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**I. Current research topics**

<b>Title of Project</b>	<b>Form of Result</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Foreseeable Time of Finishing</b>
The Concept of Revelation in Austrian	Paper	English	<i>To be published</i>

Philosophy (Bolzano and Günther)			
The Importance of Philosophy and the Changing of University	Paper (Conference at the University of Notre Dame)	English	2007
The Spirit of Phenomenology – The Philosophical Importance of Classical Phenomenology from Brentano to Husserl.	Book	English	2008
Jan Patočka’s Place in Classical Phenomenology	Paper, to be presented at the Patočka Memorial Conference in Prague in 2007	English	<i>To be published in 2008</i>
Anthropology from the perspective of the philosophy of religion	Paper (International Conference on Philosophical Anthropology, Budapest)	Hungarian	<i>To be published</i>
Revelation without Belief	Paper (Conference in Granada, Spain)	English	<i>To be published</i>
Divine Revelation and Human Person	Paper, presented at various conferences in more than one version	English	<i>To be published in 2006</i>
A Theory of Radical Revelation	Book	English	2010

## II. Main data in research and study

2008: International Fellow at Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University (postponed)

2007: Cardin Chair, Loyola College in Maryland

2006: Doctor of Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2005--: Full Professor, Institute of Philosophy, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary.

2004--: Director, Institute of Philosophy, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary.

2004, 2005: Visiting professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Santiago de Chile.

2003--: Chair, Department of Theoretical Philosophy at Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary.

2003-2004: Frederick T. Crosson Fellow at the University of Notre Dame du Lac (USA).

2001--: Partner in the scholarly cooperation between French and Hungarian Phenomenologists (entailing Université de Paris, Sorbonne XII of Paris, and Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest).

2002-2005: Liberal Conservatism: Facts and Perspectives of Reconstruction (Research project lead by Dr. András Láncki, sponsored by the XX. Century Institute, Budapest).

2002--2005: Széchenyi István Fellowship in the Philosophy of Religion at my then home university (Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary).

2001--: Leader of the Doctoral Program in Phenomenology at the Philosophical Faculty at Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences.

1999: Habilitation (qualification for professorship) at Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences.

1999--: I take part in the Philosophy of Religion Program at the University of Szeged.

1997--: 2001: Széchenyi Professors' Fellowship at my home university (Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary).

1997--: Chairman of the Philosophy of Religion Section of the Hungarian Philosophical Society.

1995--: Chairman of the Phenomenological Section of the Hungarian Philosophical Society.

1994--1998: Member of the Philosophical Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

1994--: Lecturer in Philosophy at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. Subjects: The History, Pre-History and Problems of Phenomenology, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics, Aspects of Political Philosophy. In this quality, I have coordinated yearly three master's theses at the average; I coordinate three to six undergraduate theses for rigorous. I also lead a number of doctoral theses in phenomenology and the philosophy of religion.

1993--1994: Deputy Leader of the Program in Phenomenology in the Institute of Philosophy at Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest.

1993: Candidate of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest.

1992--1994: Assistant Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Miskolc, Hungary. Subjects: Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion.

1992: Ph.D. in Philosophy (International Academy of Philosophy in the Principality of Liechtenstein).

1990: MA in Philosophy and Literature with a work on Augustine's Conception of Free Will (International Academy of Philosophy in the Principality of Liechtenstein).

### III. Main awards, prizes, and fellowships

2007: Cardin Chair, Loyola College, Maryland

2006: International Fellow at Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University

2005: First Prize at the National Competition for the new Hungarian translation of Friedrich Schiller's *An die Freude* – as the official text of the Hungarian version of the European Anthem.

2003-2004 Crosson Fellow at the Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA.

2002-- : Széchenyi István Fellowship.

1998-1999: International NATO Fellowship for the project *The Enlargement of the NATO — Philosophical Perspectives*.

1998-1999: Research Support Scheme Scholarship (granted by the Open Society Institute at Prague, the Czech Republic).

1997-2001: Széchenyi Professors' Fellowship.

1997: Visiting Fellowship at The Franz Rosenzweig Research Center of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

1997: Visiting Fellowship in Leuven (in connection to a research work at the Husserl Archives).

1996: DAAD-Fellow at the University of Wuppertal, Germany.

1996: Pro Renovanda Cultura Hungariae Prize for my book *God in Parenthesis: Edmund Husserl and the Outline of a Phenomenological Philosophy of Religion* (see list of publications above).

1996: Visiting Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at University of Edinburgh.

1995--1996: Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, Austria.

1994-1995: Central European University Research Support Scheme Scholarship for *Brentano's Theory of the History of Philosophy* (published as *The Four Phases of Philosophy*, co-authored by Barry Smith).

#### IV. Main publications

2006: *Essays on Religion*, Budapest: Attraktor, 2005.

2004: *Vallásbölcselet* (Philosophy of Religion, 2 vols), (Budapest: Attraktor, 2004).

2003: *Vallás és hagyomány* (Religion and Tradition), Budapest: L'Harmattan, 2003.

2003: Platonic and Husserlian Intentionality (*Recherches Husserliennes* 20, 2003).

2002: Vallás és etika (Religion and Ethics); an essay to be published in 2002 in: *Az etika enciklopédiája* (*The Encyclopedia of Ethics*), szerk. Fekete László.

2002: Fénelon, Francois, *Értekezés Isten létéről és tulajdonságairól* (Treatise on the Existence and the Attributes of God), Hungarian translation, notes and essay by Balázs Mezei, Budapest: Szent István Társulat.

2001: Ungarische Philosophie zwischen Zukunft und Vergangenheit. Ein Überblick, in: *Philosophia Hungarica. Profile zeitgenössischer philosophischer Forschung in Ungarn*, herausgegeben von Wolfram Hogrebe, Würzburg: Königshausen und Neumann, 2001, 319-328.

2001: *The Metamorphosis of Voice*, Pieces in Poetry and Philosophy, Budapest: Kortárs.

2000: Contemporary Philosophy of Religion, *Valóság*, 200/6, 3-17.

2000: Life-World and the Human Body as Problems of the Philosophy of Religion, in: *Recherches Husserliennes*, 2000, 14, 27-49.

2000: Edmund Husserl, *Karteziánus elmékedések* (Cartesian Meditations), Hungarian translation, notes and essay by Balázs Mezei, Budapest: Atlantisz.

1998-1999: Brentano and Husserl on the History of Philosophy, in: *Brentano-Studien 8* (1998/99), 81-94.

1998: *The Four Phases of Philosophy* (co-authored by Barry Smith, Amsterdam: Rodopi).

1998: *A lélek és a másik: Jan Patocka és a fenomenológia* (The Soul and the Other: Jan Patocka and Phenomenology), Budapest: Atlantisz.

1997: Two Ontologies: Phenomenology and Hermeneutics (in Hungarian, in: B. M. Mezei, ed. and trans., *Ricoeur and Husserl: The Debate*, Kossuth, Budapest, 1997).

1997: Brentano and Husserl on the History of Philosophy, *Brentano-Studien*, 9.

1997: *Zárójelbe tett Isten. Edmund Husserl és egy fenomenológiai prototeológia alapjai* (God in Parentheses. Edmund Husserl and the Outline of a Phenomenological Philosophy of Religion), Budapest: Osiris.

1997: Phenomenology in Hungary, *Encyclopedia of Phenomenology*, ed. by L. Embree et al., Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 321-326.

1997: The Crisis of Pure Reason: On the Last Work of Edmund Husserl (in: Edmund Husserl: *The Crisis of the European Sciences and the Transcendental Phenomenology*, translated by B.M. Mezei et al., edited by B. M. Mezei, Budapest: Atlantisz).

1996: Layers of Intentionality, in: J. R. Weinstein, ed., *Academic Inquiry*, IWM Vienna 1996, pp. 7-16.

1995: *World and Life-World--Aspects of the Philosophy of Edmund Husserl*, New York and Stuttgart: Peter Lang.

1995: Brentano, Cartesianism, and Jan Patočka, in: *Brentano-Studien*, 7 (1996-97), 61-75.

1994: Publication of Brentano's *Vom Ursprung sittlicher Erkenntnis* in Hungarian with notes and introduction.

1990: Publication of a volume of poetry (*Blind-spot*, Budapest: Szépirodalmi).

1988: Translation and publication of selected poems by Claudian with notes, philological explanations, and an essay on the late Roman poet.

## V. Editorial work

2002—Starting the edition of the complete works (in German and Hungarian) of Bela von Brandenstein (1901-1989), a Hungarian-German philosopher who attempted to synthesize Austrian Philosophy and Neoscholastic Theism. Publishing companies: Schöningh (Heidelberg) and Szent István Társulat (Budapest).

2001: I started the book series *Fides et Ratio: A vallásbölcselet kiskönyvtára* (Series in the Philosophy of religion, co-edited by Paul Richard Blum, Loyola College, Maryland USA). Until the end of 2002, we shall have published four volumes (Bolzano, Fenelon, Ficino, Hans Urs von Balthasar), and we plan to publish more than fifteen further volumes.

Between 1992 and 2002 I translated and edited 6 books by Thomas Molnar, a leading US conservative philosopher and essayist.

1992--1994: Editor of English and German Literature for the *Lexicon of World Literature* (Akadémiai <member of Kluwer Academic Publishers>, Budapest, volumes 14-19).

## VI. Memberships

International Phenomenological Society, University of Florida.

International Saint Thomas Aquinas Association

Hungarian Society of Phenomenologists (president).

Hungarian Society for the Philosophy of Religion (president).

International Academy of Philosophy (Liechtenstein and Chile).

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

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