

**P e r s o n a l**

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**A c a d e m i c  
e x p e r i e n c e**

Main Fields of Research	Position Research Fellow Employer Institute of History, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Date From October 2001
	Hungarian military and security policy, 1920-1991 The history of the Hungarian intelligence agencies, 1920-1991 Hungary-related activities of the foreign intelligence agencies, 1920-1991 Hungarian-Yugoslav relations, 1945-1991

**E x p e r i e n c e a s  
d o c u m e n t a r y  
f i l m m a k e r**

Position	Principal historical consultant
Title of the production	"Blessed is the Match. The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh"
Production company	Katahdin Productions, Los Angeles, USA
Director	Roberta Grossman
Date	From August 2006
Position	Principal historical consultant - co-producer
Title of the production	"Gettysburg to Budapest"
Production company	Boritt Films, New York, USA
Director	Jake Boritt
Date	June 2006 – June 2007
Position	Co-writer - editor
Title of the production	"Fedőneve: Achilleus"

Production company	Vox-Trade Média, Budapest, Hungary
Director	Lajos Fazekas
Date	September 2004-August 2005
Position	Researcher
Title of the production	"Auschwitz - The Nazis and the Final Solution"
Production company	BBC, London, United Kingdom
Director	Laurence Rees
Date	June-August 2004
Position	Researcher, interviewer
Title of the production	"Das Wunder von Bern – Die wahre Geschichte"
Production Company	Broadview.tv, Cologne, Germany
Director	Sebastian Dehnhardt
Date	June-December 2003
Position	Researcher
Title of the production	"Birodalom romjai"
Production Company	MTV, Budapest, Hungary
Director	György Hoffman
Date	October 2001 - March 2002

### A d d i t i o n a l a c t i v i t i e s

Position	Exhibition advisor
Institution	Museum of Jewish Heritage – Living Memorial to The Holocaust
Date	New York City, USA From May 2009

### E d u c a t i o n

Position	Ph.D. Candidate in Military Science
Ph.D. Thesis title	"The British Secret Intelligence Service and Hungary, 1939-1945"
Institution	Miklós Zrínyi National Defence University, Budapest, Hungary
Date	From 2007
Degree	Masters of Arts Degree in Central European History
Institution	Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Date	2001
Degree	Bachelors of Arts in History
Institution	Lóránd Eötvös University of Arts And Sciences, Budapest, Hungary
Date	2000

### M e m b e r s h i p s

Center for Balkan Studies
International Intelligence History Association
Hungarian Historical Society

### S e l e c t e d p u b l i c a t i o n s

"A szövetséges megtévesztő hadműveletek és Magyarország 1943-1944" [The Allied Deception Operations and Hungary, 1943-1944] *Századok* 2009/3. [Forthcoming]

"Izrael nemzeti hőse. Szenes Hanna" [Israel's National Heroine. Hannah Senesh] (with Anna Szalai) István Simon (ed.) *Hősök*. Budapest: Totem Kiadó, 2008, pp. 218-221.

"War on Tito's Yugoslavia? The Hungarian Army in Early Cold War Strategies" Nemanja Miloševic (ed.) *Međunarodni Naučni Skup „Balkanski Pakt 1953/1954“ Beograd 9. i 10. Novembar 2005. Zbornik Radova*. Beograd: Institut za Strategijska Istraživanja-Odeljenje za Vojnu Istoriju, 2008, pp. 251-281.

Footnotes concerning the British and American Intelligence. *Vallomások a holtak házából. Ujszaszy Istvan vezérőrnagynak, a 2. vfk. osztály és az Államvédelmi Központ vezetőjének az ÁVH fogáságában írott feljegyzései*. György Haraszti (ed.) Budapest: ÁBTL-Corvina, 2007.

"Ellenállhatatlan ellenálló. A legújabb Bond-girl eredetije" [The Irresistible Krystyna Skarbek. The Actual Person behind the Character of Newest Bond girl] (with Balázs Illényi) *Heti Világgazdaság*, 16 December 2006. pp. 71-73.

*The Hungarian Revolution 1956* (with Erwin A. Schmidl) Elite Series No. 148. Oxford: Osprey, 2006.

"A Gestapo magyar ügynökei. Germanofil jelenti." [The Hungarian agents of the Gestapo. Agent Germanophile reports] (with Balázs Illényi) *Heti Világgazdaság*, 16 April 2005. pp. 71-73.

*War On Tito's Yugoslavia? The Hungarian Army in Early Cold War Soviet Strategies*. Analysis, Document and Photo Collection. Parallel History Project on Cooperative Security (PHP). Available: <http://www.php.isn.ethz.ch/collections/colltopic.cfm?lang=en&id=15463>; Internet.

"Végig itt voltak. Szovjet kémek Magyarországon." [They were here all the time. The Soviet Intelligence in Hungary during the Second World War] (with Balázs Illényi) *Heti Világgazdaság*, 8 January 2005. pp. 85-87.

"Az ügynök élete. 1956 és az amerikai hírszerzés." [The Tragedy of Frank Wisner. 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the American Intelligence] (with Balázs Illényi) *Heti Világgazdaság*, 30 October 2004. pp. 75-78.

"Tito diplomataja. Vladimir Velebittel Ritter László beszélget." [Tito's Diplomat. László Ritter's Interview with Vladimir Velebit] *Beszélő*, 2004/10. pp. 60-81.

*The Evolution of the European Security and Defence Policy* (with Gergely Tóth) MTA-ELTE NATO Dokumentációs Központ June 2004. Available: <http://nato-kozpont.hu>; Internet.

## Selected lectures

Title	"A szövetséges megtévesztő hadműveletek és Magyarország 1943-1944." [The Allied Deception Operations and Hungary, 1943-1944] Contribution to László Borhi's lecture for the Hungarian Historical Association.
Place and date	Budapest, Hungary, 14 April 2009.
Title	"Historical Introduction and Additional Remarks to the Blessed is the Match. The Life and Death of Hannah Senesh documentary film"
Place and date	Holocaust Memorial Museum of the Jewish Federation San Antonio, Texas, USA, 18 February, 2009.
Title	"Hannah Senesh and her Legacy"
Place and date	Congregation Rodfei Sholom Synagogue San Antonio San Antonio, Texas, USA, 14 February, 2009.
Title	"The Secret War between the Soviet bloc and Tito's Yugoslavia, 1948- 1954"
Conference	East-Central Europe in the Cold War, 1945-1989
Place and date	Instytut Pamięci Narodowej Warsaw, Poland, 17 October 2008.
Title	"The Hidden Hand. Hungary's Cold War Legacy"
Conference	Cold War Research and Cold War Politics in the Post-Cold War Period: Scandinavia and Eastern Europe in Comparison
Place and Date	University of Aarhus Aarhus, Denmark, 18 May 2008.
Title	"The Soviet-Hungarian Intelligence Co-operation in the Early Cold War Period"
Conference	NKVD/KGB Activities and its Cooperation with other Secret Services in Central and Eastern Europe 1945 – 1989
Place and date	Ústav pamäti národa Bratislava, Slovakia, 15 November 2007.
Title	"The Alpine Region from the Hungarian Military and Intelligence Perspective, 1948-1956"
Conference	Security in the Alpine Region. The Past and Future
Place and date	Landesverteidigungsakademie-Militärgeschichtliches Forschungsamt (Potsdam) Vienna - Reichenau, Austria, 25 September 2007.
Title	"The Secret War between the Soviet bloc and Tito's Yugoslavia"
Conference	Intelligence Clash: East vs West During the Cold War. 13th Annual Meeting of the International Intelligence History Association
Place and date	Weimar, Germany, 20 April 2007.
Title	"Hungary and the Western Intelligence Agencies in 1956"
Conference	1956 in Hungary and Finland. 9. Finnish-Hungarian Seminar
Place and date	University of Turku Turku, Finland, 12 November 2006.

Title	"Western Intelligence and the Hungarian Revolution of 1956"
Conference	An der Grenze: Die Ungarnkrise 1956 und Österreich. Internationales wissenschaftliches Symposion
Place and date	Landesverteidigungsakademie Vienna, Austria, 17 October 2006.
Title	"Western Intelligence and the Hungarian Revolution of 1956"
Conference	1956: Year of Crises. Hungary & Suez
Place and date	University of Toronto Toronto, Canada, 27 September 2006.
Title	"The Soviet-Hungarian Armed Struggle for Budapest"
Conference	The 1956 Revolution and War of Independence: 50th Anniversary Conference
Place and date	Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana, USA, 4 March 2006.
Title	"Hungarian Perceptions of Threat, 1948-1955"
Conference	Balkan Pact 1953-1954
Place and date	Vojnoistorijski Institut Belgrade, Serbia, 12 November 2005.
Title	"New Sources about the place of Yugoslavia in the military plans of the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies"
Conference	Serbia (Yugoslavia) 1945-1991
Place and date	Institut za savremenu istoriju Belgrade-Sombor, Serbia, 6 May 2005.
Title	"Hungary and the World Cup Final in 1954"
Conference	8. Finnish-Hungarian Seminar . Nationalism in Finland and Hungary. Self-preservation or Isolation?
Place and date	University of Turku Turku, Finland, 9 September 2004.