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Positions at Harvard and Stanford

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# Education

**Central European University**  
2024. PhD in political science with distinction. Committee: Zsolt Enyedi (CEU), Samuel Moyn (Yale), Mathias Riedl (CEU), Andras Bozóki (CEU), Piotr Kosicki (McGill/UMD)

*On leave between September 2019 and January 2020 due to CEU relocation from Hungary to Austria and employment outside of academia.*  
**Charles University**  
2018 MA Religious Studies (summa cum laude)  
2017 MA Political Science (summa cum laude)  
2015 BA Film Studies (summa cum laude)  
2014 BA Political Science and International Relations (summa cum laude)

# Academic Career

**2025-2026 Postdoc-Track Fellow** (July-January).Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria.

**2025 Fellow** (February-March). Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia. Visegrad Fellowship Program.

**2024-2026– Postdoc Fellow**. Research Project Scaling the Transnational led by Centre Marc Bloch and the Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History. Berlin/Potsdam, Germany

# Visiting Positions, Fellowships, and Awards

**2024 Research Fellow** at the Department of Political Science. University of Vienna, Austria

**2024 Guest of the Institute**, Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Austria  
**2023 Recipient of Advanced PhD Award**, Central European University, Austria

**2022/2023 Fellow at Davis Center**, Harvard University, U.S.  
**2022/2023 Fulbright Scholar**, Fulbright Commission, U.S.  
**2022/2023 Visiting Fellowship**, Hoover Institution at Stanford University, U.S.  
**2022 CEU Certificate of Teaching** in Higher Education, Vienna, Austria  
**2022 Research Fellowship**, European University Institute (EUI), Italy  
**2021 Junior Fellowship**, Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Austria  
**2016 Research Fellowship** at Centre for Social and Political Thought, University of Sussex, U.K.

# Publications

Christian Democracy and Left. In *Handbook on Christian Democracy*. Edited by Forlenza, R, Zolleis, U. London: Routledge (forthcoming 2025)  
Christian Democratic Post-Modern: Human Rights and Rediscovery of Conservativism in Late Socialist Czechoslovakia (under review)  
Catholicism Meets Liberalism in Eastern Europe: Christian Democratic Ideological Formation in Pre-Communist Czechoslovakia (forthcoming in summer 2025 in *Europe-Asia Studies*)  
Irritating the Secular: On Peter Berger and Charles Taylor's Theological Projects. *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 25, n. 3 (2024): 443–458.  
Sustaining Significance of Confessional Form: Taking Foucault to Attitudinal Research. *Foucault Studies*, n. 34 (2023): 1-24.  
Czechoslovak Postwar Nationalism in Media Reception: The Case of Warriors of Faith. *Slovak Historical Journal* 70, n. 1 (2022): 87-115.

# Reviewer for Journals

*Politics, Religion, and Ideology  
European Journal of Political Theory  
East Central Europe Journal*

# Teaching Experience

**2022/2023** **Teaching Fellow and Guest Lecturer at Harvard University**. Department of Government. Instructor: Grzegorz Ekiert; Department of History. Instructor: Briana J. Smith.

**2020/2021** **Teaching Fellow at Central European University**. Department of Political Science. Instructor: Zsolt Enyedi.   
**2020/2021** **Teaching Fellow at Central European University**. Department of International Relations, Instructor: Christopher LaRoche.   
**2018-2020 Guest Lecturer at Charles University**, Institute of Political Studies.

# Career Outside Academia

**2021-2022. Advisor**. The Cabinet of the Minister, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Czechia

**2020-2021. Consultant, Lecturer.** Institute for Christian Democratic Politics. Czechia

**2019-2021. Chief analyst and strategist** for the party board of the Christian Democratic Union. Czechia

* Leading party strategist for the 2021 national election in the central campaign team of the winning coalition SPOLU