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## Education

2011 – 2016 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

2014 Visiting semester at Causal Cognition lab, Department of Psychology and Language Sciences, University College London, UK.

2009 - 2011 Master of Arts in Philosophy, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

2006 - 2009 Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University 'Alexandru Ioan Cuza', Iași, Romania. Magna Cum Laude.

## Employment

2018 – present Assistant Professor, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh.

2015 – 2018 Assistant Professor, American University of Central Asia (Bard network), Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

2017 Visiting Fellow, Tilburg Center for Logic, Ethics, and Philosophy of Science, Tilburg University, the Netherlands.

2012 (fall term) Teaching Assistant, Corvinus University Budapest, Hungary.

## Publications

(2021) 'Loneliness and Negative Effects on Mental Health as Trade-offs of the Policy Response to COVID-19', *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences* 43 (1): 15 [note].

(2020) 'Mental Health, Normativity and Local Knowledge in Global Perspective', *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C: Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 101334.

(2020) 'Artificial Life and "Nature's Purposes": The Question of Behavioral Autonomy', *Human Affairs* 30 (4): 587-596.

(2020) 'A Psychological Approach to Causal Understanding and the Temporal Asymmetry', *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 11: 977–994.

(2019) 'Beauvoir's Ethics, Meaning, and Competition', *Human Affairs* 29: 425–433.

(2019) 'Teaching Philosophy in Central Asia: Effects on Moral and Political Education', *Interchange* 50 (2): 187-203.

(2018) 'Collingwood, Pragmatism, and the Philosophy of Science', in K. Dharamsi, G. D'Oro, S. Leach (eds.), *Collingwood on Philosophical Methodology*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 131-149.

(2017) 'Is Future-oriented Mental Time Travel Inextricably Linked to the Self?', *Australasian Philosophical Review* 1 (4): 420-425.

(2017) 'Causality, Human Action and Experimentation: Von Wright's Approach to Causation in Contemporary Perspective', *Acta Philosophica Fennica*, Volume 93, pp. 355-373.

(2016) 'Causal Projectivism, Agency, and Objectivity', *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, 30:2, pp. 147-163.

(2016) 'Collingwood and Manipulability-based Approaches to Causation: Methodological Issues', *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies*, Volume 22, Number 1, 2016, pp. 139-166.

### **Book reviews**

(2017) 'Review of K.C. Elliott, *A Tapestry of Values: An Introduction to Values in Science*', *Metapsychology* 21: 37, URL = <http://tinyurl.com/yag3jag5>.

### **Teaching experience**

#### Asian University for Women

Critical Reasoning (X5), Foundations of Philosophy (X3), Memory and Time (X2), Plato's *Republic* (X2), Capstone seminar, Moral Philosophy, Philosophy of Psychology, Introduction to Psychology, Values in Science, Philosophy of Social Sciences, Mental Health Research and Policy, Philosophy of Education, Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*.

#### American University of Central Asia

Introduction to Philosophy (X4), Existentialism, Philosophy of Psychology [responsible for syllabus, course design, and grading]; First Year Seminar I, II (X5), Language and Thought/Orientation Week (X2).

### **Achievements and Awards**

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| 2018      | Waiver for attending the 'Thinking about the Possible' summer program at CEU.  |
| 2018      | Matthew Nimetz Award for Publications in SCOPUS, AUCA .  |
| 2017      | Andrew Mellon Foundation Grant for attending workshop at the Digital Humanities Institute, American University of Beirut . |
| 2015-2016 | CEU Global Teaching Fellow .   |
| 2015      | Recipient of Doctoral Research Support grant and Write-up Grant at CEU .   |
| 2009-2014 | Full Master's and PhD Scholarship at CEU .   |
| 2006-2009 | Merit scholarship for the entire length of my undergraduate degree .   |

## **Conference presentations based on refereed abstracts or invitation**

I have been participating to international conferences since the beginning of my PhD, recent conference talks were at given at conferences or seminar series organized at Bentley University, University of Johannesburg, Central European University, Ruhr University Bochum.

## **Service**

Program Committee member for the Descartes Lectures 2020, Tilburg University.

Referee for *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Human Affairs*.

Coordinating the Politics, Philosophy, and Economics program (2020 - present) and the Psychology minor (2018 - present), chairing the Learning, Teaching and Quality Assessment committee (2021 – present), chaired the International Programs Board (2019-2020) at AUW.

Serving on Research and Ethics committee (2018 - present) and the Learning, Teaching and Quality Assessment committee (2020 - present) at AUW.

Academic advisor to 30 students/academic year at AUW (2018 - present).

Served on Faculty Status and Promotions committee at AUCA (fall semester of 2017).

Outreach: ‘Cross-Cultural Issues in Mental Health: A Philosophical Perspective’, Bishkek Liberal Arts Seminar, September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan [invited].