

Curriculum vitae

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Qualifications

- 2002-currently PhD student at the Neuroscience Sector, SISSA, Trieste, Italy
Supervisor: Prof. Jacques Mehler
- 2002 MA degree in English Language and Literature, University of Szeged (formerly, József Attila University), Szeged, Hungary
MA Thesis: „Linguistic Methodology and Microvariation in Language: the Case of Operator-raising in Hungarian”, Supervisor: Prof. István Kenesei
- Ma degree in French Language and Literature, University of Szeged (formerly, József Attila University), Szeged, Hungary
MA Thesis: „Linguistique chomskyenne et linguistique cartésienne: des études de cas dans l’histoire de la linguistique” [Chomskyan linguistics and Cartesian linguistics: case studies in the history of linguistics], Supervisor: Zsuzsanna Gécseg
- Graduation from the Invisible College, Budapest
- 2000-currently: Theoretical Linguistics, University of Szeged
- 1999-2000: demonstrator/assistant to Prof. István Kenesei in linguistics at the Institute of English and American Studies, University of Szeged, Hungary.
- 1997-2002: Invisible College (Budapest)
2001-2002: readings in the philosophy of language: Cartesian linguistics – Chomsky and the 17th-18th century philosophers, tutor: Prof. János Kelemen
1998-2001: research in cognitive science, cognitive linguistics, psycholinguistics, tutor: Prof. Csaba Pléh

- 1997-1998 fall term: 1997-1998: reasearch on philosophy of language, Chomsky's early works, tutor: Prof. Sándor Albert
University of Szeged, Faculty of Law
- July 2000: 7th International Summer School in Cognitive Science (Sophia, Bulgaria)
- July 1999: GLOW International Summer School (Lesbos, Greece)
- August 1998: GLEE International Summer School (Debrecen, Hungary)
- 1992-1996: Teacher Training High School of the University of Szeged, 1996: Baccalaureate (result 5/5)

Scholarships

- February-April 2002: Huygens Scholarship at
UIL-OTS (Institute of Linguistics), University of Utrecht
(supervisor: Eric Reuland)
- 2000-2001: Erasmus Scholarship at
Department of Psychology (specialization: Cognitive and
Experimental Psychology), Université de Provence, Aix-
Marseille I, Aix-en-Provence, France
(Erasmus supervisor: Dr. Valérie Aghababian)

Competitions

- 2003: 1st place at the National Competition of University Students
in the Section "Theoretical Linguistics" (Veszprém, Hungary,
22-23 April 2003)
title of paper: *Linguistic Methodology and Microvariation in Language*
- 1999: 1st place at the National Competition of University Students
in the Section "Modern Languages" (Pécs, Hungary, 29-31st
March 1999)
title of paper: *La syntaxe du pronom réfléchi 'se' dans le français
contemporain* [The syntax of the reflexive pronoun 'se' in
contemporary French]

Teaching experience

- 2001-2002 fall term: „Honnan tudjuk, hogy diszlexiás a gyermekünk?” [Dyslexia:
theoretical and methodological questions in psycholinguistics]
— course at the Department of Psychology (Cognitive
Science Group), University of Szeged

Teacher training practice (English) in the special second language teaching programme for dyslexics at the Öveges József High School

Teacher training practice (French) in the Ságvári Endre Teacher Training Bilingual High School of the University of Szeged

Associative Activities

2004- board member of WAYS (World Academy of Young Scientists)
2000-2001: member of Electre, Association of Students in Psychology at the Université de Provence, Aix-en-Provence, France
1998-2000: head of the student board of the Invisible College, Budapest, Hungary

Professional activities

chair of the ESSLLI'05 Student Session, 8th-19th August 2005, Edinburgh, UK
local organizer of the workshop „Symbols and Connections”, 29-31 October 2004, Venice (San Servolo), Italy
interpreter and member of the organizing committee of the 2nd International Conference on the Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases (ICEPID): Tuberculosis. 2nd-4th September, 1997, Szeged-Budapest, Hungary.
linguistic editor of the trilingual (English, French, Hungarian) volume Pálffy, Gy., Dutour, O., Deák, J., Hutás, I. 1999. *Tuberculosis: Past and Present*. Budapest: Golden Book.
interpreter and member of the organizing committee of the 4th ICEPID: Plague, 24th-27th July, Marseille, France

Languages

Hungarian: native
French: fluently spoken, read, written (University major)
English: fluently spoken, read, written (University major, computer assisted TOEFL score 283)
Italian: intermediate
German: intermediate (2,5 years of study)
Latin: baccalaureate and intermediate level State Exam
Greek: elementary (1 year of study)
Russian: basics

Research and interest areas

Formal linguistic theories: syntax (focus raising and operator movements in Hungarian)

Cognitive Neuroscience: language acquisition, developmental psychology

Language theory and philosophy: argumentation in linguistics; history of linguistics