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## Research Interests

Political theory, plebiscitary politics, theories of democracy, Hungarian politics

## Selected Publications

Illés, Gábor & András Körösényi (2023) The touch of the leader: representation and responsiveness in plebiscitary leader democracy, *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*, DOI: 10.1080/1600910X.2023.2220086

Körösényi, A., Patkós, V., Plesz B. and Susánszky, P. (2022). The potentials of heresthetic and rhetoric in an open framing situation: Theory and evidence from a survey experiment. *European Political Science Review*, 14 (1), 94-114. <http://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773921000321> Illés, G.,

Körösényi, A. (2022). From the theater to the hippodrome: A critique of Jeffrey Green's theory of plebiscitary democracy and an alternative. *Contemporary Political Theory* 21, 419-442.

<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-021-00525-6> FH = 1 Körösényi, A., Illés, G. and Gyulai, A. (2020).

*The Orbán Regime: Plebiscitary Leader Democracy in the Making* (London: Routledge), 1-194. E-

book verzió: DOI: 10.4324/9780429053436 Pakulski, J. and Körösényi, A. (2012). *Toward Leader*

*Democracy*, London-New York-Delhi: Anthem Press. 1-181. Femia, J., Körösényi, A. and Slomp, G.

(eds.) (2009). *Political Leadership in Liberal and Democratic Theory*, Exeter, UK: Imprint Academic,

1-200. FH = 10 Körösényi, A. (1999). *Government and Politics in Hungary*. Central European University Press-Osiris, Budapest, 1-330.

## Research Projects

- Democracy in the age of identity politics. ELKH TK PTI, 2023-2026, granted by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH, grant number: K 142410

-The Return of the Weberian Leaders, ELKH TK PTI, 2019-2022, granted by the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH, grant number: K 128139)

-Political Leadership: Theory and Comparative Research, MTA TK PTI 2013-2017

-Választási ígérek és kormányzati teljesítmény (Election Pledges and Public Policy in Hungary), Principal investigator, MTA Center for Social Sciences. Funded by Hungarian National Research Fund /OTKA/) 2011-2015

-A politikai vezetés fogalma a demokrácia- és politikaelméletben (Political leadership in political and democratic theory). Principal investigator, funded by OTKA, 2008-2011, (kutatás azonosítószáma: K 72656)

-A racionális választás elméletének politikaelméleti-politikatudományi jelentősége (The Impact of Rational Choice Theory on Political Science). T-049132 sz. OTKA kutatás, Budapest. Principal investigator, 2005-2007

-Magyar Választáskutatási Program (Research Program on Hungarian Electoral Behaviour) participant, 2006, 2008-2009

-Demokráciaelméletek összehasonlító elemzése (Democratic Theories), T-034362 nyilvántartási számú OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund) kutatás, Budapest. Principal investigator, 2001-2004.

-A kormány és a végrehajtóhatalom helye a hatalommegosztás rendszerében (Government in the system of division of powers). OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund) kutatás. Nyilvántartási száma: A.1868/III.a. Principal investigator, 2001-2002

-Die politischen Systeme Osteuropas. Buchprojekt, Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Technische Universität Dresden, 1998-1999

-A kormány, mint politikai vezetés (Government as political leadership). T-025636 számú OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund) Principal investigator, Budapest, 1998-2000

-Az állam szerepéről (The Changing role of the state). KORRIDOR Politikai Kutatások Központja, participant. Budapest. 1996-1997.

-Democratic Transition and Political Patronage. Principal investigator. CEU Research Support Scheme of the Higher Education Support Programme, Prague, 1995-1997.

-Social links of Political Parties, OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund), 1994-1996

-1994 Kormányzati tevékenység kutatási program (Governance and public policy), participant. KORRIDOR Politikai Kutatások Központja, Budapest. 1994-1995.

-Privatization Project, Institute on Economies in Transition, Central European University, Prague, 1993-1994.

- New Constitution Making in Eastern Europe. Participant, Università's Bocconi, Milano, CNR (the Italian national Committee of Research) 1993

- Democratization and Market-Oriented Economic Reforms, Short and Medium Run Interactions, Participant, Overseas Development Council, Washington D.C., 1992-1993
- Parteiendemokratie und Transformation. Politische Landschaften in Osteuropa, 1989-1992. Participant. Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Bonn, 1992
- Political Parties in Hungary. participant. Institute for Political Research, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1990-92
- The Future of Democracy in Eastern Europe, Phase One: Parliaments and the Transition Towards Democracy. Participant. University of Leiden, The Netherlands, 1991

## **Academic Career**

- 1987 Karl Marx Károly University of Economics, dr.univ., Sociology
- 1989-90 University of Oxford, All Souls College / Lady Margaret Hall, Postdoctoral Soros-Fellow
- 1991 University of Leideni Egyetem, Visiting Scholar, November-December 1991
- 1992-93 Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Studies, Postdoctoral Fellow
- 1993 Harvard University, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Cambridge, Visiting Fellow
- 1993 Ph.D., Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 1995-1996 Universität Heidelberg, Institut für Politische Wissenschaft, Humboldt-Stipendiat
- 1997-2000 Széchenyi Professorship, Budapest
- 1999 *Habilitation*, Eötvös University of Budapest
- 1999 Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Wien
- 2000 Full-Professorship, Eötvös University of Budapest
- 2003 D.Sc., Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2010-2015 Director, Institute for Political Science, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2012-2015 Head of Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2013 *Academia Europea* Membership
- 2016-2020 Head of Political Science Doctoral School, Corvinus University of Budapest
- 2016-2020 Head of Department, Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences

## **Education**

1978-1982 M.A., Budapest University of Economics

### **Membership in Academic and Professional Organisations; Editorial Board Membership**

2023- Head of the Editorial Board, Politikatudományi Szemle (quarterly Political Science journal of the Political Science Association and the Hungarian Academy of Science)

2002- Member of the Promotion Committee (Habilitációs Bizottság), Faculty of Law and Government, Eötvös University of Budapest

2002- Member of the Ethical Committee, Faculty of Law and Government, Eötvös University of Budapest

2022 Member of Selection Committee, DAAD Scholarship Program

2019- Member of Selection Committee, Bolyai János Fellowship Program

2019-2020 Member of the Evaluation Committee of the President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2018-2020 Member of the Executive Committee, Hungarian Political Science Association

2015- Member of the Editorial Board, Intersections: East-European Journal of Society and Politics

2006- Member of Political Science Committee, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

1992- Member of the Editorial Board, Politikatudományi Szemle (quarterly Political Science journal of the Political Science Association and the Hungarian Academy of Science)

2017-2019 Member of the Council of Research Institutes, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA AKT)

2015-2017 Member of the National Research Infrastructure Committee (NKFIH)

2012-2014 Member of the Presidium, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2012-2013 Co-president of the Council of the Head of Research Centres (AKVT), Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2010-2013 Member of the General Assembly, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2009-2013 Member of the Executive Committee, Hungarian Political Science Association

2005-2009 President, Hungarian Political Science Association

2007 Co-director of the Workshop on Political Leadership: a Missing Element in Democratic Theory, Joint Sessions of Workshops, European Consortium for Political Research, Helsinki, 7-12 May

2006-2009 Member of the Social Science Collegium, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA)

1994-2011 Member of the Editorial Board, The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics (Taylor & Francis)

1996-2001 Editor of the Századvég (quarterly journal of Political and Social Sciences, Hungary)

1991-1994 Member of the Executive Committee, Hungarian Political Science Association

### **Selected conferences and workshops**

-2023 Manipulative Democracy: Leadership and Heresthetics in the Era of Identity Politics, Polarisation and Post-truth c. paper presented at the ECPR General Conference in Prague, 4-8 September 2023  
Section: Advancing Research on Elites and Political Leadership in Times of Crisis Panel: Elite Theory in Times of Crisis.

-2021 IPSA World Congress: Political Accountability and Pluralism in Post-Truth Politics: A Critique of Jeffrey Green's Ocular Model of Plebiscitary Democracy, presented at the panel "Elite Reactions to Changing Socioeconomic, Cultural and Political Conditions" (with co-author)

-2019 ECPR General Conference, Wrocław, 4-7 September. Paper title: "The limitations of the concept of hybrid regime and an alternative approach: plebiscitary leader democracy" (co-author: Attila Gyulai), 2019.

-2017 PUPOL (Public and Political Leadership) 2nd International Conference on 6th and 7th April 2017 at The Open University, Milton Keynes. Paper title: "Leader democracy in theory and practice: Weber and his unconscious disciples. From personalization of politics to plebiscitary leadership."

-2017 PSA 67th Annual International Conference, 10 – 12 April 2017, Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. Paper title: "Leader democracy in theory and practice: Weber and the Orbán-regime".

-2017 ECPR General Conference, 6-9 September 2017, University of Oslo. Paper titled: „Plebiscitary leader democracy in theory and practice: Looking at populism through Weberian lenses"

-2016 ECPR General Conference, Prague, 10 September 2016, paper titled: "Leader Democracy in Theory and Practice: Weber and the Orbán-regime".

-2013 The Impact of Crises and States of Emergency on Political Leadership. Paper Prepared for the 7th ECPR General Conference, Section on Elites and Transatlantic Crisis, Bordeaux, 4-7 September 2013.

-2012 Political polarization and its consequences on democratic accountability. Presented at the IPSA World Congress, Madrid, 8-12 July 2012

-2011 Monopolistic competition, auction and authorization. A Schumpeterian view of leadership and the political market. Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Reykjavik, 24-27 August 2011.

-2010: "Innovative leadership and politics of disequilibrium: A Schumpeterian account of leadership role", előadás, Hobart, Ausztrália, november 25-26-án megrendezett 4th Annual Public Leadership Workshop-on.

- 2010 „Parlamentswahlen in Ungarn“, Fachgespräch „Wahlen in Ostmitteleuropa: Innen- und Aussenpolitischen Konsequenzen. Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin. 7. Juni 2010.
- 2009 „Popular Votes and Representative Democracy: A False Dilemma“, ECPR General Conference, 10-12 September 2009, Potsdam, Germany
- 2009 „Political Leadership and an Authorization Theory of Democracy“, Political Studies Association, Annual Conference, Manchester, 6-8 April 2009.
- 2009 “Stuck in Escher’s staircase: Leadership, manipulation and democracy“, IPSA World Congress of Political Science held in Santiago, Chile, 12-16 July 2009
- 2007 Political Leadership: Between Guardianship and Classical Democracy. Paper presented at the ECPR Workshop on „Political Leadership: a Missing Element in Democratic Theory“, Helsinki, 7-12 May 2007.
- 2007 Beyond the Happy Democratic Elitism Consensus. Paper presented at the Conference on “Democratic Elitism Reconsidered“, Altes Schloss Dornburg, 15-16 June 2007.
- 2005 The Political as a Constitutive: Carl Schmitt’s Contribution to the Definition of the Political. Paper presented at the Workshops in Political Theory, 7-9 September 2005, Manchester Metropolitan University
- 2005 Politics of Friendship versus Politics of Enmity. Paper presented at the ECPR Workshop on "The Politics of Friendship", Granada 14-19 April 2005
- 2003 Political Representation in Leader Democracy. ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, University of Edinburgh, 28 March-2 April 2003.
- 2001 „Liberty, equality, and Fraternity in Mill and Stephen“, Liberty Fund Conference, Parádsasvár, 2001 május 31 - június 3.
- 2000 „Freedom, Conflict and Contingency in Plato and Sophocles“, Liberty Fund Conference, Chicago, 2000. május 4-7.
- 1999 „Unexpected Stability of Central European Democracies“. Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, 22 September 1999.
- 1999 „Institutional power-sharing in Hungary“. International Conference on Institutional Building in the New Democracies. Collegium Budapest, 1999. május 28.
- 1996 „Politische Eliten im 20. Jahrhundert in Ostmitteleuropa. Systemwechsel - Elitenwechsel?“ Internatinalen Fachtagung, Herder Institut e.V. Marburg 27-29. März
- 1993 Interactions Between Democratization and Market-Oriented Reform in Latin America and Eastern Europe“. Overseas Development Council, Washington D.C., March 8-9.
- 1993 „The Emergence of New Party Systems and Transitions to Democracy“ Inter-Regional Comparison Between Eastern and Southern Europe, Bristol University, U.K. 17-19 September

- 1993 „The Divided Republic: The Distribution of Power in Hungary 1990-1992.” Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, March 1993.
- 1993 Die Entwicklung der Parteiensysteme Osteuropas, Humboldt Univesitat Berlin, 7-8. Oktober.
- 1993 Democratic Legitimacy in Post-Socialist Societies, (Internationale Fachtagung) Visegrád, Hungary, 27 August-2 September
- 1992 Democratization and Market-Oriented Economic Reforms. Overseas Development Council, Washington D.C., 30 May-1 June
- 1992 The Politics of Economic Transition. Birmingham University, UK, 28-30 April
- 1992 Party Systems in Postcommunist Societies. Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Berlin, 19-20 March
- 1991 The Future of Democracy in Central Europe, Leiden University, The Netherlands, 13-14 December
- 1991 Elites in Eastern Europe. ESRC-CNRS Conference, Paris, France, 27-29 November
- 1991 Congress of the German Political Science Association, Hannover, 7-11 October
- 1990 American-Hungarian Round-Table in Political Science, San Francisco, 27-29 August
- 1988 International Political Science Association, World Congress, Washington D.C.

### **Awards and Honours**

- 2021 Aurél Kolnai Prize, awarded by the Hungarian Political Science Association for the best political science publication of the year in Hungary
- 2014 Academic medal, awarded by the President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2013 elected to be a member of *Academia Europea* (the Academy of Europe)
- 2012 Knight of Cross of the Order of Merit of Hungary
- 2009 *Kommentár*-Prize
- 2005 *Pro Scientia* tutorial award
- 2000 Bezerédj Prize, awarded by the Bezerédj-Foundation
- 1999 István Bibó Prize, awarded by the Hungarian Political Science Association  
and the István Bibó Democracy Foundation
- 1999 A. W. Mellon Fellowship, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Wien
- 1998 Károly Polányi Prize, awarded by the Association of Hungarian Sociology

for the best book publication of the year

1997-2000 Széchenyi Professorship, Eötvös University of Budapest

1995-1996 Humboldt-Fellow, Institut für Politische Wissenschaft, University of Heidelberg

1993 Visiting Scholar, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University

1992-1993 Postdoctoral Fellow, Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Studies

1991 Visiting Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Leiden

1989-1990 MTA-Soros Postdoctoral Fellow, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford

### **Teaching Experience**

1995-2000 Department of Political Science, Faculty of Law and Government, Eötvös University of Budapest

2010-2021 Professor of Political Science, Social Science Faculty, Corvinus University of Budapest

2022- Institute for Political Science, Faculty of Law and Government, Eötvös University of Budapest

### **Further Affiliations**

Institute for Political Science, Faculty of Law and Government, Eötvös University of Budapest

### **Languages**

- English (Proficient)