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by

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on

“RESOURCES, RECORDS, REFORMS: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MONASTIC POLICIES IN THE KINGDOM OF HUNGARY UNDER MARIA THERESA AND JOSEPH II”

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ABSTRACT

My dissertation examines the question how the personnel of monasteries was surveyed and managed by secular authorities in the Habsburg realms, and particularly in the Hungarian Kingdom during the reign of Maria Theresa and Joseph II between 1750 and 1790. By focusing on the formation of administrative practices that enabled more and more detailed and comprehensive record keeping about the capacities of individual monks and nuns, I investigate the impact of Maria Theresa’s and Joseph II’s church policies both on the Habsburg imperial and the Catholic ecclesiastical governmental structures. I explore how they succeeded in or fell short of creating a “rank and file” personnel of the church that could (have been) able to put into practice their vision of a “well-ordered” state and church, and, ultimately, of a well-governed society.

Instead of marking the starting point of imperial uniformity with largely identical legal texts issued on the same day or with minor delay in the central lands by Joseph II, I emphasize the synchronicity of developing bureaucratic structures in the various Habsburg domains from the 1750s, when both the blueprints of discursive patterns and administrative structures started taking shape on an imperial scale.

I consider the church policies as a complex program consisting of various points to be achieved among which always the most feasible elements were put forward among the limits of the local legal framework, administrative infrastructure and economic basis. This perspective opens up new ways of considering the place of the Hungarian Kingdom among the Habsburg realms.
It was the preparation of the law of amortization from 1750 – and the design of its later amendments – that first considered individuals as economic factors: while it intended to put a halt on the accumulation of mortmain properties, it also recognized the act of taking monastic vows as an occasion when a “dowry” or expected heritage was offered to the convent from which the expenses of the sustenance of the new member could be covered fully or partially for a lifetime. By the end of the 1760s, the costs and potential benefits of sustaining individual monks and nuns became the subject of extensive inquiries and both ecclesiastical and secular authorities were instructed to submit detailed reports according to predesigned questionnaires. Thus, the preconditions of preparing policies on the basis of previously gathered information were established and the main characteristics of the “monastic landscape” had been explored.

They also revealed a specific feature of the Hungarian Kingdom: it was dominated by mendicant orders. Consequently, the “resource potential” of the monasteries lay not so much in their goods, but in their inhabitants whose utilization for pastoral care was a clearly explicated principle. By focusing on the reports of a widening network of experts and officials, I demonstrate that the period after 1786 can be characterized rather with the intensification of the control over monasteries as new governmental and record keeping techniques made individuals visible for the state in great detail.
CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

2013 – 2019 PhD in Comparative History, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
PhD Thesis: The Place of Faith - The Implementation of Joseph II’s Church Policies in the Hungarian Kingdom

2013 MA in Comparative History, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Thesis: Medicine in and out of the Cloister: The abolition of monasteries and medic(in)al provision in late eighteenth-century Hungary

2008 MA in History, University of Szeged, Hungary
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan. – Feb. 2019 Research assistant
Creating maps and network graphs with QGIS, DARIAH-DE Geo-Browser and Palladio for Per Pippin Aspaas’ (University of Tromsø) forthcoming article entitled “Did Astronomy Constitute a Denominationally Neutral Space within the Republic of Letters? – An Outline for the Use of Visualization Tools in the Study of Astronomical Correspondence” ([OGE18] Yearbook 34/2019)

Jan. – Feb. 2018 Research assistant
Creating maps with QGIS for László Kontler’s (Central European University) and Per Pippin Aspaas’ (University of Tromsø) forthcoming book entitled “Enlightenment, Catholicism, and a Central European jeu d’échelles. Maximilian Hell and Jesuit Science in an Age of Accommodation” (Brill, 2019)

2016 Course coordinator
Summer University course of the Central European University entitled “Cities and Science: Urban History and the History of Science in the Study of Early Modern and Modern Europe” (18 July - 27 July, 2016)
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DFG Project: Academic Reforms and Knowledge Transfer. Statistics in Hungary, late 18th - early 19th centuries  
Assisted Researcher: Zsuzsanna Borbála Török, Universität Konstanz, Germany

2009 – 2012 Curator  
Heves County Museum Service’s - Hatvány Lajos Museum  
Hatvan, Hungary

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LVR - Amt für Denkmalpflege im Rheinland/Office of Cultural Heritage Preservation in Rheinland  
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Project: research on historical monument areas (Denkmalbereiche) for the online database “Kultur. Landschaft. Digital.” [www.kuladig.de](http://www.kuladig.de)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Global Teaching Fellow  
Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh  
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*Empire and Information* (2020 Spring)  
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*In Pursuit of Truth* (2020 Summer)

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Lecturer (summer semester)  
Charles University in Prague  
Seminar: *PVP Culture & Society of Central & South Eastern Europe, 1600 – 1800*

2015 – 2016 Teaching Assistant at the Central European University for the course *Governance and Improvement. State, Society and Legitimacy from the Renaissance through the Enlightenment*. Instructor: László Kontler

**PUBLIC LECTURES AND CONFERENCES**

*Klosterkerker zwischen kirchlichen und weltlichen Machtverhältnissen*  
Kirche in Bedrängnis. Akteure, Strukturen und Diskurse in der Habsburgermonarchie (1740–1792)  
Brixen, 8-9 November 2019

*Correspondence Networks in Service of Habsburg Ecclesiastical Reforms*  
Panel: Popular Medicine and Health Market in the 18th Century  
15th Congress of the International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies  
Edinburgh, 14-19 July 2019
Idle monks, active pensioners. Financing Ecclesiastical Reforms during Joseph II’s Reign in the Hungarian Kingdom
Financing Welfare Arrangements in Times of Transition: Europe from the 16th to the early 20th Century
Florence, 6-7 May 2019

Ferencesek és plébániai szolgálat II. József korában [Franciscans and pastoral care during the reign of Joseph II.]
Egyházi társadalom a 18. századi Magyarországon [Church and Society in Eighteenth-century Hungary]
Pécs, 27-28 September 2018

Források, kutak, falak – A hatvani kapucinus kolostor kertjének nyomai [Fountains, wells, walls. Traces of the Gardens of the Capuchin Monastery of Hatvan]
Örökségünk védelme és jövője 4. [Heritage Protection and its Future] Kertek - tudományos konferencia
Eger, 8-9 February 2018.

A silent servant of natural knowledge: the herbarium of 'The Flying Monk' Brother Cyprian
Cabinet of Natural History (lecture series) at the University of Cambridge, HPS
Cambridge, 27 November 2017

The Monasteries as Mediators of Medical Knowledge – Camaldolese Pharmacies of the Hungarian Kingdom and Austria
(Trans)missions: Monasteries as Sites of Cultural Transfers
International workshop organized by the Center for Ibero-American Studies of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University (SIAS FF UK), the French Institute for Research in Social Sciences (CEFRES) and the Institute of Art History of Czech Academy of Sciences (ÚDU AV ČR)
Prague, 25-26 September 2017

Koldulórendi kolostorok feloszlatása II. József korában [Dissolution of mendicant religious orders during the reign of Joseph II.]
Egyháztörténészek IV. Országos Találkozója – Szerzetesség az Egyházban a Kárpát-medencében
[4th Annual Conference of Hungarian Church Historians – Religious Orders]
Pannonhalma, 29-30 June 2017

Ecclesiastical Commissions – State Apparatus and Church Reforms Inside and Outside the Habsburg Realms
„Osvícená“ panovnice z donucení? Tereziánské reformy a společnost v českých zemích (1740–1780)
Prague, 12-13 May 2017

Negotiated Bodies. Disability in Joseph II's Church Reforms
Border Cases [Workshop organized by CEFRES PhD fellows]
Prague, 4 May 2017
Medical Expertise in the Service of Joseph II’s Church Reforms
Annual Postgraduate Conference of the British Society for the History of Science
Florence (European University Institute) 5-7 April 2017

Madness and Monastic Prisons in Late Eighteenth-century Hungary
Enlightenment and Catholicism In Central Europe
International workshop organized by the Pázmány Péter Catholic University
Budapest, 2–3 June 2016,

Pioneers, Quacks, Professionals: Monastery Pharmacists in Eighteenth-Century Hungary
Intertwined Enlightenments? - Studies of science and empire in the Habsburg, Ottoman and Russian
realms during the eighteenth century
Workshop at the Institute for Advanced Study, Central European University
Budapest, 19-20 May, 2016

Social Utility and Changing Devotional Practices in Joseph II’s Church Reforms
Panel: How to Pray? I - Panel of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Erforschung des Achtzehnten
Jahrhunderts
The Medical Books of Apothecaries in Eighteenth-century Hungary (with Ágnes Romhányi)
Panel: Popular Medicine and Health Market in the 18th Century
14th Congress of the International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, ISECS 2015 - SIEDS 2015
Rotterdam, July 27-31, 2015

Ferencesek a jozefiánus egyházpolitika szolgálatában [Franciscans in Service of Joseph II’s Church
Politics]
“KoraújkorÁsz” - 3rd Graduate Conference in Early Modern Studies
Eötvös Loránd University, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Central European University

Confessionalized Monasteries - Social Utility and State Power in Joseph II’s Church Reforms
The State in European History: Ideas, Norms and Practices from the Early Modern Times to the Present
8th Graduate Conference in European History – 2014
European University Institute, Florence, May 8-10, 2014

Poor Clares at the Crossroads
Interrogating the Archive: Preserving and Interpreting Knowledges of the Past
University of Minnesota - Central European University
Budapest, May 18-19, 2013
A hatvani kapucinusok gyógyszertár-alapítása Grassalkovich I. Antal idején [The Foundation of the Capuchin Pharmacy of Hatvan and its Patron Count Antal Grassalkovich]
Antal Grassalkovich - Landlord, Politician, Patron
Museum of the Royal Palace at Gödöllő - Town Museum of Gödöllő
Gödöllő, September 16, 2011

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Jan. – Dec. 2020  Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh
Global Teaching Fellowship Program, CEU

Oct. – Nov. 2019  Collegium Hungaricum, Research Fellowship, Vienna, Austria

April – Sept. 2019  Write-up Grant, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

March 2019  University of Vienna, Pez Workshop, Vienna, Austria
Aktion Österreich-Ungarn, AÖHU-Universitätslehrerstipendien

March – Dec. 2018  Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG), Mainz, Germany
Doctoral Research Fellow

Oct. – Dec. 2017  University of Cambridge, Trinity College, Cambridge, United Kingdom
Visiting Researcher, MCR Honorary Member
Doctoral Research Support Grant, Central European University

2016 – 2017  French Research Center in Humanities and Social Sciences – Prague, Czech Republic
PhD fellow

Jan. – June 2016  Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
Faculty of Arts, Institute of Czech History
Erasmus + Programme, Study Abroad

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Hungarian: native language  Latin: intermediate
English: fluent  Czech: basic
German: fluent  French: basic
DIGITAL SKILLS

- QGIS – Independent User
- DARIAH-DE Geo-Browser, Palladio, Google Maps/My Maps – Independent User
- DARIAH-DE Publikator, COSMO-tool – Basic user
- TRACER – Basic user
- Wordpress (Webpage/blog creation) – Independent User
- Microsoft Office – Independent User

FURTHER TRAINING

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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS


EDITOR