

Curriculum Vitae

Personal data

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Education background

Ph.D. research: Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and
Methodology (ICS) / University of Groningen,
The Netherlands, 1997-2002
Ph.D. defended: May 30, 2002; University of Groningen, The Netherlands
Title of dissertation: Social Networks and Intergroup Conflict
University education: Budapest University of Economic Sciences, Hungary, 1991-97
Degree: M.Sc. in Sociology and Economics
Field of specialization: Major: Sociology
Minors: Public Policy, Political Science
Title of final thesis: Marriage and Divorce: Explanatory Factors of Labor Force
Participation. Analysis of Strategic Choices of the Family.

Secondary school: Lovassy László Gimnázium, special mathematics class, Veszprém, 1987-91

Other studies: Rajk László College for Advanced Studies, Budapest 1992-97

Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University (Fairfax, Virginia), May 1995

University of Groningen, Faculty of Economics, September 1996- March 1997

Budapest Workshop on Behavioral Economics, Central European University, July 2003

Academic experience

October 2002 - : Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Corvinus University of Budapest
September 2004 – January 2005: Research fellow at Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Wassenaar
October 2002 - February 2003: Junior research fellow at Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Study
September 1997 - June 2002: Ph.D. research at the ICS, University of Groningen
January 2001 - March 2001: Visiting scholar at Cornell University, Department of Sociology
March 1995 - August 1997: Central European University, Political Science Department;
Scientific research assistant of Prof. László Csontos and Prof. János Kis

Publications

Takács, K. 2003. Modeling Intergroup Conflict as Strategic Interactions. *Review of Sociology*, 9 (2): 113-137.
Takács, K. 2002. *Social Networks and Intergroup Conflict*. ICS Dissertation Series, Groningen.
Takács, K. 2001. Structural Embeddedness and Intergroup Conflict. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 45 (6): 743-769.

Kovács, B. and Takács, K. 2003. Szimuláció a társadalomtudományokban (Simulation in the Social Sciences). *Szociológiai Szemle (Hungarian Sociological Review)*, 13(3): 27-49 (in Hungarian).
Letenyei, L. and Takács, K. 2003. Önpusztító jóslat. Elméleti magyarázat egy népszerű kérdésre: miért veszítheti el a közvéleménykutatások szerint népszerűbb párt a demokratikus választásokat? (Self-Destructive Prediction. Reasons for Bandwagon and Underdog Voting at Democratic Elections.) *Századvég (Fin-de-Siècle)*, New Volumes, 27: 83-99. (in Hungarian).
Takács, K. 1998. Az elit szociológiai fogalmáról. (The Sociological Concept of 'Elite'.) *Szociológiai Szemle (Hungarian Sociological Review)*, 139-148 (in Hungarian).
Janky, B. and Takács, K. 1997. A magányos elit. (The Lonely Elite.) In: Janky, B. and Vedres, B. (eds.): *The Hungarian Economic Elite in the Beginning of the Nineties*. Working Papers in Sociology, BUES, Budapest, 38-50 (in Hungarian).

Presentations at international conferences

“Collective Action and Network Stability”. Paper presented at the 24th Sunbelt International Conference on Social Networks, Portorož, Slovenia, May 2004. (together with Béla Janky).
“Tolerance as a Network Solution for the Social Dilemma of Intergroup Conflict”. Paper presented at the 10th International Conference on Social Dilemmas in Marstrand, Sweden, August 2003.

- “Social Control in Team Game Experiments”. Paper presented at the 9th International Conference on Social Dilemmas in Chicago, July 2001.
- “Social Control and Network Structure in Collective Action”. Paper presented at the 21st Sunbelt International Conference on Social Networks in Budapest, April 2001 (together with Béla Janky).
- “The Evolution of Durable Conflicts between Groups”. Paper presented at the 20th Sunbelt International Conference on Social Networks in Vancouver, April 2000.
- “Structural Embeddedness and Intergroup Conflict”. Paper presented at the 8th International Conference on Social Dilemmas in Zichron-Yaakov, July 1999.
- “The Lonely Elite”. Paper presented at the International Conference “Changing Elites and Change in the Rules of the Game” in Budapest, May 1997.

Guest lectures

- “Networks and Games”. University of Twente, NOBEM, Enschede, December 2004.
- “Gary Becker and The Economic Analysis of the Family”. Rajk László College for Advanced Studies, Budapest, June 2004.
- “Social Network Analysis and Applications for Historians”. Eötvös Lóránd University, Department of Cultural History, Budapest, May 2004.
- “Epistemological Questions of Agent-Based Simulation”. Eötvös Lóránd University, Institute of Sociology, Budapest, March 2004.
- “Tolerance and Intergroup Conflict”. University of Groningen, Department of Sociology, Department Colloquium, February 2004.
- “Social Networks and Conflicts between Groups”. Eötvös Lóránd University, Institute of Sociology, Budapest, November 2003.
- “Simulation in the Social Sciences”. Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, Department of Biological Physics, Department Seminar, April 2003.
- “Segregation and Intergroup Conflict: Undesired Consequences of Social Control and Structural Learning.” Collegium Budapest, Fellow Seminar, November 2002.
- “Social Networks and Intergroup Conflict.” Central European University, Political Science Department, Department Seminar, October 2002.
- “The Essence of Agent-Based Simulation”. Rajk László College for Advanced Studies, Budapest, September 2002.
- “Structural Embeddedness and Intergroup Conflict”. Cornell University, Department of Sociology, Colloquium Series, February 2001.

Teaching experience

- Social Network Analysis*, Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, 2003 Fall, 2004 and 2005 Spring semesters, in English.
Participants: Ph.D. students, Masters students, exchange students.
- Social Network Analysis*, Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, 2003 Spring, in Hungarian.
Participants: Masters students.

Cooperation, Norms, and Networks: Theoretical and Methodological Frames. Course to assist the writing of the final thesis. Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, 2004-05, in Hungarian.

Participants: Masters students.

Methodology of Social Science Research, Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, 2003 Fall, 2004 and 2005 Spring semesters, in Hungarian.

Participants: Undergraduate students.

Foundations of Sociology (together with Tamás Bartus), Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, 2004 and 2005 Spring, in English.

Participants: Undergraduate students, exchange students.

Foundations of Sociology, Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, 2003 Spring, in Hungarian.

Participants: Undergraduate students.

General and Economic Sociology, Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, 2003 Spring and Fall semesters, in Hungarian.

Participants: Undergraduate students of economics.

Introduction to SPSS, Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, 2003 Fall (together with Lilla Vicsek) and 2004 Spring semesters, in Hungarian.

Participants: Masters students.

Behavioral Social Sciences, Rajk László College for Advanced Studies, 2005 Spring, in Hungarian.

Participants: Masters students.

Sociology (together with Béla Janky), Rajk László College for Advanced Studies, 2003 Fall and 2004 Spring semesters, in Hungarian.

Participants: Masters and undergraduate students.

Introduction to Sociology, AKG – University of Pécs, 2003 Fall, in Hungarian.

Participants: Undergraduate students of law.

Introduction to Statistics (seminars), University of Groningen, Department of Sociology, 1998-1999, in English.

Participants: Undergraduate students.

Assistance as lecturer in the course *Theory Construction, Model Building and Network Analysis*, University of Groningen, Department of Sociology, 1999 Fall, in English.

Participants: Masters students.

Supervision of graduate students

Benedek Kovács: *The Emergence and Enforcement of Norms at Playgrounds*, Ph.D. research, 2003-

Eszter Balogh: *Conflicts and Techniques of Conflict Resolution between Producer and Supplier Firms in Hungary*, Ph.D. research, 2002-

Balázs Kovács: *Agent-Based Models of Diffusion of Innovations*, M.Sc. thesis, accepted to Stanford Ph.D. program in 2004

István Back: *Application of Formal Methods in the Social Sciences*, M.Sc. thesis, accepted to ICS/Groningen Ph.D. program in 2003

Organization and other professional activities

Organization of student competitions in sociology: 2003 Spring, 2003 Fall, 2004 and 2005
Spring semesters

Coordination of international proposals of the Department of Sociology and Social Policy
Session chair at the *Games and Networks* Session of the 24th Sunbelt International Conference
on Social Networks, Portorož, Slovenia, May 2004

Member of the Hungarian Sociological Association

Member of the International Network for Social Network Analysis

Prizes and grants

2004- “Social Control, Collective Action, and Stability of Social Networks”, Grant support of
the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), T/16, 046381. (together with Zoltán
Szántó, Béla Janky and Benedek Kovács).

2000 Grant support of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) (R 43-
256) for visiting scholarship.

1997 Prize for Outstanding Scientific and Social Achievements at the Budapest University of
Economic Sciences

1997 Farkas Heller Prize of the Rajk László College for Advanced Studies

1997 Member of Distinction of the Rajk László College for Advanced Studies

1997 Third Prize at the National Scientific Conference of Students (OTDK), with the paper “A
magányos elit: A magyar gazdasági elit a rendszerváltás után” (The Lonely Elite: The
Hungarian Economic Elite After the System Change) (together with Béla Janky)

1996 First Prize at the Scientific Conference of Students (TDK) of the Budapest University of
Economic Sciences with the paper “A magányos elit: A magyar gazdasági elit a
rendszerváltás után” (The Lonely Elite: The Hungarian Economic Elite After the System
Change) (together with Béla Janky)

1995-96 Grant of the Republic of Hungary

1995 Third Prize at the Scientific Conference of Students (TDK) of the Budapest University of
Economic Sciences with the paper “Platform választás a többpárti versenyben”
(Platform Selection and Equilibria in Multi-Party Competition)

1995 András Fáy Grant for Young Researchers

1995 First Prize at the National Scientific Conference of Students (OTDK) with the paper
“Racionálisan hazug döntések és választások” (Rationally Manipulated Decisions and
Choices)

1994 Second Prize at the Scientific Conference of Students (TDK) of the Budapest University
of Economic Sciences with the paper “Hazudni érdemes: Racionálisan hazug döntések
és választások” (It is Worthwhile to Lie: Rationally Manipulated Decisions and Choices)