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Studies

2020 - 2024	PhD at the Doctoral School on Safety and Security Sciences at Óbuda University, Budapest (Hungary) / Research in Nairobi, Kenya (2023.03-2023.06) (Erasmus+ program)
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2013-2014	Bachelor's in International Relations and International Organizations at the University of Groningen, Groningen (the Netherlands) (Erasmus program)

Language skills

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Publications

Most recent	- János Besenyő & Gábor Sinkó, Chapter 30. The Role of the Amniyat in Aiding Al-Shabaab's Leadership Motivations (Somalia), <i>In: Scott N. Romaniuk, Animesh Roul, Amparo Pamela Fabe, János Besenyő (Eds), Handbook of Terrorist and Insurgent Groups, A Global Survey of Threats, Tactics, and Characteristics</i>, 2024; - Gábor Sinkó & János Besenyő, <i>Analyzing the Evolution of the Threat Al-Shabaab Poses to Kenya Post-Westgate: Why the Withdrawal of Kenyan Troops from Somalia Will Not Signal the End of Al-Shabaab Attacks on Kenya</i>, Cogent Social Sciences, 2024; - Gábor Sinkó & János Besenyő, <i>A Comprehensive Analysis of Al-Shabaab's Secret Service, the Amniyat (Somalia)</i>, South African Journal of International Affairs, 2024; - Sinkó, G., & Besenyő, J. (2025). <i>The Diplomatic, Political and Economic Relations between Somalia and China from 1960 to 2020</i>. International Critical Thought, 15(2), 223–240, 2025;
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| 2022/09/30-10/01 | Researchers' night - <i>Comparing Al-Shabaab's Secret Service, the Amniyat with the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISA) (Somalia)</i> |
| 2021/11/15 | 3 rd International Conference on Central European Critical Infrastructure Protection - <i>Analyzing the attacks of al-Shabaab on Kenyan critical infrastructure</i> |
| 2021/09/24-25 | Researchers' night - <i>Religion, Violence and Boko Haram & National Security and Intelligence in Somalia</i> |
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