

CURRENT POSITION:

August 2005 to present

Associate professor of comparative constitutional law
Central European University, Budapest, Legal Studies Department
Acting chair of the Comparative Constitutional Law program in 2005/06
Chair of the Comparative Constitutional Law program since November 2007

August 2001 to July, 2005

Assistant professor of comparative constitutional law
Central European University, Budapest, Legal Studies Department

VISITING APPOINTMENTS:

Spring, 2009

University of New South Wales, School of Law

Spring, 2006

University of Toronto CERES (previously CREES) at the Munk Centre for
International Studies

COURSES (selection):

Required subjects:

Introduction to US Constitutional Law; Elements of Comparative Constitutional
Law; Constitutional Rights in Comparative Perspective; Comparative Government.

Elective subjects:

Separation of Powers; Constitutional Adjudication: Political Branches and the
Courts; Constitutional Adjudication: Courts Enforcing Rights; Privacy: The Body;
Reel Versions of Transition (with Oksana Sarkisova); Transitional Justice.

STANDING ENGAGEMENTS:

Academic director, HESP ReSET project entitled "Separation of Powers in the Context of
Constitutional Reforms in Russia and Countries of Post Soviet Area," run by the Institute
for Law and Public Policy, includes a series of summer schools in Moscow (Russia) and
intersession activities, 2009-2011;

Task force member, "European and National Constitutionalism: Common Constitutional
Principles" under the aegis of the "Ius Commune Casebooks for the Common Law of
Europe" project series, Project director: Monica Claes (University of Tilburg), Series
director: W van Gerven, September 2008 -

Participant, "Politics of Memory: How the Memory of Crimes Committed by totalitarian and
/ or other repressive regimes in Europe is Dealt with in Europe," commissioned by the DG

of Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Union, under the direction of Professor Carlos Closa Montero (Institute for Public Policy (IPP) / Centre of Human and Social Sciences (CCHS) / Spanish High Council for Scientific Research (CSIC)), January – June, 2009;

Co-convener (with András Sajó), 17th Annual Conference on ‘The Individual vs. the State’ on Arguments that Work at Central European University, Budapest, 12 - 13 June, 2009;

Editor, *Fundamentum*, a Hungarian-language quarterly on human rights, December 2008 - ;

Participant, international research project on “Improving the Quality of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe through EU,” directed by Professors Wojciech Sadurski (European University Institute) and Leonardo Morlino (University of Firenze), running from December 2007 - ;

Participant, “Toward a Universal Law for Humanity: Global Values and the Lessons and Challenges from National Constitutional Jurisprudence,” convened and directed by Cheryl Saunders (University of Melbourne), Judge Dennis Davis (High Court of South Africa) and Alan Richter, 2005 - ;

Correspondent, *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (I-CON).

EDUCATION:

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| 1997 - 2001 | Central European University, Budapest, Legal Studies Department
S.J.D. (<i>summa cum laude</i>)
Nostrified as a Hungarian-equivalent PhD degree in 2008. |
| 1996 - 1997 | Central European University, Budapest, Legal Studies Department,
LL.M. in comparative constitutional law |
| 1991 - 1996 | Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Faculty of Law (Hungary)
<i>Doctor iuris (summa cum laude)</i> |
| 1987 - 1991 | College of the Reformed Church Academy, Sárospatak (Hungary) |

PREVIOUS COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS, ADVISING AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES:

Participant in an international research project on populism in Central and Eastern Europe, convened and administered by the Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava, Slovakia and the Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria, funded by the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE Trust), 2007;

Participant in the interdisciplinary research project on anomalies in governmental operations in Hungary, under the auspices of a cooperation between the Office of the Prime Minister and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Legal Studies, project director: Andras Sajó, 2007;

Member of the Experts' Council, Institute for Law and Public Policy, Moscow, Russia since December 2005;

Correspondent on constitutional developments in Hungary to I-CON since 2002;

Correspondent on constitutional developments in Hungary to East-European Constitutional Review, Constitution Watch column, 1998 - 2003;

Academic advisor - Конституционные права в России: дела и решения, Учебное пособие [Constitutional Rights in Russia: Cases and Decisions, A Casebook], Moscow, 2002.

PAST CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS:

“Improving the Quality of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe through EU,” international workshop convened by Professors Wojciech Sadurski and Leonardo Morlino, European University Institute, Florence, December 5-6, 2008,

Presented the Hungarian case study;

“Regional Human Rights Mechanisms: The European Convention on Human Rights and the Arab Charter on Human Rights,” international conference convened by The Johns Hopkins University’s SAIS Bologna Center and The Protection Project,

Presentation: “Religious Freedom under the European Convention”;

“Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession as Foundations for the Rule of Law: Contemporary Challenges,” Warsaw International Bar Association Conference, November 14-15, 2008, Warsaw

Presentation: “Reflections on the Foundations of Judicial Independence and the Constitutional Position of Prosecutors”;

“Toward a Universal Law for Humanity: Global Values and the Lessons and Challenges from National Constitutional Jurisprudence,” convened and directed by Cheryl Saunders (University of Melbourne), Judge Dennis Davis (High Court of South Africa) and Alan Richter, workshop at the Rockefeller Foundation’s Belaggio Center (Italy), September 22-26, 2008

Presented the Hungarian report (co-authored by András Sajó);

“Freedom of Religion or Belief and Protecting Vulnerable Identities: A Global Snapshot,” an international conference sponsored by Focus on FORB, Geneva, Switzerland, June 21-22, 2008,

Presentation: “Identifying Vulnerabilities and Responding to Them– The Impact of Church-State Relations”;

“Constitutional Values: Between Words and Practical Achievements,” 11th International Forum on Constitutional Review, convened by the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation in cooperation with the Venice Commission, Moscow, June 20-21, 2008,

Paper presented: “Individual Autonomy as Constitutional Value” (with Orsolya Salát);

“Constitutional Axiology, or is There Anything Behind/Above the Constitution?” CEU Budapest, June 7-8, 2008, co-convener,

Paper presented: “Individual Autonomy as Constitutional Value” (with Orsolya Salát);

OSCE – ODHIR Human Dimension seminar on constitutional justice, Warsaw, May 14 – 16, 2008, introducer for the panel “Constitutionalism and Separation of Powers: The Role of the Courts;”

“European hearing on crimes committed by totalitarian regimes,” upon the invitation of the European Commission, April 8, 2008, Brussels, invited talk on the success stories of dealing with the crimes of oppressive regimes in post-communist Europe;

“Improving the Quality of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe through EU,” international workshop convened by Professors Wojciech Sadurski and Leonardo Morlino, European University Institute, Florence, November 30 – December 1, 2007,

Presentation on the impact of EU accession on the quality of democracy in Hungary;

“Comparative Constitutionalism: Methodological Challenges,” international workshop convened by Professor Dieter Grimm and Susanne Baer, Humboldt University in Berlin, November 23-24, 2007,

Presentation on the horizontal effect of constitutional rights (*Drittwirkung*);

“The Constitutional Principle of the Social State and Its Application by Constitutional Courts,” 10th International Forum on Constitutional Review, convened by the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation in cooperation with the Venice Commission, Moscow, October 12-13, 2007,

Paper presented: “Welfare Rights in Hungarian Constitutional Jurisprudence,”

“Political Questions in Constitutional Review,” international conference organized by the Supreme Court of Estonia and the Venice Commission, Tallinn, Estonia, September 6-7,

Paper presented: “Constitutional Courts in Central and Eastern Europe, What Makes A Question Too Political?”;

“Populism? Populism. Populism! What it Looks Like and What to do about It?” international workshop organized by the Open Society Foundation, Bratislava and the Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava, June 12-13, 2007,

Presented the Hungarian case study;

“Relocating the Rule of Law,” international workshop at the European University Institute, Florence, June 8-9, 2007,

Paper presented: “The Rule of Law in Post-Communist Central Europe: Imported or Imposed?”;

“Free to Protest: Constituent Power and Street Demonstrations,” 15th Annual Conference on ‘The Individual vs. the State,’ June 1-2, 2007, CEU Budapest, commentator;

“Visions after the Fall: Museums, Archives, and Cinema in Reshaping the Popular Perceptions of the Socialist Past”, international workshop organized by OSA Archivum, Budapest, 8-11 June, 2006,

Paper presented: “Communist Secret Services on the Screen: The Adventures of the Duna-gate Scandal in Hungarian Media”;

“Free Speech and Religion: The Eternal Conflict in the Age of Selective Modernization,” 14th Annual Conference on ‘The Individual vs. the State,’ May 12-13, 2006, CEU Budapest, commentator;

“Judicial Reform in the EU Accession Process”, international conference in cooperation of the Ankara, Bucharest and Sofia Bar Associations and the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, supported by the European Commission, April 6-7, 2006,

Presentation: “The Hungarian Judiciary before and after EU Accession – Obstacles and Challenges”;

“Transition to Democracy: Shaping Politics and Political Elites in Emerging Democracies on Account of Coming to Terms with the Past,” invited intensive workshop at CERES (Center for European, Russian and East European Studies), Munk Center, University of Toronto, Spring 2006;

“Implementation of the European Court of Human Rights’ Rulings in European Constitutional Courts’ Practice,” 8th International Forum on Constitutional Justice, Институт права и публичной политики, December 9 – 10, 2005, Moscow,

Paper presented: “Traces of Strasbourg Jurisprudence in Hungary, Notes on a Central European Experience”;

“Domestic Methods of Protection of Social and Economic Rights,” workshop, November 17-20, 2005 - University of Maastricht, Centre for Human Rights;

Paper presented: “Enforceable Constitutional Rights or Guaranteed Institutional Arrangements? Welfare Rights in Hungarian Constitutional Jurisprudence”
(with András Sajó);

37th Annual American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, November 3-6, 2005, Salt Lake City, Utah;

Paper presented: “Missed Opportunities for Coming to Terms with the Communist Past: The Hungarian Saga of Lustration”;

“The Dark Side of Fundamental Rights,” 13th Annual Conference on ‘The Individual vs. the State,’ June 10-11, 2005, CEU Budapest, commentator;

“Après Enlargement: Taking Stock of the Immediate Legal and Political Responses to the Accession of Central and Eastern European States to the EU,” workshop, April 29-30, 2005 European University Institute, Florence;

- Paper presented:* “The problem of primacy of EU law in the constitutional system in Hungary;”
- “La giustizia costituzionale e i suoi utenti: US, Italia, Germania, Francia, Ungheria. Convegno internazionale in onore del professor Valerio Onida, Presidente emerito della Corte costituzionale,” workshop, April 15, 2005, University of Milan, Faculty of Law;
Papers presented on actio popularis in Hungarian constitutional adjudication;
- “Hungarian Constitutionalism,” international seminar, organized within the framework of the EU-China Legal and Judicial Co-operation Program, January 10-12, 2005, Budapest;
Presentation: Transitional Justice in Hungary;
- “Democracy and the Judiciary,” international conference organized by the Turkish Bar Association, January 4-6, 2005, Ankara, Turkey;
Paper presented: “Lessons on Limited Government, Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law: Post-communist Democracies Trapped Between Constitutional Courts and Supreme Courts;”
- 36th Annual American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) National Convention, December 4-7, 2004, Boston, discussant in panels “Transitional Justice in Central Europe” and “Transitional Justice in the Balkans;”
- “Political Rights and Free Elections,” VIIth International Forum on Constitutional Justice, Институт права и публичной политики, October 22-23, 2004, Moscow;
Paper presented: “Freedom of Speech before Elections: On the Wisdom of Campaign Silence and Other Restrictions;”
- “Third Party Effect - What Happens when the State Promotes Rights?,” 12th Annual Conference on 'The Individual vs. the State', June 18-19, 2004, CEU Budapest, commentator;
- “Militant Democracy,” 11th Annual Conference on ‘The Individual vs. the State’, Central European University, December 5-6, 2003, Budapest, commentator;
- “Topical Issues of Constitutional Review: Experience and Developments of the First Decade,” organized by the Estonian Supreme Court and the Venice Commission, November 1-2, 2002, Otepää, Estonia;
Paper presented: “Protection of Fundamental Rights in Eastern and Central Europe: Constitutional Courts and Supreme Courts -- Partners or Competitors?”
- “Universalism in Law: Human Rights and the Rule of Law,” 10th Annual Conference on ‘The Individual vs. the State,’ Central European University, 14-16 June 2002, Budapest;
- “Rethinking the Rule of Law in Post-Communist Europe, Past Legacies, Institutional Innovations and Constitutional Discourses,” European University Institute, February 22-23, 2002, Florence;
Paper presented: “How Far Does Transitional Justice Stretch? Judicial Review for Dealing with the Past in Democratic Transition;”

“Old and New Constitutions, The Constitution as an Instrument of Change,” January 31 – February 1, 2002, Center for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Oslo, commentator;

“Institutional Independence and Integrity,” 9th Annual Conference on The Individual vs. the State, Central European University, May 3-5, 2001, Budapest;

“Judicial Review in Post-communist Countries,” May, 1999, Институт права и публичной политики, Moscow;

Paper presented: “Институциональная защита конституционных прав в Венгрии”
[Institutional Protection of Constitutional Rights in Hungary]

LANGUAGES:

Hungarian (native), English (fluent), Russian and French (good reading).