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Research Interests

Dorottya Szikra, PhD is Research Professor and Head of Research Department at the [Centre for Social Sciences](#) and Visiting Professor at [CEU Vienna](#). She is the country-lead of the [WelfareExperiences](#) ERC project headed by the King's College London, investigating experiences and feelings of benefit claimants in five countries. Szikra also does research on democratic backsliding, populism and the welfare state (See Szikra, D. & K.G. Öktem. [An illiberal welfare state emerging? Welfare efforts and trajectories under democratic backsliding in Hungary and Turkey](#) and Bartha, A., Zs. Boda and D. Szikra. [When Populist Leaders Govern: Conceptualising Populism in Policy Making](#). In. *Politics and Governance*, 2020.8(3).) The outcome of her investigations into welfare state and family policies in Eastern Europe is a comparative monograph with Cristina Rat and Tomasz Inglot, 2022. [Mothers, Families or Children? Family Policy in Poland, Hungary, and Romania, 1945-2020](#). University of Pittsburgh Press. Between 2016 and 2020 she acted as the co-chair of the [European Social Policy Analysis Network \(ESPAnet\)](#). She has acted as a member of the editorial boards of various journals, including the *European Journal of Social Security*, the Hungarian on-line journal [socio.hu](#) and the [Journal of European Social Policy](#). Between 2021 and 2022 she served as a member of the EC commissioned [High-Level Group](#) on the future of social protection and of the welfare state in the EU.

Selected Publications

Márton Gerő, Anna Fejős, Szabina Kerényi, Dorottya Szikra. 2023. From Exclusion to Co-Optation: Political Opportunity Structures and Civil Society Responses in De-Democratising Hungary. *Politics and Governance*. 11(1). <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v11i1.5883>

(with Kerem Öktem) (2022). An illiberal welfare state emerging? Welfare efforts and trajectories under democratic backsliding in Hungary and Turkey. *Journal of European Social Policy*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/09589287221141365>

(with Cristina Rat and Tomasz Inglot) 2022. *Mothers, Families or Children? Family Policy in Poland, Hungary, and Romania, 1945-2020*. University of Pittsburgh Press.
<https://upittpress.org/books/9780822947035/>

Szelewa, Dorota és Szikra, Dorottya (2022) Leave policies in populist and illiberal regimes: the cases of Hungary and Poland. In: Research Handbook on Leave Policy Parenting and Social Inequalities in a Global Perspective. Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, pp. 100-114. ISBN 9781800372207
<https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/research-handbook-on-leave-policy-9781800372207.html>

(with J. Aidukaite, S. Saxonberg, D. Szelewa). 2021. Social policy in the face of a global pandemic: Policy responses to the COVID-19 crisis in Central and Eastern Europe. In. *Social Policy and Administration*, online first <https://doi.org/10.1111/spol.12704>

(with E. Varsa). 2020. "New eugenics," gender and sexuality: A global perspective on reproductive politics and sex education in Cold War Europe. In. *The History of the Family*, Vol. 25(4).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1081602X.2020.1807385>

(with Anna Fejős, Mária Neményi and Róza Vajda). *Civil society activism related to women and families since 2010 in Hungary. Deepening cleavages and new strategies*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Budapest, October 2020.

(with A. Bartha and Zs. Boda). 2020. "When Populist Leaders Govern: Conceptualising Populism in Policy Making." In: *Politics and Governance*, 2020 Vol.8 (3)

Szikra, D. 2019. Ideology or Pragmatism? Interpreting Social Policy Change under the "System of National Cooperation". In: Kovács, J. M. and B. Trencsényi (Eds.) *Brave New Hungary: Mapping the "System of National Cooperation"* Rowman and Littlefield, Lexington Books, 225-241.

(with Péter Csizmadia). The paradoxes of neo-liberalism. Labour relations and employment policies in times of volatility. Introduction to Special Issue of socio.hu 2019/7. <https://socio.hu/en/labour-relations-employment-policies-in-times-of-volatility>

Book Review on Kati Kuitto, Post-Communist Welfare States in European Context. Patterns of Welfare Policies in Central Eastern Europe, Cheltenham (UK) / Northampton (MA): Edward Elgar, 2016. In. *European Journal of Social Security*, 2018, Vol. 20(4) 374-392.

Hungary. In: Isabel, Ortiz; Fabio, Durán-Valverde; Stefan, Urban and Veronika Wodsak (eds.) *Reversing Pension Privatizations: Rebuilding public pension systems in Eastern Europe and Latin America*. Geneva, Switzerland: International Labour Office (ILO), 2018 pp. 155-193.
<https://www.social-protection.org/gimi/RessourcePDF.action?ressource.ressourceId=55301>

Reversing privatization and re-nationalizing pensions in Hungary. *Working Paper*. Geneva, Switzerland: International Labour Office (ILO), 2018. 32 p. ISSN 1020-959X https://www.ilo.org/secsoc/information-resources/publications-and-tools/Workingpapers/WCMS_648634/lang-en/index.htm

(with Cristina Rat). "Family policies and social inequalities in Central and Eastern Europe. A comparative analysis of Hungary, Poland and Romania between 2005 and 2015." In Guðný Björk Eydal and Tine Rostgaard (eds.) *Handbook of Child and Family Policy*. Edward Elgar Publishing. Cheltenham - Northampton 2018. 223-236.

Ideológia vagy pragmatizmus? Családpolitika az orbáni illiberális demokráciában. (Ideology or pragmatism? Family policy in the illiberal democracy of Viktor Orbán.) In: Bozóki András, Füzér Katalin

(eds.) *Lépték és ironia: Szociológiai kalandozások*. Budapest, L'Harmattan - MTA Társadalomtudományi Kutatóközpont, 2018. pp. 219-241.

(ISBN:9789634143963)

(with Mátyás Domschitz). "A Jobbik szociálpolitikája." ("The Social Policy of the Far Right in Hungary" - in Hungarian). In. *Esély*, 2018, 29(2), 29-58.

"Távolodás az európai szociális modelltől - a szegénység társadalompolitikája" ("Moving away from the European Social Model. The social policy of poverty" - in Hungarian.) In. *Magyar Tudomány*, 2018(2).

"Welfare for the Wealthy. The Social Policy of the Orbán-regime, 2010-2017." *Working Paper*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Budapest, March, 2018. <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/budapest/14209.pdf>

(with Vera Messing and Mária Neményi). "Recognition, Rights and Redistribution. Introduction to the Honorary Issue of Intersections. EEJSP to Celebrate Júlia Szalai." In *East European Journal of Society and Politics*. 2018, 4(1), 4-9.

(with Vera Messing and Mária Neményi). "Előszó. Különszám Szalai Júlia köszöntésére." ("Introduction to the Special Issue to Celebrate Júlia Szalai" - in Hungarian). 2018(1) 1-5. *socio.hu Social Science Review*. <http://socio.hu/>

(with Diána Kiss). "Beyond Nationalization. Assessing the Impact of the 2010-2013 Pension Reform in Hungary." In. *Review of Sociology* 2017. 27(4) 83-107.

(with Ágnes Darvas). "Családi ellátások és szolgáltatások." (Family benefits and services - in Hungarian.) In: Ferge Zsuzsa (ed.) *Magyar társadalom- és szociálpolitika, 1990-2015*. (Hungarian Social- and Societal Policy, 1990-2015) Osiris, Budapest, 2017. 215-254.

"A magyar nyugdíjrendszer a rendszerváltás óta." (The Hungarian Pension System since the Fall of Communism - in Hungarian.) In: Ferge Zsuzsa (ed.) *Magyar társadalom- és szociálpolitika, 1990-2015*. (Hungarian Social- and Societal Policy, 1990-2015) Osiris, Budapest, 2017. 288-309.

(with Ágota Scharle): Recent Changes Moving Hungary Away from the European Social Model. In: Daniel Vaughan-Whitehead (ed.) *The European Social model in crisis: Is Europe losing its soul?* Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing; International Labour Office, 2015, 229-261.

"Democracy and welfare in hard times: The social policy of the Orbán Government in Hungary between 2010 and 2014." In *Journal of European Social Policy*, (2014) 24(5), 486-500.

(with Zsófia Aczél and Dorota Szelewa). "The Changing Language of Social Policy in Hungary and Poland" In: Klaus Petersen, Daniel Béland (eds.) *Analysing Social Policy Concepts and Language: Comparative and Transnational Perspectives*. Bristol: Policy Press, 2014. pp. 35-57.

"Austerity policies and gender impacts in Hungary." *Working Paper*. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, 2013, Budapest.

(with Tomasz Inglot and Cristina Rat). "Reforming Post-Communist Welfare States: Family Policy in Poland, Hungary and Romania since 2000." In: *Problems of Post-Communism*. (2012) 59:(6) pp. 27-49.

“Reménytelenség és terápia.” (Hopelessness and Therapy.” Book-review on *Ferge Zsuzsa: Vágányok és vakvágányok a társadalompolitikában*. L’Harmattan Kiadó, Budapest, 2012 – in Hungarian) In. *Élet és Irodalom*, LVI. July 13, 2012.

“Welfare Co-operatives’ and social policy between the two World Wars in Hungary.” In: Hilson, Mary, Pirjo Markkola and Ann-Catrin Östman (eds.) *Co-operatives and the Social Question: The Co-operative Movement in Northern and Eastern Europe, 1880–1950*. Welsh Academic Press. Cardiff. 2012. 153–167.

“Tradition Matters: Child Care and Primary School Education in Modern Hungary.” In. *Child Care and Primary Education in Post-War Europe*. Karen Hagemann, Konrad Jarausch and Cristina Allemann-Ghionda (eds.) New York and Oxford, Berghahn Books. 2011.364–385.

“Családtámogatási rendszerek Európában történeti perspektívában.” (Family Policies in Europe in a Historical Perspective – in Hungarian.) In: Simonyi Ágnes (ed.) *Családpolitikák változóban*. (Changing family policies.) Szociálpolitikai és Munkaügyi Intézet, Budapest, 2010. 9–19.

“Franciaország, Lengyelország, az Egyesült Királyság, a Német Szövetségi Köztársaság, Norvégia és Spanyolország családtámogatási rendszere.” (Family Policies in France, Poland, United Kingdom, Germany, Norway and Spain – in Hungarian) In: Simonyi Ágnes (ed.) *Családpolitikák változóban*. Szociálpolitikai és Munkaügyi Intézet, Budapest, 2010. 20–42.

(with Dorota Szelewa), “Do Central and Eastern European countries fit the ‘Western’ picture? The example of family policies in Hungary and Poland.” In Christina Klenner – Simone Leiber (eds.) *Welfare States and Gender Inequality in Central and Eastern Europe. Continuity and Post-socialist Transformation in the EU Member States*. European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), Brussels, 2010. 81–117.

“Eastern European faces of familialism: Hungarian and Polish family policies from a historical perspective.” In Diana Auth, Eva Buchholz, Stefanie Janczyk (eds.): *Selektive Emanzipation: Analyse zur Gleichstellungs- und Familienpolitik*. [Politik und Geschlecht, Band 21] Verlag Barbara Budrich, Opladen & Farmington Hills, MI, 2010. 239–254.

(with Béla Tomka) “Social Policy in East Central Europe. Major Trends in the 20st Century.” In Alfio Cerami and Pieter Vanhuysse (eds.) (2009). *Post-Communist Welfare Pathways: Theorizing Social Policy Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe*. Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan. 2009

Szikra, Dorottya and Dorota Szelewa (2009). “Welfare et socialisme: de certains concepts relatifs au genre.” [Welfare under state socialism. An attempt to apply mainstream and gendered concepts.] *Cahiers du Genre*, n° 48, 2009.

Social Policy and Anti-Semitic Exclusion before and during World War II in Hungary. The Case of the Productive Social Policy. In Hauss, Gisella – Schulte, Dagmar: *Amid Social Contradictions. Towards a History of Social Work in Europe*. Opladen and Farmington Hills, Barbara Budrich Publishers. 2009. 111–131.

(with Eszter Varsa and Borbála Juhász), Building the “Social State” in Hungary: The Hungarian Settlement Movement between the Two World Wars. In Hauss, Gisella – Schulte, Dagmar (eds.) *Amid Social Contradictions. Towards a History of Social Work in Europe*. Opladen and Farmington Hills,

Barbara Budrich Publishers. 2009. 131-149.

"From Bismarck to the New Pension Orthodoxy. The Historical Development of the Pension System in Hungary", In: Jorn-Henrik Petersen – Klaus Petersen (eds.) *The Politics of Age. Public Pensions in a Comparative and Historical Perspective*. Peter Lang Publishers, Hamburg, 2008.

(with Dorota Szelewa.) „Passen die mittel- und osteuropäische Länder in das “westliche“ Bild? Das Beispiel der Familienpolitik in Ungarn und Polen.“ In Christina Klenner and Simone Leiber (eds.) *Wohlfahrtsstaaten und Geschlechterungleichheit in Mittel- und Osteuropa. Kontinuität und postsozialistische Transformation in den EU-Mitgliedstaaten*. VS Verlag, 2008. Wiesbaden, Germany, 88-123.

"A szociálpolitika másik arca. Fajvédelem és produktív szociálpolitika az 1940-es évek Magyarországon." (The Dark Side of Social Policy. Racism and Productive Social Policy in the 1940s' in Hungary – in Hungarian.) In: *Századvég*, 13. évf. 48. sz. 2008. 39-79.

(with Borbála Juhász and Eszter Varsa), "A lány villamosa. Határátlépő nők a két világháború közötti szociális munkában Földy Ilona és Göntér Zsuzsanna életrajzán keresztül." (Tram to the Outskirts. Female Social Workers Crossing Borders between the Two World Wars in Hungary.) In Bakó Boglárka – Tóth Eszter Zsófia (szerk.): *Határtalan nők. Kizártak és befogadottak a női társadalomban*. Nyitott Könyvműhely, Budapest, 2008.

"Characteristics of Teaching Social Policy and Gender in Eastern Europe." in: Andrea Pető (ed.): *Teaching Gender Studies in Hungary*. Ministry of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. Budapest, 2006.

"Family and Child Support in a Postcommunist Society: Origins of the Mixed Hungarian Welfare Capitalism." In: M. Cain, N. Gelazis and T. Inglot. (Eds.) *Fighting Poverty and Reforming Social Security: What Can Post-Soviet States Learn from the New Democracies of Central Europe?* Woodrow Wilson International Center, Washington DC, 2005.

(with Eszter Varsa), "Gender, Class and Ethnicity-Based Differentiation in the Practice of Hungarian Social Work. Case Study of the Kozma-Street Settlement, 1935-1945." In: Kurt Schilde – Dagmar Schulte (eds.): *Need and Care – Glimpses into the Beginnings of Eastern Europe's Professional Welfare*. Barbara Budrich Publishers, 2005.

Research Projects

2023 – : Welfare Experiences Secure, Dignified and Just? A paradigm shift in the comparative study of social protection. ERC Grant with the leadership of King's College London, Hungarian partner.
<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/3-million-awarded-to-analyse-how-it-feels-to-claim-benefits-in-different-countries>

2019 – : Democratic Backsliding and the Welfare State

2019 – ongoing: Social policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic

2019 – ongoing: (De)democratization and civil society. Research project funded by the Center for Social Sciences, Budapest (lead researcher Márton Gerő)

2019 – 2020: The Changing Landscape of Civil Society Movements related to Women's Issues and Gender in Hungary. Developments after 2010. Research project funded by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, lead researcher

2011 – 2019: Welfare States and Families in a Transforming Europe since 1945: A Comparison of Poland, Hungary, and Romania. Completed book manuscript co-authored with Tomasz Inglot and Cristina Rat

2018 – 2021: Populizmus a közpolitika- és jogalkotásban (Populism in policy making) (OTKA, vez. Kut. Boda Zsolt);

Academic Career

2021-2022: Member of EC commissioned High-Level Group on the future of social protection and of the welfare state in the EU.

Central European University, Budapest, Gender Studies Department

Visiting Professor, 2019 to present

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Center for Social Sciences, Institute for Sociology

Senior Researcher since 2014 to present.

Head of Research Department, 2017 – 2020

Marie Jahoda Visiting Chair in **International Gender Studies at the Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany**, 2016

Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

Associate Professor with Habilitation, 2016 – 2018

Adjunct Professor, 2003 – 2016

Assistant Professor, 2002 – 2003

Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis

Senior Fellow, 2013 to present

Senior Researcher, 2011 – 2014

Central European University, Budapest, Gender Studies Department

Visiting Professor, 2005 – 2006

Hungarian Ministry of Health, Welfare and Families, Dept. of Strategic Planning

Independent Advisor, 2002 – 2004

John Wesley College, Faculty of Social Work, Budapest

Assistant Professor, 1996 – 1998

Hungarian Prime Minister's Office

Independent researcher and advisor, 1995 – 1997

Independent trainer and advisor for non-governmental organizations in Hungary, 1996 – 2002

Education

Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

Habilitation 2016

Ph.D. Sociology (summa cum laude) 2003

MA Social Policy 1996

Membership in Academic and Professional Organisations; Editorial Board Membership

Member of Section of Economics and Law of Hungarian Academy of Sciences (IX. Section), since 2022

Member of Editorial Board of the Journal of European Social Policy, since 2020, ongoing

Co-Chair of Board of the European Social Policy Analysis Network (ESPAnet) 2016 – 2020

Member of Board of Trustees of the SOS Children's Villages, Hungary, 2016 – 2018

Member of Editorial Board of the Journal of Poverty and Social Justice, 2017 – 2019

Member of Editorial Board of the European Journal of Social Security 2014 – 2020

Member of Editorial Board of socio.hu Social Science Review 2018 – 2020

Member of the Scientific Committee of Sociology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 2015 – up to present

Member of Board of the Hungarian Scientific and Research Fund, 2013-2016

Member of the Rezső Hilscher Social Policy Association, Hungary

Member of the Michael Polányi Association of Liberal Philosophy, 1999-2010

Frequent reviewer for the Journal of European Social Policy and the European Journal of Social Security

Selected conferences and workshops

Keynote speaker, WZB Berlin, 17th March 2023. <https://espanet.org/2022/08/25/social-policy-and-crises-multiple-perspectives-espanet-germany-doctoral-workshop-16-17-march-2023-at-wzb-berlin-germany/>

Varieties of Autocratic Family Policy Expansion: Hungary, Poland, Russia and Turkey
<https://szociologia.tk.hu/hirek/2023/02/szikra-dorottya-eloadas-ceu>

Annual Tübingen Seminars on Social Europe. Tübingen University, Germany, 19-20 May, 2022. Lecture

Council for European Studies (CES) Annual Conference, 29 June - 1 July 2022

European Social Policy Analysis Conference, Előadás, 14-16 September 2022. Vienna, Austria

9 December 2021. The revenge of the places that don't matter? Politics of territorial inequalities in comparative perspective. Online workshop organized by the Center for Advanced Social Research, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) with support from the North-West Institute of Management RANEPA, StPetersburg, Russia

Round table discussion at the Democracy Institute of the Central European University. Illiberalizmus, demokrácia, gender (Illiberalism, democracy and gender). 27th November 2020.

<https://events.ceu.edu/2020-11-27/illiberalizmus-demokracia-gender>

Lecture at Bibó István Szabadegyetem: A szolidaritás intézményes formái és a jóléti állam a 21. században (Institutionalized forms of solidarity and the welfare state in the 21st century.) 24. November, 2020. <https://biboszabadegyetem.org/a-szolidaritassrol/>

(with Anna Fejős, Mária Neményi and Róza Vajda) *Family, work, and the female body. The changing landscape of civil society activism related to women and families since 2010 in Hungary.* Round table discussion organized by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Budapest, 23. November 2020.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1749784682215380>

(with Anna Fejős, Mária Neményi and Róza Vajda) Civil strategies and identities: The changing landscape of women- and family-related civil society in Hungary since 2010. Paper presented at *Social dynamics. Inequalities, integration, mobility and migration* - Conference at the Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest, 17. November, 2020.

(with Kerem Öktem) The Illiberal Welfare State. Interpreting Social Policy Reform under Democratic Backsliding in Hungary and Turkey. Paper presented at *Social dynamics. Inequalities, integration, mobility and migration* - Conference at the Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest, 17. November, 2020.

(with Kerem Öktem) The Illiberal Welfare State. Democratic Backsliding and Welfare State Reform in Hungary and Turkey. Paper presented at the ECPR General Conference, Linz, 24-28 August, 2020

(with Anna Fejős and Róza Vajda) Civil society and gender in an illiberal democracy. The changing landscape of women's organizations in Hungary since 2010. Paper presented at the ECPR General Conference, Linz, 24-28 August, 2020

Democratic Backsliding and Social Rights within the EU. Comparing 2016-2019 Family Policy Reforms in Poland and Hungary. *Changing Political Regime, Implications for Social Policy: Putting Turkey in Comparative Perspective.* Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. December 12-13, 2019.

Democratic Backsliding and Welfare State Efforts in Eastern Europe. *Eastern Europe 30 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall, European University Institute, Firenze, 8 - 9. November 2019.*

Populist Governance, Democratic Down-sliding and the Welfare State. A comparative overview of Russia,

Turkey and Hungary. *Paths of Russia. Narodniks and Populists. Interdisciplinary Center for Social Sciences*. Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences. XXVI. International Symposium. 27-28. September, 2019.

(with Attila Bartha) „Conceptualising populist policy making. Social policy reforms in Hungary between 2010 and 2018.” *Annual Conference of the European Social Policy Analysis Network*. Stockholm, 7th September, 2019. <https://espanet2019.se/>

(with Cristina Rat) Welfare for the wealthy? Family policy change since the global crisis in Central and Eastern Europe.” *Annual Conference of the European Social Policy Analysis Network* Vilnius, 2018. szeptember 1. <http://www.espanetvilnius2018.fsf.vu.lt/>

The ‘Demographic Crisis’ of the 1960s and the Rise of Public Maternalism: the Adoption of Paid Child care Leave in Hungary. *European Social Science History Conference*, Belfast, 2018. április 4-7.

The illiberal welfare state. Preliminary findings on the relationship between democratic backsliding and welfare efforts in Russia, Turkey, Poland and Hungary. Paper presented at the *CRC 1342 International Conference on Global Dynamics of Social Policy*, Bremen, 25-26 October, 2018

(with Cristina Rat) Welfare for the wealthy? Family policy change since the global crisis in Central and Eastern Europe. *European Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet) Annual Conference*, 30 August – 1 September 2018, Vilnius University

‘Demographic Crisis’ of the 1960s and the Rise of Public Maternalism. The Adoption of Paid Child Care Leave in Hungary. Paper presented at the *European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC)* Belfast, 4-7 April 2018

„Beyond Nationalization. Assessing the Impact of the 2011-2012 Pension Reform in Hungary.” Paper presented at the ESPAnet Annual Conference “*New Horizons of European Social Policy: Risks, Opportunities and Challenges*.” Lisbon, 14-16 September 2017

The Illiberal Welfare State. Stream convener at the ESPAnet Annual Conference *New Horizons of European Social Policy: Risks, Opportunities and Challenges*. Lisbon, 14-16 September 2017

Demographic and Migration Discourses and Nationalism Roundtable discussion organized at the Corvinus University, 19 June 2017.

Abandoning Compulsory Private Pensions in Hungary. Processes and Impacts. Paper presented at the Conference *Institutional reforms in ageing societies*” Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences. 8 June, 2017.

“Távolodás az európai szociális modelltől – a szegénység társadalompolitikája” (“Moving away from the European Social Model. The social policy of poverty”- in Hungarian.) Paper presented at the Conference on the “*Functions of Poverty*” at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Center for Social Sciences, 30. May 2017. (In Hungarian.)

“Társadalom és szociálpolitika, Magyarország, 1990-2015.” (Social Policy and Society in Hungary, 1990-

2015.) Book launch and round table discussion. In Hungarian. 29 March 2017.

"The 'Fertility Crisis' and the Introduction of Paid Child Care Leave in Hungary in 1967." Keynote presentation at the conference *"Interrogating the Fertility Decline in Europe: Politics, Practices and Representations of Changing Gender Orders"*, 18-20 January 2017, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

(together with Prof. Heike Kahlert) *Gendering Family Politics and Policies in Europe*. MA Course, Ruhr-Universität Bochum/Germany. May-June, 2016.

"The winner takes it all? The new personal income taxation and family-based tax allowances in Hungary since 2010." Paper presented at the session on "Fiscal Welfare in Europe: dismantling or reshaping solidarity?" *Council of European Studies (CES) Annual Conference*. Paris, July 8-10, 2015. 2.

(together with Klaus Petersen) "Close to Germany. A comparison of the first social policy legislations in Denmark and Hungary." Paper presented at the session "The Lost and New Worlds of Welfare", *European Social Policy Analysis Network (ESPAnet) Annual Conference*. University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark, 3-5 September 2015.

"The Social Policy of Managed Illiberal Democratic Capitalism." Paper presented at the Conference. *Intellectuals, Inequalities and Transitions: Themes from Iván Szelényi Pécs*, Hungary, 2015. 15-17 October, 2015.

(with Tomasz Inglot and Cristina Rat) "Welfare states and families in a transforming Europe since 1945. A comparison of Hungary, Poland, and Romania." Paper presented at the *Academic Symposium of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Center for Social Sciences*, 9. April 2015.

"Goodbye to the Welfare State? The Social Policy of the Orbán-government in Hungary, 2010-2014." Guest Lecture at the Political Science Research Group (PERG) of Central European University, Budapest, 15. February, 2015.

"The changing meaning of 'welfare state' in East Central Europe. An historical overview." Paper presented at the Conference *"The Meaning of the Welfare State as a Contested Political Concept"* 12. December, 2013, Stockholm University.

Austerity Policies and Gender Impacts in Hungary. Presentation at the conference *"Crisis, austerity and gender"* organized by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Warsaw, 25. September, 2013.

"State, family and gender in CEE welfare states - historical traditions and present challenges." Lecture delivered at *"State, Society and Citizens. Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Welfare State Development"*, Summer School organized by NordWel & REASSESS. 13-17. August, 2012, Helsinki.

"Work as a punishment. The use of public works in the Hungarian social assistance system." Lecture delivered at *"Managing Social Vulnerability: The Welfare and Penal System in Comparative Perspective."* Summer University Course organized by the Central European University, Budapest, July 16-27, 2012.

"Compulsion of Work in the Hungarian Social Assistance System." Lecture delivered at *"Contested Claims on Citizenship in the Post-Socialist Welfare States of Central and Eastern Europe"*. Conference organized by the Central European University, Budapest, July 6, 2012.

“History, Politics, and Ideas: Family Policy in Postwar Poland, Hungary, and Romania” Paper co-authored with Cristina Rat and Tomasz Inglot, presented at the Conference “*Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Welfare State Development*” organized by the University of Southern Denmark, June 14-16, 2012.

„Reménytelenség és terápia.” (Hopelessness and therapy – in Hungarian.) Presentation of Zsuzsa Ferge’s new book: „Vágányok és vakvágányok a társadalompolitikában.” [Roads and Dead-ends]. Budapest, June 7, 2012.

„A közfoglalkoztatás új rendszere és a munka méltósága” (The new system of public works and the dignity of work – in Hungarian.) Presentation. „A Munka Méltósága – új irányok, időtálló garanciák?” Conference organized by the Hungarian Ombudsman of Human Rights. Budapest, May 3, 2012.

“Hungarian social policy between the two World Wars: Reactions to a multi-dimensional crisis situation.” Paper presented at “*Crisis and Renewal. Welfare States Democracy and Equality in Hard Times.*” Reykjavik, 2-3. June, 2011.

“Historical research in the intersections of gender, race and class. The example of the 1930s social policy in Hungary.” Keynote lecture. NordWel Workshop: “*Social Reforms and Cultural Inclusion. Historical examples from rural and urban settings*”. Åbo Akademi University, 28. June 2011.

“Is it only ‘poverty’ that matters? Gender, race and class in the research of welfare history.” Keynote lecture, Seminar on Social History. Svendborg, 11-13. May 2011.

Awards and Honours

2020, Bolyai Plakett of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2018/2019, Bolyai+ Research Fellowship, Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Corvinus University, Budapest

2017-2019, Bolyai János Research Fellowship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Title of research: “Ideology or Pragmatism. The Family Policy of the Orbán-government between 2010 and 2018.”

2016, Marie Jahoda Visiting Chair in International Gender Studies at the Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany

2015, Best Publication Award, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Center for Social Sciences

2012-2014, INNOSERV – Innovative Social Services. Research Grant FP7 of the European Union with Budapest Institute for Policy Analysis

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