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University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway
UiT – The Arctic University of Norway. Tromsø, Norway.

EDUCATION

- 2017–22 **PhD in Philosophy (Political Theory Track)**
Central European University
Supervisor: Zoltán Miklósi
Dissertation title: *Ruling together: an Account of the Value of Democracy*
- 2013–15 **MA in Philosophy**
Central European University
Supervisor: Philip Goff
- 2010–13 **BA in Liberal Arts**
ELTE University, Budapest, Hungary
Supervisor: Zsófia Zvolenszky

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023–2026 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
University of Oslo
Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas
GoodAttention Research Project
- 2022–24 Fall **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
University of Tromsø – the Arctic University of Norway
Institute of Philosophy and First Semester Studies
Good Integration (GOODINT) Research Project
- 2022 Winter **Visiting Faculty Member**
Central European University, Vienna
Department of Political Science
- 2021 Fall **Teaching Fellow**
Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities
ELTE University, Budapest
- 2018–20 **Scientific research assistant**
Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities
ELTE University, Budapest
Autonomous Vehicles, Automation, Normativity Research Group

PUBLICATIONS IN ENGLISH

- Forth. “The Democratic Theory of Immigrant Enfranchisement” *Democratic Theory*.
- 2024 “Workplace democracy: the argument from the worker-society relation.” *Journal of Social Philosophy*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1111/josp.12559>

- 2024 “Anti-immigrant backlash: the democratic dilemma for immigration policy.” *Comparative Migration Studies* 12(12). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-024-00370-7>
- 2023 “Why refugees should be enfranchised” *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 41(1): 106–121. <https://doi.org/10.1111/japp.12682>
- 2023 “What does it mean to have an equal say?” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-023-10404-1>
- 2022 “The state’s duty to foster voter competence.” *Episteme*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1017/epi.2022.31>. Co-authored with Michele Giavazzi.
- 2022 “Mutual service as the relational value of democracy.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 25(4): 651–665. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-022-10271-2>
- 2021 “Structural injustice and the duties of the privileged.” *Social Theory and Practice* 47(2): 247–264. <https://doi.org/10.5840/soctheorpract202148120>
- 2020 “Rethinking the Democratic Boundary Problem.” In Lee Ward (ed) *Cosmopolitanism and its Discontents*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. Co-authored with Zoltan Miklosi.
- 2020 “Vulnerable minorities and democratic legitimacy in refugee admission.” *Ethics and Global Politics* 13(1): 53–63. <https://doi.org/10.1080/16544951.2020.1735016>
- 2019 “Revolution against non-violent oppression.” *Res Publica* 25(9): 445–461. **Winner of Postgraduate Essay Prize.** <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-019-09437-0>
- 2019 “Democratic Inclusion: Rainer Bauböck in Dialogue.” *Res Publica* 26(1): 149–154. Book review. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-019-09429-0>
- 2019 “Why not rule by algorithms?” *Hungarian Philosophical Review* 63(4): 75–90. https://epa.oszk.hu/00100/00186/00063/pdf/EPA00186_magyar_filozofiai_szemle_2019_04_075-090.pdf

PUBLIC OUTREACH

“Structural Injustice and the Dilemmas of Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean” *EUI Migration Policy Centre: The Ethics of Migration Policy Dilemmas* site. https://migrationpolicycentre.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/3rd_dilemma_3rd_response.pdf

INVITED TALKS

- 2024 “The Just Distribution of Public Attention” with Katharine Browne *Workshop on Collective Attention*. University of Vienna. Planned.
- “Democratic attention” *Philosophy and Psychology of Attention Norms* workshop. University of British Columbia. Planned.
- “Ignoring the Unreasonable” *Colloquium in Social and Political Philosophy*. LMU Munich.
- 2021 “In defence of the priority of morality in politics.” *ECPR Joint Sessions*. Online event.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “The Civic Duty of Attention” *Norwegian Practical Philosophy Network Workshop*. University of Oslo.
- “Ignoring Extremists” *Extremism and Subjectivity* workshop. VU Amsterdam. Planned.
- 2023 “How to trust and distrust fellow citizens in a democracy: a dilemma.” *Trust, Social Cohesion, and Integration* conference. Memorial University of Newfoundland.
- “The democratic dilemma for immigration policy.” *The ethics of immigration policy dilemmas* workshop. EUI.
- 2022 “Agents of justice: power, agency, and the justification of democracy.” *Nordic Network of Political Theory Annual Conference*. University of Tromsø.
- “The democratic inclusion of immigrants: a new argument.” *GOODINT Workshop*. Aarhus University.
- “Denying empathy to political adversaries.” *MANCEPT Workshops 2022*. University of Manchester.
- “The value of democratic agency for immigrants.” *ECPR General Conference*. Innsbruck University.
- “Is there a duty of democratic inclusion towards refugees?” *Refugees and the Duty of Rescue* Conference. Durham University.
- 2021 “Why should I vote? A relational account.” *MANCEPT Workshops 2021*.
- “Workplace democracy and the value of the worker-society relation.” *Labor Justice and Transformation of Work* Conference. Online event.
- “On having an equal say.” *ECPR Joint Sessions*. Online event.
- “Mutual service as the value of democracy.” *Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory*. Duke University.
- “Mutual service as the value of democracy.” *2nd Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy*. University of Geneva.
- 2020 “Service and the value of democracy.” *1st Princeton-CEU Workshop in Political and Legal Theory*. Princeton University.
- “Public authority, autonomy, and the value of democracy.” *1st Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy*. University of Geneva.
- 2019 “Contribution to structural injustice and liability to harm.” *MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory*. University of Manchester.
- “Populist Democracy and the Concept of Self-Rule.” *ECPR General Conference*. University of Wrocław.
- “Structural injustice and the duties of the privileged.” *LSE Graduate Conference in Political Theory*. LSE.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2020 *Award for Advanced Doctoral Students*. Central European University
- 2019 Post Graduate Essay Prize of *Res Publica*.
- 2015 *Outstanding Academic Achievement Award*. Central European University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UiT – The Arctic University of Norway

Migration, integration, and diversity 2023 Fall
Department of Philosophy and First Semester Studies (IFF)
Level: Elective MA course in Philosophy
Role: Instructor (responsible for developing syllabus)

Central European University

Political philosophy from the 17th to the 19th century 2022 Winter
Department of Political Science
Level: BA course in the PPE programme
Role: Instructor (responsible for developing syllabus)

Structural injustice – race, class, and gender in political theory 2022 Winter
Department of Political Science
Level: Elective MA course in Political Science
Role: Instructor (responsible for developing syllabus)

Foundations of political philosophy 2020 Fall
Department of Political Science
Partially asynchronous online course
Level: MA course in Political Science.
Role: Teaching assistant (involved in course design and delivery).
Main instructor: Zoltán Miklósi.

The epistemology of democracy 2020 Winter
Department of Philosophy
Partially online.
Level: PhD/Elective MA Seminar
Role: Teaching assistant (involved in course design and delivery).
Main Instructor: Simon Rippon.

ELTE University

Democratic Theory 2021 Fall
Department of Philosophy
Level: BA course in Liberal Arts (Philosophy Specialization)
Role: Instructor (responsible for developing syllabus).

Critical Theory 2021 Fall
Department of Philosophy
Level: BA course in Liberal Arts (Philosophy Specialization)
Role: Instructor (responsible for developing syllabus).

TEACHING OUTSIDE HIGHER EDUCATION

Milestone Institute (Budapest)

Political ideologies 2022 Spring

Pre-undergraduate preparation course.

Role: Instructor (responsible for developing syllabus).

Introduction to political thought 2021 Summer

Pre-undergraduate preparation course.

Role: Instructor.

Social science tutorial 2020 Fall, 2021 Fall

Pre-undergraduate online preparation course.

Role: Co-instructor.

State theory 2019 Fall, 2020 Summer, 2021 Summer

Pre-undergraduate preparation course.

2020 Summer instalment online.

Role: Instructor (responsible for developing syllabus).

Minority and identity 2019 Fall

Pre-undergraduate preparation course.

Role: Instructor.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2019 **Foundations in Teaching in Higher Education Course.**

Centre of Teaching and Learning at CEU.

2018 **Equality and Citizenship Summer School.**

University of Rijeka. Instructors: Lea Ypi, Jonathan White, Cécile Laborde.

2017 **Migration, Borders, and Citizenship Autumn School**

University of Amsterdam. Netherlands. Instructors: Rainer Bauböck, David Owen, Chandran Kukathas, Ayelet Sachar.

ACADEMIC EVENTS (CO-)ORGANIZED

2025 Attention, Politics, and Democracy. Conference. UiO. Planned.

2024 Attention, Agency, and Algorithmic Power. Online workshop. Planned.

2023 Exclusion, Integration, and Democracy. UiT.

2022 GOODINT Workshop: Immigration and Social Cohesion. Central European University.

2021 Rawls 100. Conference. ELTE University, Budapest.

2020 Autonomous Weapons Workshop. Central European University.

2019 2nd POLEMO Symposium. Central European University.

2018 7th International Graduate Conference in Philosophy. Central European University.

SERVICE

Peer review

I served as a referee for the following journals:

- Synthese
- Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- American Review of Political Science
- Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy
- Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
- Journal of Social Philosophy
- Social Theory and Practice
- Res Publica
- European Journal of Political Theory
- The Journal of Politics
- Political Studies Review
- Law, Ethics, and Philosophy

Student research groups chaired

2019– Political, Legal, and Moral Theory (POLEMO) Research Group
2020 Central European University.

Student Union Representative

Central European University (AY 2012/13, 2019/20)

LANGUAGES

English	Fluent
Norwegian	Intermediate
German	Lower intermediate
Hungarian	Native