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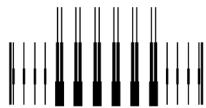
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# History and mission

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Centre of Excellence

The predecessor of the HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Sociology (CSS IS) was founded in 1965, which makes it one of the oldest sociological research hubs in the region. First belonging to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and later to Eötvös L. Research Network (renamed HUN-REN recently), it has always promoted independent scholarly knowledge in the social sciences. The Institute has a 60-year legacy of dedication to investigating social processes in Hungary and the region. A more recent turning point in the history of the Institute was in 2013, when it became part of the Centre for Social Sciences, a large, impactful and multidisciplinary research centre, incorporating four research institutes (Political Science, Minority Studies, and Legal Studies along with Sociology) and some smaller research units.

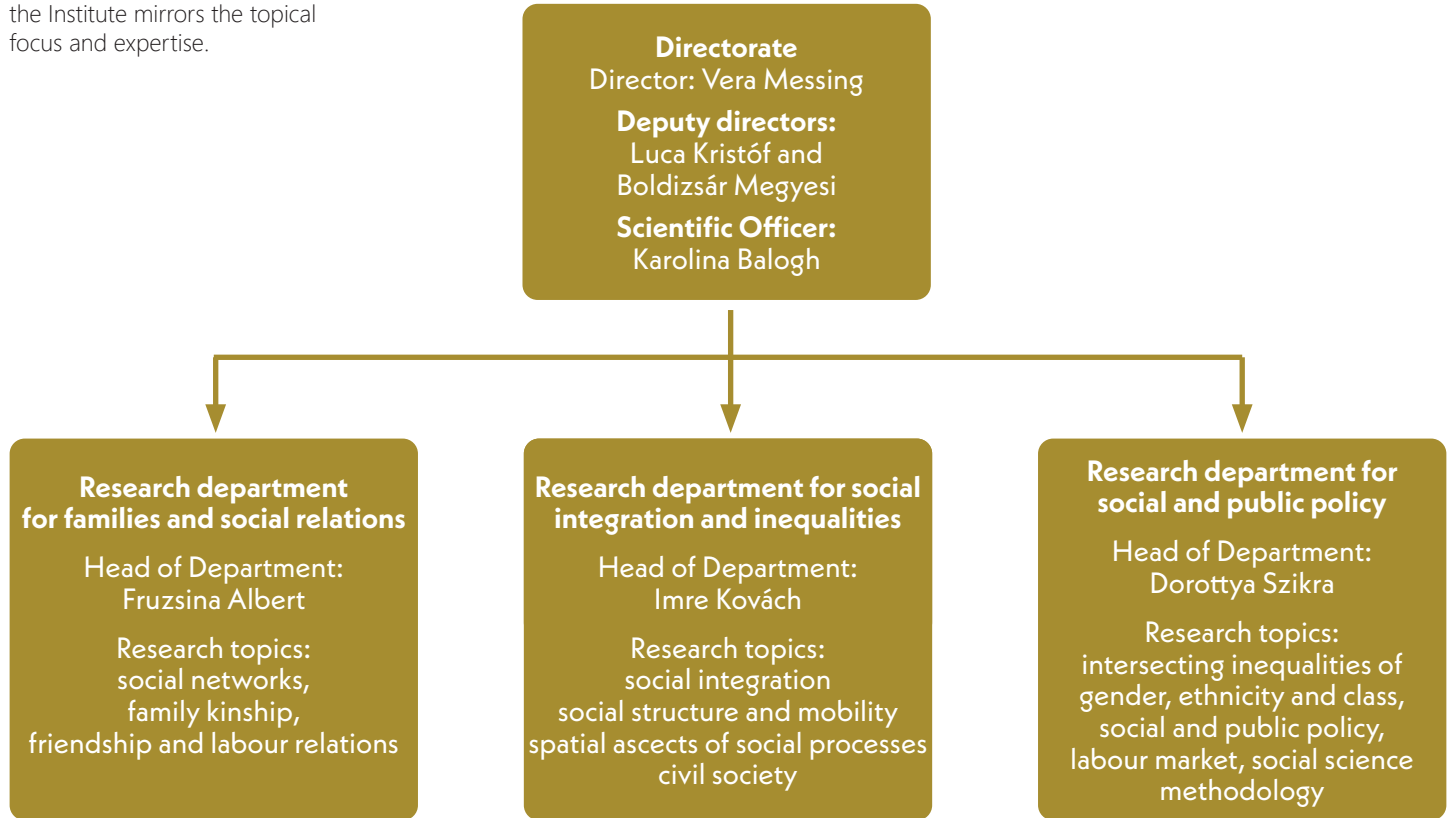
In 2023, the Institute for Sociology employed 39 research fellows (13 with part-time commitment) of all ages and seniority. In addition, there are nine project employees (seven part-time) and one administrative staff member. While specific research projects change according to available funding opportunities, a few topics to which CSS IS has been devoted for several decades constitute an umbrella for the main CSS IS research activities. These include the study of social structure; processes of social mobility and social integration; spatial aspects of social processes; intersecting inequalities of gender, ethnicity, locality and class in various fields such as education, labour market, access to public services and welfare; social relations and micro-networks (such as family- and kinship relations, friendships, and labour relations) and their role in social cohesion and well-being; and social science methodologies.

The Institute for Sociology is devoted to remaining the most influential scholarly hub for sociology nationally while continuing cutting-edge research in international collaboration. We aim to make an impact beyond the academic field, most importantly on policy-making on the national and local levels and on civil society.

# Structure of the Institute

The three-pillar structure of the Institute mirrors the topical focus and expertise.

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# Research projects

## Ongoing projects

The Institute for Sociology hosts a large number of national and international consortium-based research projects, including European funding schemes and other international research collaborations. These are especially important in the scholarly operation of the Institute, since they are key to being embedded in the European scholarly arena.

### International collaborative research projects

The **European Social Survey (ESS)** was initiated by the European Commission in 2001 to obtain internationally comparative data biannually on the demographic and social state of European societies, the development of the political and public preferences of the population, and the changes in social attitudes and values influencing individuals' actions. The Institute for Sociology has been a partner of the ESS since the beginning in 2002 and has taken part in all the survey waves (including the 11th in 2023). ESS data provide an opportunity to study processes within Europe and compare societies across time and space. The research database and the full documentation are free for non-commercial use and can be downloaded from the ESS Data Portal. The ESS was awarded European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) status in 2013, which Hungary joined two years later. Currently, the ESS ERIC has 28 full member states, and a further five participate through guest status.

Timespan: continuous since 2002

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Vera Messing

National Coordinator for Hungary: Bence Ságvári

Funding scheme: European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC)

**Welfare experiences** is a research project that analyses how different welfare systems can affect people's mental health and chances of returning to work. It studies clients' experiences of claiming welfare services and how this affects their well-being. The overall aim of the five-year project is to advance academic knowledge and contribute to policy actions that aim to make claimant experiences better. To do this, the project collects innovative, in-depth qualitative data and conducts new surveys of claimants in Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Spain and the UK.

Timespan: 2023–2028

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Dorottya Szikra

Funding scheme: European Research Council (ERC)

The **UNTWIST** project aims to promote gender equality as a core value of the EU, defending it from the emerging threat that the gender rhetoric from right-wing populist parties represents. By developing policy recommendations that uphold gender equality as both a value and a way of life, the project contributes to shaping the global future. It fulfils relevant objectives in the EU's political agenda for 2019–2024. Participating countries are Spain, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Timespan: 2023–2026

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Katalin Tardos

Funding scheme: EC Horizon



**ESS-SUSTAIN-2** project aims to prepare and implement an ESS web panel in 12 countries. This innovative research project developed the methodology for a harmonised probability-based web panel and has been fielded in four to six survey rounds in 12 countries: Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK. It may be used to investigate a wide range of social topics, such as attitudes toward the welfare state, climate change, the pandemic and vaccination, social Europe, financial well-being, and mental health. The data are accessible and free to download.

Timespan: 2020–2024

Principal investigators (at CSS IS): Vera Messing and Bence Ságvári

Funding scheme: EC H2020

### **BRIDGES: Assessing the production and impact of migration narratives**

is a project that aims to understand the causes and consequences of migration narratives in a context of increasing politicisation and polarisation by focusing on six European countries: France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom. To do so, BRIDGES adopts an interdisciplinary and co-productive approach and is implemented by a diverse consortium of universities, think tanks and research centres, cultural associations, and civil society organisations.

Timespan:  
2021–2024

Principal investigator  
(at CSS IS): Endre Sik

Funding scheme:  
EC H2020



### **RE-DWELL Delivering affordable and sustainable housing in Europe**

is a project that aims to train 15 early-stage researchers (ESRs) in designing, planning and building, community participation, and policy and financing. It allows young researchers to operate across fields and sectors, generating innovative solutions to the housing problem in the EU. Participating countries are Spain, France, the UK, Croatia, Hungary, Cyprus, Netherlands, Portugal and Belgium.

Timespan: 2020–2024

Principal investigator (at CSS IS):  
Adrienne Csizmady

Funding scheme:  
EC Marie Skłodowska

Innovative Research Network



The **INCODING** project aims to analyse the role of collective bargaining and other forms of employee involvement at the workplace level in (co) governing the black box of algorithm management. It aims to identify the main challenges for workers and their representatives, learn from best practices, develop collective bargaining strategies and provide recommendations for trade unions, workers' representatives and employers to negotiate the conditions under which AM and AI systems are used. Participating countries: Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Germany and Spain.

Timespan: 2021–2023

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Miklós Illésy

Funding scheme: EC under EaSI – Programme for Employment and Social Innovation

**CareOrg** investigates transnational senior care work from and within Central and Eastern Europe. The aim of the research is to understand and theorize emerging transnational care markets and identify solutions for sustainable and decent care work in Europe. Through empirical and engaged research, it maps and analyses current and future patterns of the commodification, marketisation, transnationalisation, professionalisation, and digitalisation of senior care. Participating countries are Hungary, Czechia, Romania, Ukraine, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Timespan: 2023–2026

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Dóra Gábel

Funding scheme:

Volkswagen Foundation Challenges and Potentials for Europe ▼

*CareOrg project team. Photo: Mariann Kovács*



### **'Arriving to the city': Social embedding processes of Hungarians in Vienna**

aims to investigate how individuals and families with children cope with integration, most notably with integration through schooling. 'Arrival' is understood broadly as a complex socio-cultural process, also labelled 'integration' in policy perspectives, involving official stakeholders and the top-down management of these social processes. The project intends to 'turn the gaze' and research integration as a social embedding process from the perspective of individuals and communities directly involved in this complex, multidirectional phenomenon. Participating countries are Austria and Hungary; the project takes place in partnership with Sigmund Freud Universität, Vienna.

Timespan: 2023–2024

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Zsuzsa Árendás

Funding scheme: Stiftung Aktion Österreich-Ungarn

### **TraFaDy – Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe**

is a network that aims to deepen the knowledge of the growing, rapidly changing phenomenon and dynamics of transnational families (TNF) by bringing together researchers and stakeholders from different disciplines and countries to address the need for transnational insights and formulate policy and practice-oriented recommendations.

Timespan: 2022–2026

Members (at CSS IS): Zsuzsa Árendás, Vera Messing

Funding scheme: EC Cost Action

# National research funding

## **Reproduction related decisions from macro–micro perspectives in European comparison in the (post-) pandemic era.**

The research project aims to explore the social embeddedness of reproductive decisions. It specifically seeks to examine reproductive decisions in a complex way, which means that the research does not limit the meaning of reproduction to fertility but also examines issues related to infertility, contraception, abortion, adoption and fertility treatment. Examining various reproductive decisions together allows us to understand better the processes of (not) becoming a parent.

Timespan: 2021–2026

Principal investigator: Ivet Szalma

Funding: Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Lendület Programme

## **Understanding vaccination intent in different social contexts - a machine-learning approach**

The research project aims to increase our knowledge of the sociodemographic and social determinants of vaccination intention. It includes an online survey of the Hungarian adult population as well as a US sample. It uses statistical and machine-learning data analysis to assess the associative predictive power of different characteristics at individual and dyadic levels.

Timespan: 2022–2024

Principal investigator: Fruzsina Albert

Funding: Hungarian Academy of Sciences

## **Covid pandemic – social inequalities and social integration**

The research incorporates a quantitative and qualitative analysis of post-COVID social phenomena. Scepticism of the virus, and resistance to vaccination may lead to new social fractures, the causes and determinants of which are poorly understood. Based on three data sets (2015, 2018, and 2021) and qualitative data, the research analyses relevant social trends and new patterns of social integration and fractures in the post-COVID period.

Timespan: 2022–2024

Principal investigator: Imre Kovách

Funding: Hungarian Academy of Sciences

## **Sustainable consumption patterns, behavioural strategies and knowledge use in Hungarian society**

The main objective of the research is to explore the social characteristics of sustainable consumption using qualitative and quantitative methods. Patterns and strategies of sustainable consumption are interpreted along the lines of social status and social inequalities. The research analyses how different socioeconomic factors such as attitudes, norms, knowledge and behaviours influence specific aspects of sustainable consumption. By analysing the social components of sustainable consumption, the research also explores how different social processes and systems, such as public policies, legal systems, social movements, organisational networks, culture and media products, influence sustainable consumption.

Timespan: 2021–2024

Principal investigator: Bernadett Csurgó

Funding: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund

## **Resilience and local identity in rural areas: a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the relationship between rural image, local identity and livelihood strategies in Hungarian rural areas**

The research project aims to explore how the inhabitants of different rural spaces and members of different communities create or reinterpret their own local identity and the image of rural area in local development processes. The research uses quantitative and qualitative methods to explore the links between rural image, local identity, and livelihood strategies. It includes case studies in four sub-regions: a peri-urban, a tourist priority, an agricultural one and a socioeconomically backward area.

Timespan: 2019–2023

Principal investigator: Boldizsár Megyesi

Funding: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund

## **Precision Agriculture and Artificial Intelligence**

The topics of the research are social factors determining the adaptation of precision farming (artificial intelligence) and the acceptance of drone use. The research aims to reveal the factors determining the adoption and acceptance of drones in an international comparison using qualitative and quantitative methods with representative samples of farmers and the Hungarian population.

Timespan: 2021–2024

Principal investigator: Imre Kovách

Funding: National Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (MILAB)

## **Projects starting in 2024**

Scholars at the Institute for Sociology have been active in applying to international research funding, mainly in partnership with European and national scholars, and have successfully secured funds for new research. The following applications were granted by funders in 2023 and will commence in 2024:

### **Providing research infrastructure services to support Next Generation EU (Infra4NextGen)**

will bring together outputs from key social science research infrastructures to inform the NextGenerationEU recovery plan and European Union youth policy. It aims for Europe 'to build a greener, more digital and more resilient future' with a focus on five key areas: Make it Green; Make it Digital; Make it Healthy; Make it Strong; and Make it Equal. New data will be collected on each topic via the online CRONOS web panel fielded over five waves in 11 countries (Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and the United Kingdom).

Timespan 2024–28

Principal investigator: Vera Messing

Funding scheme: EC Horizon



## **The Democratising Education with Children and Communities in Europe (EXPECT\_Art)**

project aims to identify the barriers to critical cultural literacy and explore how art education can be used to integrate and strengthen critical cultural literacy in the education systems of European countries. EXPECT\_Art understands cultural literacy in terms of critical pedagogy and decolonisation theory. Through the implementation of the art activities, children, their teachers, and local community members become participants in the research. In collaboration with their cultural partners, the research teams will implement the project in Danish, German, Hungarian, Polish, Slovenian, Spanish and German schools and in the local communities where the schools are located.

Timespan: 2024–2027

Principal Investigator (CSS IS): Zsuzsa Árendás

Funding scheme: EC Horizon

## **Socio-spatial inequalities of energy transition**

The research deals with the energy transition i.e. the transformation of energy production and consumption in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It investigates problems linked to the energy crisis, the increase of energy price and change of energy sources, and adaptation strategies in Hungary at the level of households and at the level of local communities.

Timespan: 2024–27

Principal Investigator: Lea Kőszeghy

Funding scheme: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund

## **Crises, challenges and adaptation in contemporary Hungarian society**

The project aims to analyse public responses to COVID, the energy crisis and consequent changes to the labour market and economy by conducting a large-scale survey of 5,000 respondents. The results of the project will support the identification of adaptation strategies for individuals and communities in all important segments of Hungarian society. The research results are expected to contribute to the literature on social structure and types of capital in the context of the polycrisis in Hungary and the broader CEE region.

Timespan: 2024–28

Principal Investigator: Imre Kovách

Funding scheme: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA)

## **Welfare deservingness of genders and family types**

Principal Investigator: Boglárka Herke

Funding scheme: Bolyai János Research Scholarship Program

Timespan: 2023–26

## **Civil society and democracy? Thirty years of civil society in Hungary**

Principal Investigator: Márton Gerő

Funding scheme: Bolyai János Research Scholarship Program

Timespan: 2023–26



*Dóra Gábrriel receiving the Polányi Prize from Endre Sik.  
Photo: György Kenéz*

## Academic awards and prizes granted to our fellows

Zsuzsa Árendás, Judit Durst (CSS Institute for Minority Studies), Noémi Katona and Vera Messing were awarded the Literati Publication Award by Emerald Publishing.

◀ Dóra Gábrriel was awarded the Polányi Prize by the Hungarian Sociological Association.

Boglárka Herke and Béla Janky (CSS Computational Social Science Group) were awarded the CSS Award for Best Publication of the Year.

Ákos Huszár was awarded the Hungarian Eötvös State Scholarship. Bálint Hilbert was awarded the Collegium Hungaricum scholarship of the Tempus Public Foundation.

## PhD defenses in 2023

In 2023, four junior research fellows successfully completed their studies and defended their PhDs:

Márton Bagyura (Eötvös Loránd University)

Anna Fejős (Bremen Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS))

Bálint Hilbert (Eötvös Loránd University)

Ádám Stefkovics (Eötvös Loránd University)

## Habilitations in 2023

Two mid-career scholars – Luca Kristóf (Corvinus University of Budapest), and Ivett Szalma (Corvinus University of Budapest) – successfully underwent the habilitation process and were awarded the title Habilitated University Lecturer.

# Academic events of the Institute

## Jour Fixe

Jour Fixe is one of the Institute's most important regular events, taking place every week in the autumn and spring semesters. It aims to bring together researchers to discuss scholarly manuscripts. In the Jour Fixe session, the author(s) present a manuscript that is commented on by two invited discussants. In 2023, 21 manuscripts were discussed at Jour Fixe seminars:

[Jour Fixe 107](#) | Boldizsár Megyesi: Naming the place: the social construction of rural landscape (12 January)

[Jour Fixe 108](#) | Endre Sik: The operation and impact of the moral panic button - sketches and plans (19 January)

[Jour Fixe 109](#) | Veronika Paksi – Katalin Tardos: The Precarity Paradox: Experiences of Female PhD-holders across Career Stages in STEM (26 January)

[Jour Fixe 110](#) | Zsuzsanna Árendás – Agnieszka Trąbka: Young migrant agencies in hostile socio-political environments: case studies from Central-Eastern Europe (2 February)

[Jour Fixe 111](#) | Gábor Hajdu: Perceived income inequality and subjective social status in Europe (9 February)

[Jour Fixe 112](#) | Márton Gerő: The role and use of civil society in political cleavage formation under populist rule: The Hungarian, Polish, and Israeli case (16 February)

[Jour Fixe 113](#) | Ádám Stefkovics: Can political ideological position be measured? Differences in the interpretation of the left-right scale across respondent groups and a proposed correction using the anchoring vignette method (23 March)

[Jour Fixe 114](#) | Ivett Szalma: How to measure attitudes towards voluntary childlessness in comparative surveys? (27 April)

[Jour Fixe 115](#) | Bence Ságvári: Smart Social Science. Enriching surveys with smartphone-based sensor data (11 May)

[Jour Fixe 116](#) | Zoltán Brys: Estimating the effect of inaccurate edge information on centrality ranking order – case study of a university classroom network (25 May)

[Jour Fixe 117](#) | Júlia Galántai: Stay-at-home fatherhood based on register data (8 June)

[Jour Fixe 118](#) | Alexandra Sipos – Márton Bagyura: A safe space for who? An analysis of Hungarian safe space initiatives for LGBTQI+ people through intersectionality (22 June)

[Jour Fixe 119](#) | Zsuzsanna Vidra – Vera Messing: The media coverage of the Ukrainian refugee wave in the context of the Hungarian informational autocracy and authoritarian populism (29 June)

[Jour Fixe 120](#) | Karolina Balogh: Opportunities in the child protection system for preventing juvenile crime (28 September)

[Jour Fixe 121](#) | Ágnes Győri: Associations between health and a support network in the context of the coronavirus pandemic (29 October)

[Jour Fixe 122](#) | Boglárka Herke: Large vs. single-parent families: Public attitudes towards pronatalist and anti-poverty family policies in Hungary (2 November)

[Jour Fixe 123](#) | Szandra Kramarics: How does 'free money' help? The image of society and family among the target group of the baby-expecting loan (9 November)

[Jour Fixe 124](#) | Bálint Hilbert – Zsolt Szabolcsi: The development of participatory urban planning methods in Budapest (1990–2022) (16 November)

[Jour Fixe 125](#) | Zoltán Ferencz – Nóra Baranyai: Characteristics of the COVID-19 pandemic and local crisis management in Hungary (30 November)

[Jour Fixe 126](#) | Luca Kristóf: Partisanship and Science: Cross-pressured Social Identities in the Hungarian Academic Elite (7 Dec)

[Jour Fixe 127](#) | Lea Kőszeghy: Spatial and social inequalities in the energy crisis, energy transition and sustainable energy consumption (14 December)

## Guest lectures

The Institute also hosted a number of guest lecturers in 2023. The guest lecture series aims to promote intellectual exchange with outstanding scholars internationally and in Hungary.

[Andreja Zevnik \(University of Manchester\) and Andrew Russell \(University of Liverpool\): Roma in Europe: a tale of racialisation and unbelonging](#) (20 April)

[Alejandro González Heras \(Autonomous University of Barcelona\): The mobilisation of social contacts in labour market trajectories from a mixed methods approach. A cohort study in the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona](#) (12 September)

[Cristina Raț \(Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj\): Precarious labour and severe poverty in segregated Roma settlements in Romania](#) (14 September)

[Yang-chih Fu \(Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan\): Contact Diaries: A Bottom-up Approach to Delineating Personal Networks](#) (21 September)

[Marcell Kovács \(Central Bureau of Statistics, Budapest\): Methodological questions of the Hungarian Census 2022](#) (26 October)

[Juraj Buzalka \(Comenius University, Bratislava\): On Resilience and the mobilisation of the post-peasant house in East Central Europe](#) (23 November)

## Brown Bag Seminar

The Brown Bag Seminar is an informal discussion series. Each occasion is linked to a discussion-provoking study that has nothing to do with the Institute's research other than (hopefully) making us smarter. In 2023, seven studies were discussed at Brown Bag seminars:

[#21: M. Ponzio and V.Scoppa: "Famous after Death: The Effect of a Writer's Death on Book Sales"](#) (26 February 2023.)

[#22: Ponzio, Michela, and Vincenzo Scoppa: «Does the Home Advantage Depend on Crowd Support? Evidence From Same-Stadium Derbies»](#) (16 March 2023)

[#23: Ian Gregory-Smith, Alex Bryson, Rafael Gomez: Discrimination in a Rank Order Contest. Evidence from the NFL Draft.](#) (27 April 2023)

[#24: Mary Romero: "Sociology Engaged in Social Justice"](#) (25 May 2023)

[#25: Daniel S. Hamermesh, Lea-Rachel Kosnik: Aging in Style: Does How We Write Matter?](#) (22 June 2023)

[#26: Matej Belín, Tomáš Jelínek, Štěpán Jurajda: Social Networks and Surviving the Holocaust](#) (5 October 2023)

[#27: Colin P. Green, Luke B. Wilson, Anwen Zhang: Beauty, Underage Drinking, and Adolescent Risky Behaviours](#) (12 December 2023)

## Conference and book launch events

On 31 March, the Institute organised a conference in memory of **Júlia Szalai**, former Professor Emerita of the Institute, who passed away in 2022. Invited speakers who worked with her or were closely connected to one of her areas of work gave a presentation, followed by a roundtable discussion highlighting Prof. Szalai's public, civic and political face. ▼



Conference in memory of **Júlia Szalai**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences.  
Photo: Tamás Szigeti

We celebrated Imre Kovách, a Research Professor at the Institute, with [a book launch on the occasion of his 70th birthday](#). The book **Rural society, power, & social integration. Festschrift for the seventieth birthday of Imre Kovách** was edited by Bernadett Csurgó, Nicole Mathieu and Boldizsár Megyesi. (14 September) ▼



Launch of the book **Rural society, power, & social integration**.  
Photo: Mariann Kovács

The book [A Covid-19 járvány társadalmi hatásai](#) [The Social Impact of the Covid-19 Epidemic], edited by Bernadett Csurgó and Imre Kovách and published by HUN-REN CSS, was launched at the Institute. This volume contributes to exploring the short- and medium-term characteristics of the social phenomena emerging as a consequence of COVID by analysing the data from a representative population survey of 5,000 people conducted in October 2021 compared to data from previous surveys (2015, 2018). (21 November)

The Institute also held an event to launch the book [Mothers, Families or Children? Family Policy in Poland, Hungary, and Romania 1945–2020](#), authored by Tomasz Inglot, Dorottya Szikra and Cristina Raț, published by the University of Pittsburgh Press, USA. The volume is a unique comparative monograph that examines, through the history of Polish, Romanian and Hungarian family policies, how policy can be both stable and changeable. Imre Szabó (CEU) interviewed Christina Raț and Dorottya Szikra about the book in a podcast discussion at the launch. (14 September) ▼



*Launch of the book *Mother, families, or children?* Photo: Mariann Kovács*

## International workshops connected to the research projects of the Institute

[Children and young people in and outside the family – life paths, strategies, resilience](#) (31 January)

[The production and impact of migration narratives – BRIDGES workshop](#) (8 September)

“Arriving to the city”. Social embedding process of Hungarians in Vienna. (9 November)

[Social status and sustainability workshop](#) (5 December)

[Algorithmic management, employee participation and social dialogue: experiences from the InCoding project. Knowledge sharing seminar](#) (11 December)

## Outreach and impact

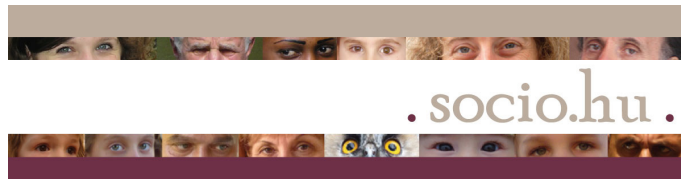
The Institute of Sociology considers promoting social responsibility an important task and role. This philosophy makes us continuously consider the social impact our research is making. The Institute and its fellows strive to disseminate our research and its results to students, policymakers, civil society, local governments, and the media. The following section summarizes the most important activities and partnerships to this end.

The Institute is deeply embedded in Hungarian higher education. Our colleagues teach at almost every major university in Hungary, including Eötvös Loránd University, Corvinus University of Budapest, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Semmelweis University, the University of Szeged, and the University of Debrecen. The Institute's internship program ensures that promising future professionals can participate in ongoing projects and learn about research and scholarly work.

Researchers of the Institute also collaborate with a large number of NGOs during research projects and the dissemination of findings. The most important partners in this effort are Nők a Tudományban Egyesület [Women in Science Association], Home Start International, Kézzenfogva Alapítvány [Hand in Hand Foundation], Közélet Iskolája Alapítvány [School of Public Life], Magyar Máltai Szeretetszolgálat [Hungarian Maltese Charity], Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Alapítvány, Otthon Segítünk Alapítvány [We help at home] and Mozgássérültek Országos Egyesülete [National Association of People Living with Disability], Tudatos Vásárlók Egyesülete [Association of Conscious Consumers], Greendependent Institute, Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége [National Association of Conservationists]. Several of our research fellows cooperate with local governments and

state institutions. Our colleagues also have carried out advisory work, informing European councils and commissions. Some of our research fellows also cooperate with actors in the business sphere.

The Institute of Sociology organizes several events and activities to promote our work and sociology to the broader public.



**Socio.hu Social Science Review** is a peer-reviewed, open access journal of the Institute, focusing on sociology and social sciences. Four issues were published in 2023. The issues contained 11 papers and eight other articles (book reviews, doctoral theses, commemorations). The editor-in-chief of the journal in 2023 was Gábor Hajdu.

## Sociobistro

The aim of the Sociobistro event series is to discuss societal phenomena and issues through the lens of popular TV shows and movies. During each session, an expert joins the hosts of Sociobistro, Szabina Kerényi and Róza Vajda. The Sociobistro events in 2023 were:

[I am dead inside. The order of chaos in the Middle East \(Fauda\)](#) (19 December)

[Ridiculous, inconvenient, consuming love \(Sex and the City\)](#) (29 September)

[Issues of reproduction and power inside and outside the uterus \(Mellékhatás \[Side effect\]\)](#) (08 June)

["Why should our lives be a misery?" \(White Lotus and Succession\)](#) (20 April)

[In the shadow of the northern lights: political crises and visions of democracy](#) (Okkupiert) (19 January)



## Researchers' Night

Researchers' Night is a series of free events across Europe that promote science and careers in research. The Institute joined in with the event in 2023, similar to previous years. Researchers from the Institute presented their work in an accessible way with the audience's active involvement. Besides presentations on research results, our colleagues also organised a social science quiz connected to the Institute's research outputs. Our colleagues' presentations and programmes on Researchers' Night (29 September) included:

[Ádám Stefkovics: My co-author, ChatGPT](#)

[Ivett Szalma, Lóránt Pélyi, Orsolya Udvari, Erika Kispéter, Katalin Tóth, Enikő Kubinyi: Fears and barriers to having children in Hungary: do people choose dog ownership as an alternative?](#)

[Márton Bagyura – Alexandra Sipos: Become a social scientist yourself!](#)





## Media coverage

Research and related results are regularly reported in the mainstream media. The most important media outlets that regularly share research results include Qubit, Telex, 444.hu, G7, Magyar Narancs, Portfolio.hu, Válasz Online, Napunk, Civil Rádió, Klub Rádió, ATV, RTL, and Szabad Európa. Some of the most read/viewed pieces in 2023 were the following:

[Ákos Huszár's research on class structure, reported in Válasz Online: Élő Anita: A szakai felemelkedése az elitbe – így szorol ki az értelmiség a legjobban keresők közül](#)

[Szabina Kerényi and Gergely Olt's research on environmental protests in 444.hu: Bede Márton: Miért ilyen a magyar környezetvédelem?](#)

[Márton Gerő and Imre Kovách about the stability of NER on Radio Free Europe: Kerényi György: Azt nem lehet mondani, hogy én teljesen mást hozok, mert arra nem lesz tömegtámogatottság – társadalomkutatók a NER leválthatóságáról](#)

[Judit Takács and Mária Neményi's research on adoption in Qubit: Kende Ágnes: Tabuk, titkok, tilalmak övezik az örökbeadást és az örökbefogadást Magyarországon](#)

[Dorottya Szikra gave an interview on the social policies of autocratic regimes to Magyar Narancs: Bányai György: Felfedezték, hogy a nőkhöz kell beszélni](#)

[Vera Messing and Ádám Stefkovics in a Qubit podcast on the challenges of survey methods and ways of addressing them: Miért nem közvélemény-kutatás a nemzeti konzultáció, és mitől lesz egy kutatás érvényes és megbízható?](#)

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## Podcast: Beyond opinions

*A véleményeken túl* is the podcast series of the Centre for Social Sciences. Our colleagues shared their research in the following episodes in 2023:

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Dorottya Szikra: [Illiberális jóléti rendszerek](#)

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Dorottya Szikra and Christina Rat: [Családpolitika Kelet-Európában](#)

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## Selected publications

The most significant indicator of the impact of an academic institution is academic publications. In addition to the increasing number of publications in leading international social science journals and book chapters, we continue to attach great importance to the publication of research papers, book chapters and monographs in Hungarian. In this yearbook, we have selected the most significant academic publications:

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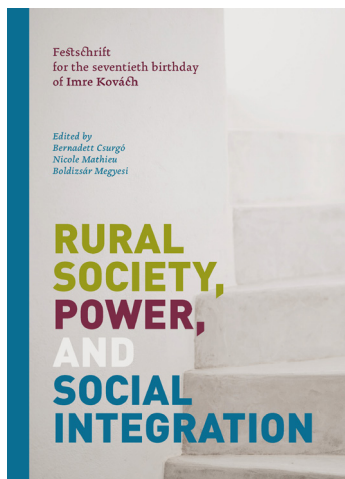
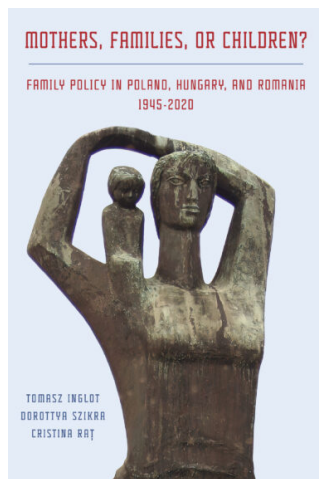
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