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Spoken languages: Hungarian (native speaker), English (fluent), German (fluent), Italian (intermediate)

### Academic Education

**2012** Ph.D. studies in History, Central European University (HU and AT)

**2002** M.A. in History, Central European University (HU and AT)

**2001** M.A. in Sociology, Eötvös Loránd University (HU)

### Jobs and Fellowships

**2018** **Salzburg Global Seminar Fellow**

Building Healthy, Equitable Communities: The Role of Inclusive Urban Development and Investment, October 11-16, 2018

**2017 - till present** **Managing Director, Metropolitan Research Institute (www.mri.hu), Budapest**

**2003-2017** **Researcher at the Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest**

### Research Topics

urban and territorial development, heritage management, governance, energy efficiency in the housing sector, energy poverty, social inclusion, demography and welfare

### Selected Projects

2021 Short consultancy agreement with [Feantsa](#) about the social consequences of increasing energy efficiency standards in the former socialist EU member states.

2021 – till present **Textur** (Social Innovation and Technologies for sustainable growth through participative cultural Tourism) and H2020 project focusing on the development of sustainable cultural tourism. (<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101004687>).  
Researcher.

2020 – till present **AGORA** (<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/agora>) on Advanced Cogeneration Options for Reintegrating Local Assets. Focus of the work: Capacity building and transferability. Researcher.

2020 – 2021 **From burden to resource: industrial heritage in East Central Europe.** A collaborative project (<http://industrial-heritage.net/>) financed by the Visegrad Fund to identify the specific challenges and solutions for the reuse of industrial sites in the CEE region.

2019 Expert support for the OECD team on the **Latvian Housing Policy mission**

2018 – till present **OpenHeritage**, an EU funded H2020 project focusing on innovative governance,

- financial and social tools for the adaptive re-use of marginalised heritage sites. ([www.openheritage.eu](http://www.openheritage.eu)). Principal project coordinator and researcher.
- 2018 – 2020 Research support (together with BPIE) for Habitat for Humanity International on energy poverty for the **REELIH project** (Residential Energy Efficiency for Low Income Households).
- 2017 External sociological counselling for the large-scale urban development project “BudaPart”
- 2016 - 2019 DG Employment funded **HomeLab** project, which focused on integrated housing and labour provision/counselling in 5 CEE pilot areas in four countries .  
<http://homelab.mri.hu/>
- 2016 **Integrated Urban Development Plan for District XIII**. Project leader  
[https://www.budapest13.hu/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/its\\_tervezet\\_2016jul.pdf](https://www.budapest13.hu/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/its_tervezet_2016jul.pdf)
- 2014 – 2016 Senior consultant for the **REELIH** project on residential energy efficiency for low income households. Focus of the work includes the CEE countries, and consultancy for Armenia and Bosnia. <https://getwarmhomes.org/partners/>
- 2014-2015 Coordinator and senior sociologist in the Holcim Foundation financed project **REPLAN** on socially innovative housing and architecture, implemented in project in 6 different residential areas of Budapest. <http://replankutatas.blog.hu/>

### Selected Publications (last 5 years)

#### Books

(edited together with Dóra Mérai, Zsuzsa Sidó and Volodymyr Kulikov). *From Burden to Resource: Uses of Industrial Heritage in East-Central Europe*. Budapest: Archeolingua, 2021.

<http://files.archaeolingua.hu/ARCHAEOLINGUA/TOC/VARIA0054.pdf>

(together with Philip Carmel, Ruth Ellen Gruber, Andrea Tönkö, and Diána Vonnák). *Jewish Cemeteries and Sustainable Protection: The ESJF Handbook of Sustainable Heritage Tourism*. Frankfurt a. M.: European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative, 2020.

[https://e.issuu.com/embed.html?backgroundColor=84243c&backgroundColorFullscreen=84243c&d=jewish\\_cemeteries\\_and\\_sustainable\\_protection&hideIssuuLogo=true&u=esjf](https://e.issuu.com/embed.html?backgroundColor=84243c&backgroundColorFullscreen=84243c&d=jewish_cemeteries_and_sustainable_protection&hideIssuuLogo=true&u=esjf)

#### Journal articles

(together with Jorge Mosquera, Levente Polyák and Lukács Hayes). “Flexibility and Adaptation: Creating a Strategy for Resilience”. *Sustainability* 14 (2022): 2688. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su14052688>

(together with Éva Geróházi, Christian Droste and Danny Soetanto). “Towards a Collaborative Housing Initiative: The Role of Local Initiatives”. *Built Environment* 45 (2019): 398-415.

(together with József Hegedüs). “The Role of Housing Assets in Shaping the New Welfare Regime in Transition Countries: The Case of Hungary.” *Critical Housing Analysis* 1 (2015): 82-90.

## Book chapters

(together with Loes Veldpaus) “Heritage as a Matter of Care, and Conservation as Caring for the Matter.” In *Care and the City: Encounters with Urban Studies*, ed. Angelika Gabauer, Sabine Knierbein, Nir Cohen, Henrik Lebuhn, Kim Trogal, Tihomir Viderman and Tigran Haas, 194-203. London: Routledge, 2021. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/oa-edit/10.4324/9781003031536-23/heritage-matter-care-conservation-caring-matter-loes-veltpaus-hanna-szemz%C5%91?context=ubx&refId=576c6ab2-47eb-4d7a-aa65-3616fda1f883>

“Caught Between the Public and the Private: Urban Cooperative Solutions in Central Europe”. In *Funding the Cooperative City: Community finance and the economy of civic spaces*, ed. Daniella Patti and Levente Polyák, 28-37. Vienna: Cooperative City Books, 2017.

(together with Andrea Tönkö) “Kreatív városok – jó gyakorlatok” (Creative cities – good practices). In *Kisvárosok reneszánsza – A kőszegi példa* (Renaissance of small cities – the example of Kőszeg), ed. Ferenc Miszlivetz, 209-274. Kőszeg: Felsőbbfokú Tanulmányok Inézete, 2016.

## Selected research reports

(together with Federica Fava, Hanne Van Gils, Markus Kip, Karim Van Knippenberg, Volodymyr Kulikov, Dóra Mérai, Jorge Mosquera, Maria Cristina Pangallozzi, Alessandro Piperno, Levente Polyák, Andrea Tönkö and Loes Veldpaus.) *Finalized Report on European Adaptive Reuse Management Practices*. OpenHeritage deliverable 3.6., 2021. <https://openheritage.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Finalized-Report-on-European-Adaptive-Reuse-Management-Practices.pdf>

(together with Andrea Tönkö, Rolf Novy-Huy, Joep de Roo and Stephanía Xydia.) *Financing the adaptive reuse of cultural heritage: Enabling complementary financing instruments for bottom-up initiatives*. OpenHeritage Policy Brief #3, ICLEI Europe, 2021. <https://openheritage.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Open-Heritage-policy-brief-03-final.pdf>

(together with Dóra Mérai, Jasmin Miah, Bahanur Nasya.) *Collaborative heritage reuse: Enabling strong partnerships*. OpenHeritage Policy Brief #2, ICLEI Europe, 2020. <https://openheritage.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Policy-Brief-2.pdf>

(together with Loes Veldpaus, Olga Krajewska, and Jasmin Miah) *Adaptive Heritage Reuse: Learning from policy and governance frameworks across Europe*. OpenHeritage Policy Brief #1, ICLEI Europe, 2020. <https://openheritage.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Open-Heritage-policy-brief-01-pages.pdf>

(together with Eszter Somogyi, Márton Csillag, Bori Greskovics, Vera Horváth and Nóra Katona). *HomeLab - Integrated Housing and Labour Services in the Social Rental Enterprise Model: Final Report*, 2019. <https://homelab.mri.hu/2019/12/20/homelabs-final-report-is-here/>

(together with Éva Gerőházi, Antal Gertheis, Orsolya Fülöp, László Magyar, and Ada Ámon). *The energy transition in Central and Eastern Europe: The business case for higher ambition*. Cambridge: University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL) and The Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group. 2019.  
<https://www.corporateleadersgroup.com/reports-evidence-and-insights/energy-transition-in-central-and-eastern-europe>

#### Selected conference participations

- 2021 “European Year of Rail: Repurposing obsolete transportation infrastructure” Workshop organised at the 9<sup>th</sup> *Informed Cities Forum, Re-purpose. Re-charge. Re-think. Heritage and e-mobility at the crossroads*. October 28-28, 2021. Online.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnjBUcWwxYQ&list=PLv-mhCFisOsXBFxpU1UpELWBgx3KfnuIU&index=7&t=150s>
- 2021 “Inclusivity at cross-roads: how bottom-up initiatives can contribute to heritage management” Paper presented at the *26th International Conference on Urban Planning and Regional Development in the Information Society, September 7-10, Vienna*.
- 2020 “Ethical matchmaking between the private and the public: the constraints of reuse practices involving the local community in contemporary Budapest”. Paper presented at the *Association of Critical Heritage Studies 5th Biennial Conference, August 26-30, 2020*. Online.
- 2019 “Empowering vulnerable groups in the privatised housing markets of the Central and Eastern European countries – experiences with the Social Rental Enterprise model” Presentation together with Eszter Somogyi at the *ENHR Conference in Athens, August 27-30, 2019*.
- 2018 “Who owns the right to the city? EU Research and Innovation for inclusive urban regeneration” - *Invited speaker at the EWRC, Brussels, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018*.
- 2018 “Alleviating energy poverty by building renovation” – paper presented with Éva Gerőházi at the *Central & Eastern European Energy Efficiency Forum (C4E Forum)*, in Serock, Poland, 13-16th June 2018.
- 2017 “Collaborative housing in Hungary: Less affordable than elsewhere?” paper presented at the *ENHR Conference, Tirana, September 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2017*.
- 2017 “The impact of residential energy efficiency programs on energy poverty in Central Europe” *Reducing Energy Poverty by Energy Efficiency Projects in Residential Buildings: The Case for Eastern Europe* Conference organized by Habitat for Humanity International supported by USAID Brussels, 24-25 April, 2017

[https://getwarmhomes.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Reducing-Energy-Poverty\\_Conference-agenda\\_20042017\\_v2.pdf](https://getwarmhomes.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Reducing-Energy-Poverty_Conference-agenda_20042017_v2.pdf)