

**Current position:**

**DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES, CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, Budapest**  
Professor of Law (October 2009 to present)

*Head of Department of Legal Studies (August 2012 to July 2015)*  
*Chair (Director) of Comparative Constitutional Law (November 2007 to present)*  
*Acting Chair (Director) of Comparative Constitutional Law (in AY 2005/06)*

**Previous positions:**

**DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES, CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, Budapest**  
Associate Professor of Law (August 2005 to October 2009)

**DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES, CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, Budapest**  
Assistant Professor of Law (August 2001 to July 2005)

**Courses developed and taught at CEU (selection from multiple academic years):**

**COMPULSORY SUBJECTS:**

Constitutions At Work;  
Constitutions and Constitution-making in Europe;  
Fundamental Rights in Comparative Perspective;  
Introduction to US Constitutional Law;

**ELECTIVE SUBJECTS:**

Identity, Gender and Human Rights (with Eszter Polgari);  
Human Rights and Documentary Cinema (with Oksana Sarkisova);  
Theories of Constitutional Interpretation: Comparative Perspectives (with Thiago Amparo, doctoral (S.J.D.) student);  
Separation of Powers: The Political Branches;  
Constitutional Adjudication: Political Branches and the Courts;  
Constitutional Adjudication: Courts Enforcing Rights;  
Privacy: The Body; ;  
Transitional Justice;  
Reel Versions of Transition (with Oksana Sarkisova).

**Academic Outreach and Leadership:**

**CONSTITUTION-BUILDING IN AFRICA, SUMMER COURSE** – since 2013  
(co-director with Markus Boeckenfoerde and Gedion T. Hessebon)  
<http://www.summer.ceu.hu/constitution-2017>

In close collaboration with co-directors in 2018 we will convene for the sixth year a two-week research course intends to tackle complex societal, political and legal problems in constitution-building from an interdisciplinary perspective, informed by field experience. The course is supported by International IDEA and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

In addition to securing CEU's institutional support for the project, I am primarily responsible for adding a comparative constitutional perspective, for course content from documentary cinema sources, and for convening a mid-course workshop where alumni of previous courses meet the current year's participants.

The faculty of the course comprises of world-renown experts of the field, including Yash Ghai, Jill Cottrell, Babacar Kante, Christina Murray, Kwasi Prempeh and Omar Hamady (for the first time in 2015).

**SUPPORTING THE REFORM OF LEGAL EDUCATION IN MYANMAR (BURMA)**, since November 2013

This engagement is part of Central European University's support for the reform of higher education in Myanmar (Burma) under a memorandum of understanding with the Myanmar Ministry of Education.

As the director of the engagement with the reform of the law curriculum at CEU, I am responsible for:

- providing ongoing support and assistance to the law departments at the University of Yangon and Mandalay Universities to reinvent the existing national LL.B. and LL.M. curricula, and implement the new curriculum in the coming years;
- convening courses for Myanmar faculty members to update their knowledge on key elements of the law curriculum; building teaching and research skills;
- mentoring Myanmar faculty members during OSF-funded study trips and research fellowships at CEU;
- engaging with select Myanmar colleagues in collaborative research projects on topics of shared interest.

In addition to CEU's faculty, academics from the University of Oxford, Cambridge University, the University of Washington, the University of New South Wales and Brigham Young University have contributed to the project over the years.

**Past conferences and workshops** – (selection, 2013-2017, co-convenor where indicated):

***Authoritarian Constitutionalism: Historical, Legal, and Normative Perspectives***, international workshop, Princeton University, October 13-14, 2017,

*Paper presented:* Reflections on Authoritarian Constitutionalism: Six P-words Past Populism

***XXVIII World Congress of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*** (IVR), international conference, Lisbon, July 17-21, 2017,

Invited panelist for the panel convened by the IVR's executive committee on academic freedom;

***Kate Hamburger Lecture at the Center for Global Cooperation***, University of Duisburg, May 30, 2017,

Lecture: Multi-layered Constitutionalism in the Age of Illiberal Politics and Democratic Backsliding: A Global Perspective;

***Constitutionalism in Popular Democracy: Constitutional Techniques in the Early Days of Populist Rule and Refurbished National Sovereignty***, international workshop at CEU, May 26-27, 2017,

Co-organizer (with András Sajó);

***New Conceptual Challenges Regarding Freedom of Religion or Belief***, international conference organized by the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University at the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, November 17-18, 2016,

Paper presented for the panel on reasonable accommodation;

**2016 CHINA CERTIFICATE TRAINING PROGRAM ON RELIGION AND THE RULE OF LAW**, at the Center for Constitutional and Administrative Law, the Peking University Law School, the Pu Shi Institute for Social Science and the Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, July 24 – August 5, 2016, invited lecturer.

**FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF AND SEXUALITY**, international conference convened by the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Geneva, June 8-10, 2016;

Presentation: Negotiating Conscience Claims: From the Impossible to the Inevitable;

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SECURITY**, international conference organized by the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States and Central European University, Department of Legal Studies, Hungary, May 20-21, 2016, CEU Budapest co-convenor (with W. Cole Durham),

***The Conscience Wars: Rethinking the Balance between Religion, Identity, and Equality***,

interdisciplinary international conference co-organized by the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy and The Program on Global and Comparative Constitutional Theory at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; the Judging Faith Project at UC Berkeley; and International Network of Civil Liberties Organizations (INCLO), September 20-21, 2015, Cardozo School of Law,

Paper presented: Negotiating Conscience: From the Impossible to the Inevitable,

**ICONS second annual conference**, July 1-3, 2015, New York University, New York

Paper presented: Constitutional Courts between Politics and Anti-Discrimination Law: The Fate of Rainbow Families

***Religion and Equality: Contemporary Challenges in Accommodating Diversity***

co-convenor with W. Cole Durham, Jr. (Brigham Young University)

designed conference concept, selecting and inviting participants for an international conference revisiting key tensions in religion and equality such as the same sex marriage debate and recent employment litigation in the U.S. and Europe at an international conference jointly sponsored by the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at Brigham Young University and the Department of Legal Studies, Central European University, Budapest, June 5-6, 2015;

Paper presented:

What is Left of Religious Freedom After the Culture Wars?

***Film, Democracy, and Liberal Education***, colloquium under the auspices of the Project in the History of Political Thought as well as the Film Forum at the Center for Human Values, convenors: Jan-Werner Muller and Erika Kiss, Princeton University, May 1-2, 2015;

***Varieties of Secularism***

co-convenor with W. Cole Durham, Jr. (Brigham Young University)

designed conference concept, selected and invited participants for an international conference jointly sponsored by the Central European University, Department of Legal Studies, the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at Brigham Young University and the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (Milan, Italy), May 23-24, 2014;

***Who is a Church and Who is Not? What is Next After Strasbourg?***

designed and organized a *Blitz*-conference, convened by the Department of Legal Studies and the Open Society Archives (OSA), with the participation of all lawyers representing previously registered Hungarian churches before the ECtHR in *Magyar Keresztény Mennonita Egyház and others v Hungary* (Judgment of 3 April 2014) as well as academic commentators arguing for and against the judgment, at OSA, Budapest, April 16, 2014 (in Hungarian);

### ***Liberty in the Protective State***

co-convener with Judge András Sajó

designed conference concept, selected and invited participants for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual The Individual vs The State conference at Central European University, Budapest, October 25-26, 2013;

### ***Freedom of Religion and Non-Discrimination: The Collision of Identities***

co-convener with W. Cole Durham, Jr. (Brigham Young University)

designed conference concept, selected and invited leading litigators and academics from the LGBT community and from religious organizations in the U.S. and Europe for an international conference jointly convened by the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States and the Department of Legal Studies, Central European University, Budapest, June 7-8, 2013.

### **Service and leadership at CEU:**

#### *University committee memberships:*

- Academic Senate (since May 2016, elected);
- Steering committee for reaccreditation self-study, Middle States Commission for Higher Education (since January 2017, appointed);
- Strategic Development Committee (since September 2014, appointed);
- University Doctoral Committee (since September 2008, appointed);
- University Disciplinary Committee (since January 2007, appointed).

#### *Major tasks and achievements as Head of Department (between 2012-2015):*

- designed and oversaw five-year strategic review of Departmental activities (AY 2014/15, ongoing);
- led recruitment of three full-time faculty positions;
- led major reforms to admissions and student recruitment processes to streamline the admissions process and improve the number of applications (AY 2013/14);
- led reform of evaluation and supervision of master theses, streamlining evaluation and pointing to standards in supervision (AY 2013/14);
- led development and oversaw the implementation of accommodation measures for visually impaired students (AY 2013/14, AY 2014/15);
- renegotiated terms of bilateral exchange agreements with strategic partners and established new partnerships (since AY 2012/13).

#### *Major tasks and achievements as Chair of the Comparative Constitutional Law LL.M. program (since 2007):*

- oversee the delivery and currency of an LL.M. curriculum based on more than 40 taught courses, offered by permanent and recurrent visiting professors;
- led or participated in recruitment for 7 full-time faculty positions;
- mentor freshly recruited junior faculty members.

**Consultancy and advising:**

- volunteer legal expert advising **HATTER SOCIETY FOR LGBT PEOPLE** on litigation strategy (in coordination with ILGA Europe), legislative initiatives and advocacy campaigns, regular trainer on human rights and equality issues;
- individual consultant for the UN-assisted **CONSTITUTION DRAFTING COMMISSION OF YEMEN** on the constitutional court (starting in July 2014);
- legal expert for the **FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AGENCY** under the FRANET Framework Contract for Hungary (managed by Millieu, senior legal expert: Gabor Halmai; 2014-2017);
- **EUROPEAN NETWORK OF LEGAL EXPERTS IN THE NON-DISCRIMINATION FIELD**, ground coordinator for sexual orientation (2012-2014).

**Editorial experience:**

**EUROPEAN LAW JOURNAL**, invited to the editorial board in November 2014;

**FUNDAMENTUM**, a Hungarian-language quarterly on human rights, member of the editorial board, December 2008 – December 2011

**Peer review experience:** European Law Journal, International Journal of Constitutional Law, Religion and Human Rights, Routledge, CEU Press.

**Memberships in professional associations:**

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**, member of the Executive Committee since July 2014;

**ICON SOCIETY**, member, invited to the inaugural committee, July 2014;

**OXFORD JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION**, member of the international advisory board;

**ASHGATE – ICLARS SERIES ON LAW AND RELIGION**, member of the advisory board;

**POLISH REVIEW OF ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW**, invited to join the advisory board in February 2015;

**СРАВНИТЕЛЬНОЕ КОНСТИТУЦИОННОЕ ОБОЗРЕНИЕ** (Comparative constitutional review), Russian-language journal on comparative constitutional law, member of the international advisory board.

**Education:**

- 2001 Central European University, Budapest, S.J.D. (*summa cum laude*)
- 1997 Central European University, Budapest, LL.M. in comparative constitutional law
- 1996 Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, *Doctor iuris* (*summa cum laude*)
- 1991 College of the Reformed Church Academy, Sárospatak (Hungary)

**Languages:**

Hungarian (native); English (fluent); French and Russian (good reading)

**Books:**

**- monograph:**

THE CONSTITUTION OF FREEDOM: INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL CONSTITUTIONALISM  
(with András Sajó)  
(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017)

FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL AND CONVENTIONAL CASE-LAW  
*Series: Europeans and Their Rights*  
(Council of Europe Publishing, 2007)

- also appeared in French as:  
*LA LIBERTE DE RELIGION, Series: L'Europe des droits*  
(Council of Europe Publishing, 2008)

CONSTITUTIONS, COURTS AND HISTORY: HISTORICAL NARRATIVES IN CONSTITUTIONAL ADJUDICATION  
(New York – Budapest: CEU Press, 2005)

**- edited volumes:**

FREEDOM AND ITS ENEMIES: THE TRAGEDY OF LIBERTY  
(The Hague: Eleven Publishing, 2015)

RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE: PERSPECTIVES ON SECULARISM  
(The Hague: Eleven Publishing, 2014)

ARGUMENTS THAT WORK: STRATEGIES, CONTEXTS AND LIMITS IN CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION  
(The Hague: Eleven Publishing, 2013)

**BOOK CHAPTERS:**

Courts and the Expansion of Executive Powers: Making the Constitution Matter,  
In: David Bilchitz, David Landau (eds.) THE EVOLUTION OF SEPARATION OF POWERS (Edward Elgar  
Publishing, 2018, forthcoming), 85-113;

*Individual Religious Freedom under the European Convention of Human Rights* (with András Sajó)  
in: Susanna Mancini (ed.) CONSTITUTIONS AND RELIGION (Edward Elgar, 2018, forthcoming);

Globalization, Backlash and Multi-Layered Constitutionalism: The European Court of Human Rights,  
(with András Sajó and Sergio Giuliano)  
In: Guido Raimondi, Iulia Motoc, Pere Pastor Vilanova, Carmen Morte Gómez (eds.) HUMAN RIGHTS IN A  
GLOBAL WORLD, ESSAYS IN HONOR OF JUDGE LUIS LÓPEZ GUERRA (Wolf Legal Publishers, 2018) 603-625;

Religion and Equality: From Managing Pluralism towards a European Requirement of State  
Neutrality,  
In: Malcolm Evans, T. Jeremy Gunn, Jeroen Temperman (eds.) EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
RELIGION JURISPRUDENCE: THE 25 YEARS SINCE KOKKINAKIS (Brill, forthcoming in 2018);

What is Next for Comparative Constitutional Scholarship?,  
In: Iulia Motoc, Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, Krzysztof Wojtyczek (eds.) INTERNATIONALISATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: LIBER AMICORUM ANDRÁS SAJÓ (forthcoming in 2017);

*Clinical Legal Education at Central European University, Budapest: A Small Project with Big Ambitions in a Supportive Institution* (with Eszter Polgári)

In: Lamin Khadar – Alberto Alemanno (eds.) RE-INVENTING LEGAL EDUCATION – HOW CLINICAL EDUCATION IS REFORMING THE TEACHING AND PRACTICE OF LAW IN EUROPE (Cambridge University Press, 2017 - forthcoming);

*Nemzetközi emberi jogok és a magyar jogrend* (International Human Rights and the Hungarian Legal System),

In: Jakab András – Gajduscsek György (eds.) A MAGYAR JOGRENDSZER ÁLLAPOTA (The State of the Hungarian Legal System) (MTA TK JTI: 2016) 173-210;

*The Illusion of a Constitution in Europe: The Hungarian Constitutional Court After the Fifth Amendment of the Fundamental Law,*

in: John Bell, Marie Luce Paris (eds.) RIGHTS-BASED CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW: CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE (Edward Elgar, 2016)

*Rescue Package for Fundamental Rights,*

in: Alexandra Kemmerer, Christoph Möllers, Maximilian Steibenis, eds., GEBANDIGTE MACHT: VERFASSUNG IM EUROPÄISCHEN NATIONALSTAAT: VERFASSUNGSBLOG II (Nomos: 2015), 195 – 198;

*The Incomplete Transition in Hungary,*

in: Nico Wouters, ed., TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND MEMORY IN EUROPE (1945 - 2013), Series in Transitional Justice, vol. 17 (Intersentia, 2014), 289-325;

#### **ARTICLES:**

*The Sovereign Strikes Back: A Judicial Perspective on Multi-layered Constitutionalism in Europe* (with András Sajó)

EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM (forthcoming in 2018)

*A lelkiismereti- és vallásszabadság az EJEB gyakorlatában: A Kokkiknakis ítélettől az állami semlegesség követelményéig* (Freedom of religion and conscience in the jurisprudence of the ECtHR: from the *Kokkinakis* judgment to the requirement of state neutrality) ÁLLAM- ÉS JOGTUDOMÁNY (forthcoming in 2017) (in Hungarian)

*Egy lépéssel lejjebb, egy lépéssel feljebb: Meleg párkapcsolatok védelme Európában és az Egyesült Államokban* [One step below, one step above: The protection of same-sex relationships in Europe and the U.S.] FUNDAMENTUM (2016) (in Hungarian)

*“Can You Tell When an Illiberal Democracy is in the Making? An Appeal to Comparative Constitutional Law Scholarship From Hungary,”* 13(1) INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 279-300 (2015);

*“A sokszínűség kavalkádja, vagy a vallásszabadság válsága? Vallásszabadságot érintő döntések az EJEB és az amerikai Legfelső Bíróság legújabb gyakorlatában”* [The Carnival of Diversity or the Crisis of Freedom of Religion? Recent US and ECtHR Jurisprudence on Freedom of Religion], 18 (3) FUNDAMENTUM (2014): 100- 107 (in Hungarian).

**BLOG ENTRIES:**

**ON I-CONNECT:**

*A Peek at the Soft Underbelly of Constitutions: The Politics of No-Confidence Votes*

<http://www.i-connectblog.com/2018/02/a-peek-at-the-soft-underbelly-of-constitutions-the-politics-of-no-confidence-votes-i-connect-column/>

February 28, 2018

**ON VERFASSUNGSBLOG:**

*The Return of the Sovereign: A Look at the Rule of Law in Hungary – and in Europe,*

<http://verfassungsblog.de/the-return-of-the-sovereign-a-look-at-the-rule-of-law-in-hungary-and-in-europe/>

April 5, 2017;

*National Constitutional Identity in the European Constitutional Project: A Recipe for Exposing Cover Ups and Masquerades,*

<http://verfassungsblog.de/national-constitutional-identity-in-the-european-constitutional-project-a-recipe-for-exposing-cover-ups-and-masquerades/>

November 11, 2016;

*Poland, Hungary and Europe: Pre-Article 7 Hopes and Concerns*

<http://verfassungsblog.de/poland-hungary-and-europe-pre-article-7-hopes-and-concerns/>

March 14, 2016;

*Expelling dissent: On account of the ECtHR judgment in Baka v Hungary*

<http://www.verfassungsblog.de/expelling-dissent-account-ecthr-judgment-baka-v-hungary-2/#.VQ51BEYS1Mk>

June 3, 2014;

*Collective Constitutional Learning in Europe: European Courts Talk to Hungary (Again)*

<http://www.verfassungsblog.de/en/collective-constitutional-learning-in-europe-european-courts-talk-to-hungary-again/#.VQ51SkYS1Mk>

April 10, 2014;

**ON THE ECHR BLOG (edited by Antoine Buyse):**

*MHB v. Hungary Judgment on Access to Information,*

<http://echrblog.blogspot.co.uk/2016/11/mhv-v-hungary-judgment-on-access-to.html>

November 24, 2016;

*Worthy of a Second Look? The Chamber Judgment in the Hungarian Church Re-registration Case*

<http://echrblog.blogspot.hu/2014/08/violation-of-religion-rights-in-hungary.html>

August 11, 2014

*O’Keeffe v Ireland Brings Closure to Some, Uncertainties to Others*

<http://echrblog.blogspot.hu/2014/02/guest-post-on-grand-chamber-judgment-in.html>

February 12, 2014

- excerpted in the LAW SOCIETY GAZETTE of the Irish Law Society, March 2014, in Helen Kehoe: *Suffer Little Children*, 30-33, 32, at <http://www.lawsociety.ie/Documents/Gazette/Gazette%202014/March2014.pdf>;

**ON THE IAACL BLOG:**

*Academic Freedom in an Illiberal Democracy: From the Rule of Law Through the Rule of Law to the Rule by Men*

<https://iacl-aidc-blog.org/2017/10/15/academic-freedom-in-an-illiberal-democracy-from-the-rule-of-law-through-rule-by-law-to-rule-by-men-in-hungary/>

October 15, 2017



**ON CONSTITUTIONNET.ORG** (maintained by International IDEA):

*Hungary's Attempt to Manage Threats of Terror Through A Constitutional Amendment*

[http://www.constitutionnet.org/news/hungarys-attempt-manage-threats-terror-through-constitutional-amendment?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.constitutionnet.org/news/hungarys-attempt-manage-threats-terror-through-constitutional-amendment?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email)

April 28, 2016