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Current positions	GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY Washington, DC Visiting Fellow, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliott School of Int'l Affairs (2024-)
	ATLANTIC COUNCIL, GLOBAL CHINA HUB Washington, DC Nonresident Fellow (2022-)
Education	TUFTS UNIVERSITY, THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY Boston, MA Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Relations, September 2023 Concentrations: International Security Studies, International Relations Theory Dissertation: <i>The Sources of American Conduct: U.S. Strategy, China's Rise, and International Order</i> Studied with Robert Pfaltzgraff, Monica Toft, Jeffrey Taliaferro, Stephen Walt, Richard Rosecrance
	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT Cambridge, MA Master in Public Administration, May 2016 Studied International Relations with Joseph Nye, R. Nicholas Burns, Niall Ferguson, Charles Maier
	PÁZMÁNY CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL Budapest, Hungary Doctor of Law (J.D.), focus: International Law, <i>cum laude</i>, June 2004
	BARD COLLEGE Annandale-on-Hudson, New York Kellner Scholarship, Program in International Education (non-degree), 2001-2002 Concentration: International Relations / International History; Advisor: James Chace
	EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY Budapest, Hungary Master of Arts in American Studies (American History), <i>summa cum laude</i>, July 2002 Master of Arts in Political Science, <i>summa cum laude</i>, February 2002 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master's Thesis in American History: <i>The Transformation of NATO's Mission in the 1990s</i>• Master's Thesis in Political Science: <i>Prime Minister's Office—Comparative & Historical Analysis</i>
Teaching experience & curriculum development	ADJUNCT LECTURER – teaching and curriculum development of undergraduate-level course Tufts University, Department of Political Science (Medford, MA) Fall 2019: <i>What is Grand Strategy?</i>
	INSTRUCTOR – teaching recitations in undergraduate-level course (Prof. Jarrod Hayes) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science (Cambridge, MA) Spring 2019: <i>Introduction to International Relations</i>
	INSTRUCTOR – teaching and curriculum development of undergraduate-level course Ivy League Summer Institute, Harvard Law School (Cambridge, MA) Summer 2018: <i>Introduction to International Relations and International Law</i>
	TEACHING ASSISTANT to Professor Joseph Nye Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government (Cambridge, MA) Spring 2016: <i>Leadership and Ethics in American Foreign Policy</i>
	ADJUNCT LECTURER – teaching and curriculum development of graduate-level courses Pázmány Catholic University Law School, Joint Program with University of San Francisco (Budapest) Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010: <i>The Evolution of European Integration and the EU</i>
	King Sigismund University (today Milton Friedman University – Budapest) Spring 2005: <i>Introduction to International Relations Theory</i> Spring 2004 – Spring 2005: <i>The History of U.S. Foreign Policy</i>
	Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science (Budapest) Fall 2004, Spring 2004: <i>English and American Theories of International Relations</i> Fall 2003, Spring 2005: <i>The Role of International Organizations in Foreign and Security Policy</i>

Professional experience

- 2021-2022 **CLEMENTS CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS** Austin, TX
Predoctoral Fellow working with Director Will Inboden
- 2017-2021 **CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, THE FLETCHER SCHOOL** Boston, MA
Research Fellow – working with Director Monica Toft on U.S. grand strategy and U.S.-China relations
- 2015 **STATE SECRETARIAT FOR EUROPEAN UNION AFFAIRS** Budapest, Hungary
Director, Office of EU Coordination
- Oversaw coordination mechanism of Hungary’s position on EU policies across Hungarian gov’t
 - Led development of new coordination mechanism and directed day-to-day activities
 - Liaised with interlocutors in EU institutions and Hungarian administration
- HUNGARIAN FOREIGN SERVICE**
- 2002-2014 **Professional Diplomat**
- 2012, 2014 **EMBASSY OF HUNGARY TO THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY** Ankara, Turkey
Chargé d’Affaires a.i. (Acting Ambassador)
- Acted as Hungary's No 1 representative in Turkey
 - Led the work of the Embassy; focused research on Turkey’s foreign policy / national security
 - My work profiled in *AnkaraScene* and *Issue Magazine*
- 2011-2014 **Deputy Chief of Mission**
- Acted as No 2 of the Embassy
 - Researched/analyzed Turkey’s foreign policy and national security, US-Turkey relations, NATO efforts in Turkey and the region, the Syrian conflict
- 2011 **RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL COMMISSION OF HUNGARY**
Senior Director, Reagan Centennial Commemorative Events in Hungary
- 2010-2011 **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS** Budapest, Hungary
Senior US Desk Officer and EU-US Coordinator
- Drafted policy for US-Hungary bilateral relations, Hungary’s policy on EU-US relations
 - Researched and analyzed US national security and foreign policy, Transatlantic relations
 - Organized visits by Hungarian officials to the US and by US officials to Hungary
 - Organized the *Trans-Atlantic Week* in June 2011 (Reagan Centennial Commemorations and Inauguration of Reagan Statue, Opening of the Tom Lantos Institute, visit by two Congressional delegations, visits by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton & former Secy of State Condoleezza Rice)
- 2005-2009 **EMBASSY OF HUNGARY TO THE UNITED STATES** Washington, DC
Foreign Policy Analyst, Press Attaché
- Researched and analyzed US foreign & security policy, Trans-Atlantic relations, US-China relations
 - Led the Embassy's creative public diplomacy efforts
 - Main achievements:
 - close bilateral relations, especially in security-defense policy
 - US granted visa-free status to Hungarian citizens
 - my work profiled in *Washington Times*, *Washington Diplomat*, *Diplomatic Courier*, *Daily Iowan*
- 2002-2005 **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS** Budapest, Hungary
United Nations, International Development, & Humanitarian Affairs Desk Officer
- Drafted policy & communications for Hungary’s involvement in various UN bodies and international organizations (including UNDP, UNHCR, IOM, WFP, ILO)
 - Researched and analyzed the UN’s activities in humanitarian affairs and development assistance

**Publications:
book
chapters,
journal
articles,
policy
articles**

- “Xi Jinping visited Europe to divide it,” *New Atlanticist*, Atlantic Council, June 1, 2024 <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/xi-jinping-visited-europe-to-divide-it-what-happens-next-could-determine-if-he-succeeds/>
- “Analyzing Strategic Competition Between the U.S. and China,” *RANE Stratfor Applied Geopolitics Podcast* with Rodger Baker, April 21, 2023 <https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/applied-geopolitics-analyzing-strategic-competition-between-us-and-china>
- “Joseph Nye 85: From Integration Theory to Complex Interdependence to Soft Power,” *The Duck of Minerva* January 31, 2022 <https://www.duckofminerva.com/2022/01/joseph-nye-85-from-integration-theory-to-complex-interdependence-to-soft-power.html>
- “Games and Simulations in Teaching International Relations” (co-author with Frank Sobchak), contribution to *H-Diplo* teaching roundtable on games/simulations, Feb 2021 <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/7300833/h-diplo-roundtable-xxii-27-teaching-roundtable-games-and>
- “The Transformation of World Order, U.S. Grand Strategy, and China’s Challenge in the 21st Century” in Csaba Káncz (ed.), *Changing World Orders*, Budapest: Kossuth Publishing, Nov 2020 (book chapter in edited volume) <https://www.kossuth.hu/konyv/5335/valtozo-vilagrend>
- “The Rise and Fall of U.S. Engagement toward China,” *Elephants in the War Room*, August 2020 <https://sites.tufts.edu/css/the-rise-and-fall-of-u-s-engagement-toward-china/>
- “Realpolitik & Cooperation in the Age of COVID-19” *Global Security Review* May 2020 <https://globalsecurityreview.com/realpolitik-cooperation-covid-19/>
- “Does the Trump Administration Have A Strategy for Asia?” *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, April 2017 <http://www.fletcherforum.org/home/2017/4/6/does-the-trump-administration-have-a-strategy-for-asia-thoughts-ahead-of-the-trump-xi-summit>
- “Neorealist Trump: A New Grand Strategy?” *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, March 2017 <http://www.fletcherforum.org/home/2017/3/4/neorealist-trump-a-new-grand-strategy>
- “Why Trump? – Why the Hungarian Prime Minister supports the Republican candidate” (co-author), Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy, July 2016 <http://www.ceid.hu/why-trump-possible-reasons-why-the-hungarian-prime-minister-supports-the-republican-candidate/>
- “Why Reagan? Why Budapest?” *Reagan: Budapest! Blog* June 2011 <http://reaganbudapest.reblog.hu/miert-reagan-miert-budapest>
- “George F. Kennan: A Realist Diplomat in Designing U.S. Strategy for the Cold War.” In: Tibor Frank (ed.): *From Provinces to Empire*. Gondolat, 2007. pp. 205-226 (book chapter in ed. vol.)
- “George F. Kennan: A Realist Diplomat Shaping American Foreign Policy,” *Kül-Világ* foreign policy journal, 2005/2-3, pp. 83-92. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/341298385_George_F_Kennan_A_Realist_Diplomat_Shaping_American_Foreign_Policy
- “The Background Institutions of Governments: American and European Models. Part I.” *Hungarian Review of Political Science* 2002/3-4 http://www.poltudszemle.hu/szamok/2002_3szam/2002_3_feher.pdf
- “NATO’s New Place in the European Security Architecture” *Bard Journal of Social Sci.* Fall 2001 https://www.researchgate.net/publication/341447962_NATO's_New_Place_in_European_Security_Architecture

**Honors and
Awards**

- Honos Civicus Award for community service & civic engagement, The Fletcher School, Apr 2023
- Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship, Notre Dame International Security Center, 2021-2022
- Harvard Kennedy School, International Security Predoctoral Fellowship, 2021-2022 (declined)
- Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University, Visiting Scholar position, 2021-2022 (declined)
- Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship, 2020-2021
- The Fletcher School, Taussig Fellowship in Honor of William Martel, 2019-2020
- Bradley Foundation / Fletcher Int’l Security Studies Program, Bradley Fellow, 2019-2020
- Kittredge Educational Fund, Dissertation Research Grant, 2018-2019
- Bradley Foundation / Fletcher Int’l Security Studies Program, Bradley Fellow, 2018-2019
- Scaife Foundation / Fletcher Int’l Security Studies Program, Research Fellowship, 2017-2018
- Tufts University, Graduate Competitive Initiative Fellowship, 2016-2018
- Provost Fellow, Tufts University, 2016-2018
- Harvard Kennedy School, Ferenc A. Vali Scholarship (full tuition), 2015-2016
- Kellner Scholarship, academic exchange, Bard College, Annandale-on-H., New York, 2001-2002
- Government of Hungary, European Public Administration Education Scholarship, 1999

**Invited
conference
lectures,
research
presentations**

- Chair, “U.S. Grand Strategy and World Order in the Age of Great Power Competition” – roundtable with Peter Dombrowski, Nina Silove, Andres Gannon, Nicole Grajewski et al. International Studies Association (ISA) Convention 2024, San Francisco, April 2024
- “From Tiananmen to Most Favored Nation Status: The Bush 41 Administration’s China Strategy” International Studies Association (ISA) Convention 2023, Montréal, March 2023
- “How Did We Lose China? U.S. Grand Strategy and China’s Rise in the Post-Cold War Period” Morgenthau Fellows Teaching Seminar, Washington DC, July 2022
- “From the ‘Butchers of Beijing’ Slogan to Strategic Partnership: Clinton’s China Strategy” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, Sep-Oct 2021
- “U.S. Grand Strategy and World Order in Light of COVID-19” – roundtable with Monica Toft, Joseph Nye, Kori Schake, Peter Dombrowski, Emma Ashford, Kevin Narizny, Nina Silove et al. International Studies Association (ISA) Convention 2021, April 2021
- “U.S. Grand Strategy in a Changing International Environment” – panel with Monica Toft (chair), Peter Dombrowski, Nina Silove, and Thomas Cavanna International Studies Association (ISA) Convention 2021, April 2021
- “The Sources of American Conduct: U.S. Grand Strategy and the Rise of China” – paper present. International Studies Association Convention 2021, April 2021
- “From Tiananmen to the World Trade Organization: Why Did the United States Help China’s Rise in the Early Post-Cold War Period?” Cato Institute’s Junior Scholar Symposium, October 9-10, 2020
- “U.S. Grand Strategy and World Order” – roundtable with Monica Toft, Richard Rosecrance, Kori Schake, Peter Dombrowski, Emma Ashford, Kevin Narizny, and Thomas Cavanna International Studies Association Convention 2020, Honolulu, March 2020 (canceled)
- “Why Has the United States Enabled China’s Rise?” – paper presentation International Studies Association Convention 2020, Honolulu, March 2020 (canceled)
- “Post-Cold War U.S. Grand Strategy” EPIIC Symposium “The World of Tomorrow: Order and Chaos,” Tufts Univ., Feb 2017
- “Grand Strategy and Eurasia’s Geopolitical Volatility” EPIIC, Order & Chaos: Diplomacy & Force in a Changing World, Tufts Univ., Nov 2016 <http://www.tuftsgloballeadership.org/epiic-2016-17-order-and-chaos-diplomacy-and-force-changing-world>
- “The State of Democracy in the World” “Democracy at a Crossroads” Acad. Confer., Bard College, Oct 2016 <http://iile.bard.edu/pic/>
- “Turkey’s Foreign Policy and the Arab Spring” “Changing Face of the Middle East,” German Council on FR (DGAP), Berlin, Nov 2012
- “American Hegemony and the Changing International Order” “Changing World Order?” Conference, Pannon University, Hungary, November 2009
- "From Back Channels to 'The Colbert Report': The Changing Face of Transatlantic Diplomacy" Iowa City Foreign Relations Council & International Writing Program, Sep 2008
- “EU/NATO Responses to Terrorism, Proliferation and Failing States” (discussant) 7th New Faces Conference, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin, 2004

**Professional
memberships**

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- Foreign Policy Association (FPA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Academy of Political Science (APS)
- Hungarian Atlantic Council (elected)

**Professional
leadership &
volunteer
experience**

- Chair, Editorial Board, IDR Scholarly Article Depositories, New Jersey City University, 2020-23
- Member, PhD Committee, The Fletcher School, 2017-2019
- Senator, Harvard Graduate Council, 2015-2016
- Chair, International Security Professional Interest Council, Harvard Kennedy School, 2015-16
- Founder, Strategic Director, Europa Varietas Institute (Hungary), 2010- <http://www.europavarietas.org>
- President, Young Diplomats Club, Budapest (Hungary), 2009-2011
- Founder, Editor, T&P Journal of Society and Politics (Hungary), 2004-2012 http://www.europavarietas.org/society_and_politics
- Founder, *Euro-Atlantic Evenings* lecture series on foreign and security policy, Hungarian Academy of Science/Corvinus University, Budapest, 2002-2011 <https://www.facebook.com/euroatlanticevenings>
- Chairperson, Central European Student Network (student org.s from 7 countries), 1999-2000