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DEGREES

- 2009 **Central European University, Budapest**
Ph.D. degree (summa cum laude) at the Department of Medieval Studies, Thesis Title: "Late Antique Motifs in Yezidi Oral Tradition."
- 1999 **Central European University, Budapest**
MA degree in Medieval Studies; Thesis Title: "Manichaeism in the anti-Manichaean Literature: The Figure of Mani in the *Acta Archelai*."
- 1999 **Eötvös University, Budapest**
MA degree in English Language and Literature; Thesis Title: "The Pelagian Movement in the British Isles."
- 1996 **Eötvös University, Budapest**
MA degree in Classical Philology; Thesis Title: "Priscillian – Monk, Heretic, Martyr, Astrologer."

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2017 Research Grant from the Fritz Thyssen Foundation.
- 2016 June Visiting research Grant at Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin.
- 2014-2015
Religions. Visiting research fellowship at Käte Hamburger Kolleg (Bochum), Dynamics in the History of Religions.
- 2011-2014 Postdoctoral Research Grant of the Hungarian Scientific and Research Fund (OTKA)
- 2011-2012 Research Grant of Gerda Henkel Foundation for research in Iraq and Germany.
- 2006 Research grant from the Kurdish Institute of Paris, France, for research at the same Institute.
- 2005 Doctoral Research Grant from Central European University, for research on the Kurds within the framework of CNRS "Monde Iranien", Paris, France.
- 2003-2004 DAAD Scholarship: for research on the oral tradition of the Yezidis, Dept. of Iranistics, Georg-August University, Göttingen, Germany.

- 2003 and 2004 Research Grants from the Kurdish Institute of Paris: for fieldwork among the Yezidis, Kurdistan Region, Iraq.
- 2002 and 2003 Two Travel Research Grants from Central European University: for fieldwork among the Yezidis, Kurdistan Region, Iraq.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2019- 2022 **Central European University, Budapest-Vienna**
Cultural Heritage Studies Program; Courses: "Religious Heritage of the Middle East: Political-Cultural Transformation and Endangered Minorities"; "Ritual Heritage, Its Role, Transformation and Invention"; "Orality, Scripturality and Religious Heritage;" "Thesis Writing Seminar."
- 2018 **Central European University, Budapest**
Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies; Course: "The Interface of Orality and Scripturality: Verbal and Written Charms in the Middle East"
- 2016 -2017 **Central European University, Budapest**
Cultural Heritage Studies Program; Course: "Endangered Minorities and Changing Ritual Practices in the Middle East"
- 2015 **Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Budapest**
Department of Religious Studies; Course: "The Religious Map of the Modern Middle East"
- 2014-2015 **Ruhr-University Bochum**
Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Dynamics in the History of Religions
Research Fellow
- 2014 **Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Budapest**
Department of Religious Studies; Course: "Religious Minorities and their traditions in the Contemporary Middle East"
- 2011- 2014 **Central European University, Budapest**
Research Fellow
- 2012 **University of Koblenz-Landau, Koblenz**
Institut für Kulturwissenschaft, Seminar Ethnologi; Course: "Forms of Religious Practice: Possession"
- 2012 **Heidelberg University, Heidelberg**
Guest member (gästwissenschaftlerin) of the Ritual Dynamics" Collaborative Research Center (SFB 619)
- 2009-10 **Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University**
Post-doctoral position, "Religious Minorities and State Building in Iraqi Kurdistan: The Case of the Yezidis
- 2003-2004 **Hungarian daily Népszabadság**
Exclusive War Correspondent of the Hungarian daily *Népszabadság* in the Kurdish Autonomy of Iraq
- 2002-2003 **University of Duhok, Kurdistan Region of Iraq**
Department of English Language and Literature
- 2002 **Rehabilitation Clinic of the NGO ACCORN (A Community-Oriented Rehabilitation Network), Kurdish Region of Iraq**
Teaching English to the local staff of the Clinic and of the NGO