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**Position** Head of the Institute

**Scientific Degree** PhD of Military Sciences

**Research Field** Contemporary and recent history of Africa, migration and the Middle East, and peacekeeping, military logistics, Hungarian peacekeeping operations in Africa, with particular reference to Western Sahara, and in addition, comparing political cultures, political communication and intercultural communication, DDR programs in Africa, terrorism, and Christian-Muslim opposition on the continent.

**Publications** <https://m2.mtmt.hu/gui2/?type=authors&mode=browse&sel=authors10026705>

## Recognitions

2021 Bánki Plaque (Óbuda University, Donát Bánki Faculty of Mechanical and Safety Engineering)

2018-2019 Bolyai + Higher Education Young Teacher, Research Fellowship (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

2017-2019 Bolyai Research Scholarship (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

1990-2018 I received Hungarian and foreign military and state awards 19 times.

## Scientific life

2020 - presently Member of editorial board/  
Terrorism and Political Violence

2019 - presently Defence Science Review (Poland) /  
Safety and Security Sciences Review (Óbuda University)

2018 - presently Member of editorial board/  
Journal of Human Trafficking

2018 - presently Researcher/ The Western Sahara  
International Academic Observatory

2017 - presently Chairman of the Military History  
and Military Science Working Committee/  
Veszprém Territorial Committee of the Hungarian  
Academy of Sciences

2017 - presently Researcher/ Center for studies on  
Western Sahara, University of Santiago de Compostela

2016 - presently Member of Editorial Board/  
Revista Científica Proelium (Portugália)

2014 - presently Member/ EENET (European  
Expert Network on Terrorism Issues)

2012 - presently public body member/  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences



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## Studies

- 2017 Habilitated Doctor of History  
Eötvös Lóránd University, Doctoral School of History
- 2014 NATO Defence Against Terrorism Course  
Germany, NATO School Oberammergau
- 2008-2011 Doctor of Military Sciences - with a degree of "summa cum laude"  
Miklós Zrínyi University of National Defense, Doctoral School of Military Sciences
- 2009 Crisis Management Basic Training Course based on EU standards  
Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement, International Education Center, Budapest
- 2006-2008 Defense Administration Manager (with excellent qualification)  
Miklós Zrínyi University of National Defense, János+C1s Bolyai Faculty of Military Engineering,  
Department of Defense Administration
- 1994-1997 BA of Theology (with excellent qualification)  
Saint Paul Academy, Budapest
- 1987-1991 Hungarian Defence Forces, Food Officer Training Vocational High School, Budapest

## Professional Experience

- 2018 - presently associate professor/lecturer; Doctoral School for Safety and Security Sciences, Óbuda University
- 1991-2018 Various military / leadership positions; Hungarian Defence Forces/Ministerium of Defence



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