




PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Research Interests:

Sociology of adjudication, human rights, judicial reasoning

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Debrecen Law School

- 2016- Professor of law
- 2005 – 2016 Associate professor
- 2003 – 2005 Senior lecturer
- 1997 – 2003 Lecturer

Institute for Legal Studies of the Centre for Social Sciences at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

- 2013 – Part-time research fellow

University of Szeged

- 2003-2005 Lecturer
- 2003-2011 Senior lecturer

2012 – 2013 Supreme Court of Hungary

Chief adviser

2000 – 2005 City Courts of Berettyóújfalu and Hajdúböszörmény

Judge

EDUCATION

- 1997-2003 Doctoral studies: Doctoral School at University of Szeged Faculty of Law
- 1991-1996 Graduate studies: Faculty of Law, University of Attila József

DEGREES

- 2012 dr. habil.
- 2003 PhD
- 1996 Juris Doctor

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Hungarian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C/2	C/2	C/2	C/2	C/2
Latin	B/2	B/2	B/2	B/2	B/2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Membership in Academic and Professional Organisations; Editorial Board Membership

- International Journal of Court Administration – Editorial Board Membership (2019-)
- External member of Doctoral Council of University of Szeged (2019-)
- Member of Legal Expert Advisory Panel of Fair Trials International (2013-)
- Member of Presidency of Fehér Gyűrű (Hungarian victim support organization)
- Member of the Public Law Association of Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2015-)
- Member of the Committee of Law and Political Sciences of the 9th Division of HAS (2017-)
- Member of Central European Network of Legal Scholars (2015-)
- Pro Futuro (Law Journal of University of Debrecen) – Advisory board membership (2014-)
- Editor of Hungarian Open Access Online Legal Scholarship Encyclopedia at the Hungarian, Academy of Sciences Centre for Social Studies Institute for Legal Studies (2013-)
- Member of Somló Bódog Society (2011-)
- Law Journal Kontroll – Editorial Board Membership (2005-2006)

Awards and Honours

- Debrecen School of Law Medal (2008)
- “Best International Publication in 2018” HAS Centre of Social Sciences (2019)

Teaching Experience

- Teaching at university: Legal Theory, Sociology of Law, Comparative Law, Introduction to Law, Legal Reasoning (lectures and tutorials, since 1997)
- Trainer at the Hungarian Judicial Academy (2007)
- Member of Bar Exam panel

Selected Publications

- 1) How to Measure the Quality of Judicial Reasoning, Springer, 2018, p. 268 (Mátyás Bencze, Gar Yein Ng (eds)
- 2) Measuring the Unmeasurable? in: Mátyás Bencze, Gar Yein Ng (eds): How to Measure the Quality of Judicial Reasoning, Springer, 2018, pp. 1-23. (Mátyás Bencze, Gar Yein Ng)

- 3) Obstacles and Opportunities – Measuring the Quality of Judicial Reasoning, in: Mátyás Bencze, Gar Yein Ng (eds): How to Measure the Quality of Judicial Reasoning, Springer, 2018, pp. 87-101.
- 4) Methods of Quality Assessment of Judicial Reasoning in Hungary, in: Mátyás Bencze, Gar Yein Ng (eds): How to Measure the Quality of Judicial Reasoning, Springer, 2018, pp. 187-205. (Ágnes Kovács, Mátyás Bencze, Zsolt Zódi)
- 5) Comparing the evaluation and development of the quality of Justice in Finland, France, Hungary, Italy and The Netherlands. In: Francesco Contini (ed.): Handle with Care. Assessing and designing methods for evaluation and development of the quality of justice, IRSIG-CNR, Bologna, 2017. 277-296. o. Társ szerzők: Hélène Pauliat, Caroline Foulquier-Expert, Laurent Berthier, Caroline Boyer-Capelle, Ágnes Kovács, Pauline Lagarde, Alina Ontanu, Ludovic Pailler, Nadine Poulet, Agnès Sauviat [e-book]
- 6) The evaluation and development of the quality of justice in Hungary. In: Francesco Contini (ed.): Handle with Care. Assessing and designing methods for evaluation and development of the quality of justice, IRSIG-CNR, Bologna, 2017. 127-173. o. Társ szerzők: Kovács Ágnes, Zódi Zsolt [e-book]
- 7) EU law and CEE judges. Administrative judiciaries in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland ten years after accession, Michal bobek (ed.) Central European Judges Under the European Influence, Hart Publishing, 2015, pp 43-72 [co-authors: Marcin Matczak, Zdenek Kühn]
- 8) A Comparative Approach to the Evaluation of Evidence from a 'Fair Trial' Perspective, Attila Badó (ed.): Fair Trial and Judicial Independence, Ius Gentium: Comparative Perspectives on Law and Justice, Springer, 2013, pp 143-154
- 9) Nincs füst, ahol nincsen tűz." Az ártatlanság vélelmének érvényesülése a magyar büntetőbírók gyakorlatában. Budapest: Gondolat Kiadó, 2016.
- 10) Constitutions, EU Law and Judicial Strategies in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, Journal of Public Policy 30: pp. 81-99 [co-authors: Marcin Matczak, Zdenek Kühn]
- 11) Gyűlölet-bűncselekmények és „ítélkezési populizmus” [Hate Crimes and 'Judicial Populism'] Fundamentum, 2014/1-2. pp. 129-139 [Hungarian]
- 12) „Mission: Impossible”: alkotmánybíráskodás az alkotmányos értékek védelme nélkül [‘Mission impossible’: constitutional review without protection of rights] Jogtudományi Közlöny, (69) 2014/6. 273-284. [co-author: Ágnes Kovács, Hungarian]
- 13) Az alapjogok bíróság előtti érvényesülésének szociológiai háttere [Sociological background of protection of fundamental rights before ordinary courts], Somody Bernadette (szerk.): Alapjogi bíráskodás - alapjogok az ítékezésben. L'Harmattan, Budapest, 2013. pp. 95-117 [Hungarian]
- 14) Elvek és gyakorlatok [Principles and Practices. Patterns of Argumentation in Hungarian Judicial Practice], Budapest: Gondolat Kiadó - Debreceni Egyetem Állam- és Jogtudományi Kar, p. 188 [Hungarian]
- 15) Az ártatlanság vélelmének érvényesülése a magyar büntetőbírók bizonyítási gyakorlatában [Enforcement of Presumption of Innocence in the Hungarian Judicial Practice], Belügyi Szemle LIX: (9.) pp. 95-125. [Hungarian]
- 16) Területi eltérések a büntetés kiszabási gyakorlat szigorúságát illetően Magyarországon 2003 és 2005 között [Regional Differences in Sentencing amongst Hungarian Courts between 2003 and 2005], In: Fleck Zoltán (szerk.) Igazságszolgáltatás a tudomány tükrében. Budapest: ELTE Eötvös Kiadó, 2010. pp. 125-147. (ELTE Jogi Kari Tudomány; 6.) [co-author: Attila Badó, Hungarian]
- 17) Díszítőelem, álcázóháló vagy tartóoszlop? A magyar büntetőbírói gyakorlat viszonya az alkotmányhoz [Attitude of Hungarian judges towards the constitution in criminal cases], Fundamentum XI.: (3) pp. 5-21.
- 18) Has Legal Thought Really Changed?, In: Jakab András, Takács Péter, Tatham Allan F (szerk.) The transformation of the Hungarian legal order 1985-2005: transition to the rule of law and accession to the European Union. Alphen aan den Rijn: Kluwer Law International, 2007. pp. 602-605
- 19) Az európai jog alkalmazása a magyar bírói ítékezésben 2004 és 2007 között [The effect of European law in the practice of Hungarian courts between 2004 and 2007] in Paksy Máté (ed.): *Európai jog és jogfilozófia. Konferenciatanulmányok az európai integráció ötvenedik évfordulójának ünnepére* Budapest, Szent István Társulat, 2008 pp. 319-345 [co-author: Ildikó Bartha, Hungarian]

- 20) Reforming the Hungarian Lay Justice System, in: Péter Cserne, István H. Szilágyi, Miklós Könczöl, Máté Paksy, Péter Takács and Szilárd Tattay (eds.) *Theatrum Legale Mundi. Symbola Cs. Varga Oblata Societas Sancti Stephani*, Budapest, 2007 pp. 1-13 [co-author: Attila Badó]

Research projects

- *Non-legal elements of judicial practice in Hungary* (Hungarian Scientific Research Found (64.114); Period: 2006-2010; Result: Elvek és gyakorlatok [Principles and Practices], Gondolat Kiadó, Budapest, 2011, p. 188; Individual research project)
- *Sentencing in Hungary* (Deák Ferenc Scholarship (21/2005); Period: 2005-2006; Result: Területi eltérések a büntetés kiszabási gyakorlat szigorúságát illetően Magyarországon 2003 és 2005 között. [Differences in Sentencing amongst Hungarian Counties] In: Fleck Zoltán (szerk.): Igazságszolgáltatás a tudomány tükrében. ELTE Eötvös Kiadó, (ELTE Jogi Kari Tudomány 6.) 2010. p. 125-147. Co-author: Badó Attila; Individual research project)
- *Enforcement of Presumption of Innocence in the practice of Hungarian criminal courts* (Bolyai János Research Scholarship (491/2007); Period: 2007-2010; Result: Az ártatlanság vélelmének érvényesülése a magyar büntetőbírók bizonyítási gyakorlatában [Enforcement of Presumption of Innocence in the practice of Hungarian criminal courts], In: Belügyi Szemle, 2011/9., 95-125. o. Individual research project)
- *Judicial strategies in Central and Eastern Europe* (Czech-Polish-Hungarian research cooperation), Period: 2008-2010; Result: Constitutions, EU Law and Judicial Strategies in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, In: 30 (2010) Journal of Public Policy, Special Issue 01, pp. 81-99. Co-authors: Marcin Matczak, Zdenek Kühn Participant in a research group)
- *Executive-Legislative Relations and Negative Agenda Control in East Central Europe* (Research of the London School of Economics; Period: 2009-2011; Result: Radoslaw Zubek: Executive-Legislative Relations and Negative Agenda Control in East Central Europe' Journal of Legislative Studies. Volume 17, Number 2, June 2011 , pp. 172-192(21); Participant in a research group)
- *Fundamental Rights in the Adjudication of Courts* (Hungarian Scientific Research Found 81.698; Period: 2010-2013; Result: Az alapjogok bíróság előtti érvényesülésének szociológiai háttere [The sociological background of enforcement of fundamental rights in the judicial practice]. In: Somody Bernadette (szerk.): Alapjogi bíráskodás - alapjogok az ítékezésben. L'Harmattan, Budapest, 2013. p. 95-117.; Participant in a research group)
- *Analysis of practice of Hungarian criminal courts* (project of the supreme Court of Hungary; Period: 2012-2013; Result: Reports on the quashing practice of the appellate courts and on the understanding of 'lawful indictment', http://www.kuriabirosag.hu/sites/default/files/joggyak/osszefoglalo_velemeny_2012imod2_2.pdf and http://www.kuria-birosag.hu/sites/default/files/joggyak/a_vad_torvenyessenek_vizsgalata.pdf (member of the research group and co-author of the final reports)
- *Hungarian Open Access Online Legal Scholarship Encyclopedia* (HAS Centre for Social Studies Institute for Legal Studies; 2013- ; Result: in progress; member of the editorial board)
- *Judicial strategies in Central and Eastern Europe* (Czech-Polish-Hungarian research cooperation), Period: 2013-14; Result: EU Law and Central European Judges: Administrative Judiciaries in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland Ten Years after the Accession. In: Michal Bobek (ed.): *Central European Judges under the European Influence. The Transformative Power of the EU Revisited*, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2015. pp 43-71 Co-authors: Marcin Matczak and Zdenek Kühn; Participant of a research group)
- *How to measure the quality of judicial reasoning* (International research cooperation; Period: 2014- ; Result: in progress; Principal investigator)
- *Accessible Letters of rights in Europe* (JUST/2014/JACC/AG/PROC, appl. no. 4000006597; Period: 2015-2016; Result: https://www.helsinki.hu/wp-content/uploads/Accessible_LoRs_sociolinguistic-testing_HHC.pdf ; external expert)
- *The condition of the Hungarian legal system in 2015* (HAS Centre of Social Sciences Institute for Legal Studies; Period: 2015; Result: Bencze Mátyás, Badó Attila: A magyar bírósági rendszer hatékonyságát és az ítékezés színvonalát befolyásoló strukturális és személyi feltételek. In: Jakab András, Gajdusчек György (szerk.): A magyar jogrendszer állapota. 962 p. Budapest: MTA Társadalomtudományi Kutatóközpont, Jogtudományi Intézet, 2016. pp. 415-441.; researcher)
- Handle with care: assessing and designing methods for evaluation and development of the quality of justice; (EU Grant led by IRSIG-CNR, Italy, Period: 2016-2017; Result: <https://www.lut.fi/documents/27578/465522/HWC+Final+reports28may18sent.pdf/5db1f5ae-0a03-461f-a187-cf9360955077>; researcher)