

1994      *MA (diploma)* in Cultural Anthropology

1991 - 1994      Department of Cultural Anthropology, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest

1991      *MA (diploma)* in Hungarian and German Philology

1986 - 1991      Department of Hungarian and German Literature and Language, Babes-Bolyai University Cluj (Romania)

## **Membership in Academic and Professional Organisations; Editorial Board Membership**

Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics, editor in chief

European Association of Social Anthropologists

Association for the Study of Nationalities

International Society for Ethnology and Folklore

Hungarian Association of Sociologists, member of Presidential Committee

Hungarian Association of Anthropologists

## **Selected conferences and workshops**

- "Politics of care and compassion. Civic support of migrants/refugees and its political implications in Hungary" Panel: The Mediterranean Refugee Disaster and the EU. Session at 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology, July 10-14, 2016, Vienna;

- "Policing the borders, racializing migrants: structural, political and cultural conditions of anti-migrant mobilization in rural Hungary" Panel: "Refugee crisis", European reactions and the role of anthropology [WCAA Panel] EASA2016: Anthropological legacies and human futures. July 20-24, 2016, Milan;
- "Neue Formen des Nationalismus und die rassistische Darstellung der Migranten und Minderheitlichen in Ungarn. Ethnographische Fallanalysen zweier ungarischer Dörfer" Conference: Neuer Nationalismus im östlichen Europa. Kulturwissenschaftliche Perspektiven. München. 1-3 Dezember 2016.
- "A menekültekkel való találkozás narratív keretezése a szerb-magyar határ magyar oldalán". Konferencia: Globális migrációs folyamatok és Magyarország - Kihívások és válaszok. Az MTA Társadalomtudományi Kutatóközpont és az MTA TK Kisebbségkutató Intézet, Magyar Tudomány Ünnepe, 2015. november 16-17.
- „The rise of the far-right and the collective criminalization of Roma in Hungary”. Annual Convention of Association for Study of Nationalities. Columbia University 24-26 April 2014. Panel: Legal, Political and Social Definitions of Membership in a Political Community: Central Europeans and the Roma
- „Neo-traditionalism and racism. Key processes behind the rise of the far-right in Hungary”. Conference: Far-right extremism in the crisis-ridden Greece and beyond: Anthropological Perspectives”. European Studies Center, St Antony College, 3 June 2014
- „Racism and cultural intimacy in local context. Lessons on neo-nationalism from a Hungarian village”. 13th EASA Biennial Conference, Tallinn University, Estonia, 31st July - 3rd August, 2014 Panel title: Cultural strategies and social conditions of neo-nationalisms in Europe
- „Neonationalism and the far right support among the Hungarian youth”. ASN CEU Conference, 12-14 June 2014. Panel title: Neo-nationalism and the Youths’ Radical Responses to Economic and Political Crises in Central and Eastern Europe.

## **Awards and Honours**

- 2016 Humboldt Alumni Awards
- 2013 Institute for Advanced Study Central European University
- 2007-2010 Bolyai János Research Grant (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- 2003 Fulbright "New Century Scholars" Program
- 1999 International Policy Fellowship Open Society Institute, Budapest
- 1997 Katholischer Akademischer Ausländerdienst
- 1996 Research Support Scheme, Open Society Institute, Budapest

## **Teaching Experience**

1996-2020 Department for Media and Communication Studies (University of Pécs): Ethnicity and Nationalism (Phd); Multiculturalism: theoretical considerations (Phd); Ethnicity and the media (MA); Social memory and commemorations; Culture and conflict; Migration and the migrants; Introduction to theories of cultural anthropology (BA); Qualitative methods in social sciences (BA); Intercultural

communications (BA); Gender studies. Introduction (BA)

2018/19 Central European University, Nationalism Studies Program: Qualitative methods in nationalism studies (MA)

2015 and 2010 Central European University, Department for Gender Studies and Department for Sociology and Anthropology: Qualitative Research Methods (MA)

2013-2015 Eötvös Lóránd University Doctoral Program in Sociology: Debates on Multiculturalism, Nationalism and the Far-Right (Phd)

2007 University of Linnköping Institute for Ethnic Studies (Sweden) doctoral supervision

2004-2007 Babes-Bolyai University Cluj, Romania: Anthropology of Ethnicity and Nationalism (MA)

1998 Department for Social- and Cultural Anthropology, University Autonómia, visiting lecturer

1998 University of Lund (Sweden), Department for European Ethnology visiting lecturer

### **Further Affiliations**

University of Pécs, Department for Communication and Media Studies, university professor

### **Other relevant CV records**

Guest researcher and professor

Fall 2021/22, CEU Vienna, Nationalism Studies guest professor

Fall 2021 University of Göttingen, DAAD professor

Fall 2018, Fall 2019 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle

June – July 2016 Humboldt University, BIM, Humboldt Alumni Awards

June – July 2015 Bristol University, Department of Sociology

2003 UCLA, Sociology Department supported by Fulbright New Century Scholars Program

1997 – 1998 Institute of European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin, supported by Katholischer Akademischer Ausländerdienst

September 1997 Department of Ethnology, Lund University (Sweden), Tempus Program “European Ethnology”

April 1998 Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Barcelona, Spain Tempus Program “European Ethnology”

### **Languages**

- Hungarian (Native)

- English (Proficient)
- German (Proficient)
- Romanian (Intermediate)