

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## 2. RESEARCH FIELD

In general, I focus on research questions at the intersection of evolutionary economic geography and network science. In particular, I am currently studying the role of economic network structures in regional economic resilience and diversification, and the role of co-worker and skill-relatedness networks in workers escaping low-wage jobs.

## 3. QUALIFICATIONS

2018            **PhD in Economics**, University of Szeged, Doctoral School of Economics  
2012            **Economist**, regional and environmental economics (MA), University of Szeged, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Hungary

## 4. TRAINING

2012–2015    University of Szeged, Doctoral School of Economics, Regional Economic and Entrepreneurial Development Program, Hungary  
2010–2012    University of Szeged, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, regional and environmental economics (MA), Hungary  
2006–2009    University of Szeged, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, business administration and management (BA), Hungary

## 5. CURRENT POSITION

2021-            **Researcher**, Centre for Regional Science at Umeå University (CERUM), Umeå University, Sweden  
2020-            **Research fellow**, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Institute of Economics, Agglomeration and Social Networks Lendület Research Group, Hungary

## 6. WORK EXPERIENCE

2019–2020    **Senior research assistant**, Umeå University, Department of Geography & CERUM, Sweden

- 2017–2020 **Assistant research fellow**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Institute of Economics, Agglomeration and Social Networks Lendület Research Group, Hungary
- 2019–2020 **Assistant professor**, University of Szeged, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Institute of Economics and Economic Development, Hungary
- 2016–2018 **PhD candidate**, University of Szeged, Doctoral School of Economics, Hungary
- 2014–2019 **Lecturer**, University of Szeged, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Institute of Economics and Economic Development, Hungary
- 2014 **Assistant research fellow**, University of Szeged, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Institute of Economics and Economic Development, Hungary
- 2012–2015 **PhD-student**, University of Szeged, Doctoral School of Economics, Hungary
- 2012–2013 **Research Assistant**, University of Szeged, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Institute of Economics and Economic Development, Hungary
- 2011–2012 **Demonstrator**, University of Szeged, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Institute of Economics and Economic Development, Hungary

## 7. PARTICIPATION IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

*Referee for:* Economic Geography (2), Regional Studies (2), Growth and Change (1), Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice (1), Deturope (1), Space and Society (2), Hungarian Economic Review (1), Regional Statistics (1)

*External reviewer for PhD-thesis:* 1

*Conference reports in scientific journals:* 2

*Book reviews in scientific journals:* 1

*Articles of science communication to the general public:* 3

*Co-ordinator of science communication* at the Institute of Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary since 2020.

### *Memberships*

- 2020- member, public body of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Committee on Regional Studies)
- 2018- member, Regional Science Association International (RSAI)
- 2018- member, Hungarian Society of Economics (HSE)
- 2013- member, Regional Studies Association (RSA)
- 2012- member, Hungarian Regional Science Association (HRSA)

### *Conference organizing*

- 2019 4<sup>th</sup> workshop of the Young Economic Geographers Network on Regional Development and Peripheral Regions, Umeå, Sweden
- 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Evolutionary Economic Geography Workshop in Central and Eastern Europe, Szeged, Hungary

## 8. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2020 *Regional Science Publication of the Year - 2019*, award of the Regional Sciences Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences for the academic article: „Szakálné Kanó I., Lengyel B., Elekes Z., & Lengyel I. (2019): Agglomeration, foreign firms and firm exit in regions under transition. *European Planning Studies*, 22 (11), 2099-2122.”
- 2019 *Excellent Young Regional Scientist Award* of the Hungarian Regional Science Association, the Hungarian section of the European Regional Science Association.

## 9. RESEARCH PROJECTS

### *As principal investigator*

- 2021- FORTE grant No. 2020-00312 project called "Regions in change: Unpacking the economic resilience of Swedish labour market regions with respect to different groups of workers." [3.9 M SEK]

### *As participating researcher*

- 2019- *Swedish Research Council grant No 2017-02385* project called "When and where is it possible for young workers to escape from low-wage jobs? The role of the organizational and regional context for upward wage mobility."
- 2017- *Agglomeration and Social Networks Lendület Research Group*, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Institute of Economics.
- 2017-2020 *EFOP-3.6.1-16-2016-00008* project called „The development of intelligent life science technologies, methodologies, applications and creating innovative processes and services building on the knowledge base in Szeged.”
- 2017-2020 *EFOP-3.6.2-16-2017-00007* project called "Aspects on the development of intelligent, sustainable and inclusive society: social, technological, innovation networks in employment and digital economy."
- 2015 *TÁMOP-4.2.1.D-15/1/KONV-2015-0002* project called „Building the foundations of higher-education services to meet the needs of the knowledge-industry in the Southern Great Plain region.”
- 2015 *TÁMOP-4.2.2.B-15/1/KONV-2015-0006* project called „The unfolding of the value of talent for the excellence of the University of Szeged.”
- 2013–2017 *OTKA K-109425* project called „The Foundation of Local Economic Development on the Basis of the Capability Approach.”
- 2013–2015 *TÁMOP-4.1.1.C-12/1/KONV-2012-0005* project called „Preparation of the concerned sectors for educational and R&D activities related to the Hungarian ELI project.”
- 2012–2013 *TÁMOP-4.2.2/B-10/1-2010-0012* project called „Broadening the knowledge base and supporting the long term professional sustainability of the Research

University Centre of Excellence at the University of Szeged by ensuring the rising generation of excellent scientists.”

## 10. SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2017–2018 *New National Excellence Program of the Ministry of Human Capacities* scholarship for PhD candidates to execute the research program called "The relationship between foreign-owned firms and agglomeration economies mediated by technological proximity."
- 2015 *Campus Hungary Higher Education Staff Short Term Mobility* grant for international conference participation.

## 11. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- 2021 Policy consulting on the regional economic development and smart specialization strategy of the Dalarna, Värmland and Gävleborg regions in Sweden.
- 2019 Policy consulting on the regional economic development and smart specialisation strategy of Västernorrland region in Sweden.

## 12. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Thesis supervision*: 17 students at BA level, 2 students at MA level  
*Supervision of students participating in the National Conference of Scientific Students' Associations (Hungary)*: 1 in 2019, 1 in 2021, both awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Economics section of the competition.

*Széchenyi István College for Advanced Studies (full-time students)*

Social Networks in Economics and Geography (BA level, in English, 1 time, ongoing)

*Eötvös Lóránd University, Applied Economics program (full-time students)*

Network and Spatial Analysis (BA level, in English, 1 time, ongoing)

*University of Szeged (full-time, part-time and long-distance students)*

Subject	Level	Language	Times	Last in
Microeconomics	BA	English	2	2019
Knowledge networks in business	MA	English	2	2019
Microeconomics	BA	Hungarian	12	2018
Local knowledge management	MA	Hungarian	3	2017
Introduction to Economics	BA	Hungarian	6	2017
Economics I	BA	Hungarian	6	2017
Economics II	BA	Hungarian	6	2017
Regional Economics	BA	Hungarian	5	2016

Public Choice	MA	Hungarian	2	2014
Industrial Organization	MA	Hungarian	2	2014
Introduction to Local Economic Development	BA	Hungarian	4	2014
Research Methodology in the Social Sciences	MA	Hungarian	1	2012

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### 13. SKILLS

#### *Language*

*English:* Cambridge CAE **advanced level** (CEFR C2), 2017

*French:* **intermediate level**, state recognised language exam equivalent advanced high school final exam (C), 2006

*Software:* Microsoft Office, Stata, R, Corel Draw, Gephi.