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Research Interests

Political Leadership and Followership Populism Political Parties and Movements

Selected Publications

Illés G, Körösényi A and **Metz R** (2018) Broadening the limits of reconstructive leadership: Constructivist elements of Viktor Orbán's regime-building politics. *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20(4): 790-808.

Körösényi A, Illés G and **Metz R** (2016) Contingency and Political Action: The Role of Leadership in Endogenously Created Crises. *Politics and Governance* 4(2): 91-103.

Metz R (2015) Movement Entrepreneurship of an Incumbent Party. The Story of the Hungarian Incumbent Party Fidesz and the Civil Cooperation Forum. *Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics* 1(3): 81-100.;

Metz R (2021) Democratic leadership as a political weapon: competition between fictions and practices. *International Journal of Public Leadership* 17(4): 313-324.

Metz R (2021) The missing link: Studying political leadership from the followers' perspective. *Politics* online first.

Metz R and Oross D (2020) Strong Personalities' Impact on Hungarian Party Politics: Viktor Orbán and Gábor Vona. In: Gherghina S (ed.) *Party Leaders in Eastern Europe: Personality, Behavior, and Consequences* Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 145-170.

Metz R and Kövesdi V (2023) 'Whoever is not against us is for us' sectarianization of politics in Hungary. *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 24(4). Routledge: 521-542.

Metz R and Plesz B (2023) An insatiable hunger for charisma? A follower-centric analysis of populism and charismatic leadership. *Leadership* 4(19): 318-338.

Metz R and Várnagy R (2021) "Mass," "Movement," "Personal," or "Cartel" Party? Fidesz's Hybrid Organisational Strategy. *Politics and Governance* 9(4). 4: 317-328.

Wineroither DM and **Metz R** (2021) A Tale of Odds and Ratios: Political Preference Formation in Postindustrial Democracies. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 62(3): 519–541.

Research Projects

Populist Leaders in the Eyes of their Followers. Follower-Centric Explanation and Examination of Contemporary Populist Politics

Research period: 01. 12. 2020 - 31. 11. 2022

NKFIH project number: PD 134685

What makes political leaders strong? Impression formation, impression management, and identity politics

Research period: 01. 01. 2024 - 31. 12. 2027

NKFIH project number: FK 146569

Academic Career

HUN-REN Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences (IPS, CSS):

2013-2019 - Junior Research Fellow,

Since 2019 - Research Fellow

Department of Political Science, Institute of Social and Political Science,

Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB):

2014-2019 - Guest Lecturer,

Since 2019 - Assistant Professor

2013-2016 - Guest Lecturer, Department of Political Science, College of Arts, Pázmány Péter Catholic University (PPCU);

2019 - Guest Lecturer, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck

Education

2008-2011 - Bachelor's Programme, PPCU (Political Science);

2011-2013 – Master’s Programme, CUB (Political Science);

2013-2019 – Doctoral Programme, CUB (Political Science);

2018-2020 – Master’s Programme, CUB (Public Policy and Management)

Membership in Academic and Professional Organisations; Editorial Board Membership

Since 2012 – Member, Hungarian Political Science Association (HPSA)

Since 2015 – Member, Standing Group on Elites and Political Leadership, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

2015-2019 – Main Organizer, Conference for Doctoral Students of Political Science (CUB)

Since 2016 – Member, PUPOL – Academic Network Public and Political Leadership

Since 2019 – Member, Political Science Committee, IX. Department, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS)

Since 2019 – Country Expert, Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)

Since 2020 – Member of Executive Board, PUPOL

Since 2020 – Member of Presidential Board, HPSA

Since 2023 – Member of Editorial Board, International Journal of Public Leadership

Since 2023 – Director of Political Science Doctoral Program, Doctoral School of International Relations and Political Science, CUB

Selected conferences and workshops

2023

29 September – *Prove your leadership if you can! How do politicians project qualities in online space?* Central European Political Science Association (CEPSA), Dubrovnik
5 September – *Whoever is not against us is for us.’ Sectarianization of politics in Hungary* ECPR General Conference, Praha
28 June – *Sympathy for the devil: The strategic use of the populist repertoire in Viktor Orbán’s politics* International Sociological Association, World Congress of Sociology, online
4 April – *Prove your leadership if you can! How do politicians project qualities in online space?* Annual Conference of International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) Budapest
3-7 April – *Holding Out for Heroes? The Role of Public Leadership in Turbulent Times* (chair and organizer of the section) IRSPM, Budapest

2022

22-26 August – *An insatiable hunger for charisma? A follower-centric analysis of populism and charismatic leadership* ECPR General Conference, Innsbruck
22-26 August – *Who are the discrete admirers of strong leaders? The impact of followers’ political characteristics on three levels of charisma attribution*

. ECPR General Conference, Innsbruck 22-26 August – *Understanding populist, personalistic and polarised politics* (panel chair) ECPR General Conference, Innsbruck 2-3 June – *Sympathy for the devil: How do populist politicians use populist repertoire to generate emotions strategically?* CEPISA Conference, Bled

2021

30 August – 3 September – *Between Moral Panic and Moral Euphoria: Populist Leaders, Their Opponents and Followers* ECPR General Conference 2021 (Virtual Event) 26-28 May – *Between Moral Panic and Moral Euphoria: Populist Leaders, Their Opponents and Followers* ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops 2021 (Virtual Event) 20-23 April – *Public Leadership and Societal Challenges: The Role of Political, Managerial and Community Leadership* (panel chair) IRSPM Online Conference 20 April – *Hope you guess my name. Populism as Charismatic Leadership.* IRSPM Online Conference

2020

16 October – *The Missing Link: Studying Political Leadership from the Followers' Perspective.* 5th PUPOL International Conference (online) 24 Augustus – *The Missing Link: Studying Political Leadership from the Followers' Perspective.* ECPR General Conference (Virtual Event) 24 Augustus – *Charisma, Populism, and Plebiscitary Leadership* (panel discussant) ECPR General Conference (Virtual Event)

2019

15-17 December – *Between moral panics and euphoria: Populist Leadership in the Eye of the Beholder.* The 18th International Studying Leadership Conference, Bristol. 4-7 September – *Political Leadership in the Eye of the Beholder: Charismatic Leadership. Folk Heroes / Devils and Moral Panics* ECPR General Conference, Wrocław;

2018

16-18 December – *Three Faces of Political Leadership: Possible Interpretations and Practices for Democratic Leadership*. 17th International Studying Leadership Conference, Lancaster 7 December – *Three Faces of Political Leadership: Possible Interpretations and Practices for Democratic Leadership*. The 4th Conference for Doctoral Students of Political Science, Budapest 22-26 Augustus – *Three Faces of Political Leadership: Possible Interpretations and Practices for Democratic Leadership*. ECPR General Conference, Hamburg 10-11 May – *Strong personalities' impact on Hungarian party politics. Comparing Viktor Orbán's and Gábor Vona's leadership through party transformation* Understanding East Central European Politics Conference, Budapest 19-21 April – *Strong personalities' impact on Hungarian party politics. Comparing Viktor Orbán's and Gábor Vona's leadership through party transformation* Party Leaders in Central and Eastern Europe: Roles, The ECPR Standing Group on Central and Eastern European Politics, Actions and Consequences Cluj-Napoca

2016

3 June – *Viktor Orbán and the Migration Crisis* CEPISA Annual Conference, Ljubljana 8 April – *Contingency and Political Action. The Role of Leadership in Endogenously Created Crises* PUPOL Conference, Nijmegen 26 February - 4 March – 5th ECPR Winter School University of Bamberg, Germany (Introduction to MAXQDA a Qualitative and Mixed Methods Data Analysis Software; Introduction to Qualitative Interpretive Methods)

2015

26-29 Augustus – *Contingency and Political Action. The Role of Leadership in Endogenously Created Crises* ECPR General Conference, Montréal

2014

3-5 July – *The Leaders' Old-New Instruments. The Function and Role of Political Movements in Democracy* ECPR Graduate Student Conference Innsbruck

Awards and Honours

2015 – Conference of Student Research Societies 2nd place

2020 – Youth Award of the HAS

2020-2023 – Hungarian Scientific Research Fund Post-doctoral Program

2020, 2021 – New National Excellence Programme Fellowship

2022 – János Bolyai Research Fellowship

2022 – Researcher of the Year, IPS, CSS

2022 – Corvinus Research Excellence Award (Early/Mid-career non-research track faculty)

2022, 2023 – Bolyai + Fellowship

Teaching Experience

Pázmány Péter Catholic University (2013-2016)

Courses: Modern Political Ideologies I (Conservatism), Modern Political Ideologies II (Liberalism) (BA seminars)

Corvinus University of Budapest (since 2014) (course leadership in bold)

Hungarian Courses: Parties and Party Systems (with Réka Várnagy, BA lecture and seminar 2014; since 2019), Fundamentals of Political Science (BA seminar 2015-2016; 2019-21), **Political Leaders and Leadership** (MA seminar 2016-2021), Local Governments (with Zoltán Balázs, BA lecture since 2019), **Rethinking the concept of sovereignty** (with Csaba Molnár, Hungarian MA seminar 2019), **Analysis of Political Film and TV Series** (with Csaba Molnár, Hungarian BA seminar 2020-22); **Political leadership and governance** (MA seminar 2021), **Governology** (MA seminar 2021)

English Courses: Contemporary Hungarian Politics (with Zoltán Balázs MA seminar 2019-2020), Politics Redesigned: Challenges and Innovations (MA seminar since 2022), **Political Leadership in Democracy** (PhD seminar since 2023), State and Governance (with Zoltán Balázs, György Gajduschek, Gergely Rajnai MA lecture and seminar since 2023)

Doctoral Supervision and Mentoring: Agung Wicaksono (with Miklós Rosta, topic: Collective Governance in Indonesia during Forest Fires), Boris Lipovina (topic: Dominant Parties and Party Systems), Péter Bálint Szabó (topic: Japanese Political Leadership)

Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck (2019)

English Courses: Governance and Political Leadership (MA lecture and seminar)

Bibó István College for Advanced Studies (2020)

English Courses: *Political Leadership (MA/BA seminar)*

Languages

- English (Intermediate)
- German (Intermediate)