

CURRICULUM VITAE



- 1. NAME:** Zoltán SZENTE
- 2. DATE OF BIRTH:** 16/03/1966
- 3. CITIZENSHIP:** Hungarian
- 4. FAMILY STATUS:** married

5. QUALIFICATION:

Institute	University of József Attila Tudományegyetem, Faculty of Law, Szeged
Duration	1985–1990
Graduation	Dr. iur.

6. LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE:

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Hungarian	5	5	5
English	5	4	4
German	5	3	3
French	3	1	1

7. WORKPLACES:

7.1. Current

Research Professor	CENTRE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES, INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL STUDIES, BUDAPEST	2013-
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7.2. Previous

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow	EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, LAW DEPARTMENT, FLORENCE	2023-2024
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Full Professor of Law	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF PUBLIC SERVICE (NUPS), DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW, BUDAPEST	2013-2023
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Full Professor of Law	UNIVERSITY OF SZÉCHENYI ISTVÁN, FACULTY OF LAW, DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, GYŐR	2012-2013
Associate Professor		2009-2012

Senior Research Fellow	UNIVERSITY OF EÖTVÖS LORÁNT, FACULTY OF LAW, DEPARTMENT OF HUNGARIAN LEGAL HISTORY, BUDAPEST, (PART-TIME)	1998-2009
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Senior Research Fellow	HUNGARIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BUDAPEST	1998-2009
Research Fellow		1990-1998

Research Fellow	UNIVERSITY OF JÓZSEF ATTILA, FACULTY OF LAW, DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, SZEGED	1990
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8. TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2013-

comparative constitutional law, Hungarian constitutional law, European constitutional history, parliamentary studies; National University of Public Administration, Budapest

2009-2013

constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, European constitutional history, University of Széchenyi István, Faculty of Law, Győr

1998-2009

European constitutional history, University of Eötvös Loránd, Faculty of Law, Budapest

1992-2001

basic and professional training for civil servants, Hungarian Institute of Public Administration, Budapest

1996-1998

administrative law, Police Academy, Budapest

9. MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE:

2020-

Deputy Director, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies, Budapest

2013-2014

Head of Department, National University of Public Service (NUPS), Department of Constitutional Law, Budapest

2013-2014

Head of Institute, National University of Public Service (NUPS), Institute for Constitutional Law, Budapest

2012-2013

Founder and Head of the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, University of Széchenyi István, Faculty of Law, Győr

1999-2009

Head of Branch for Public Administration, CONSACT Quality Development and Management Consulting Ltd., Budapest (part-time)

10. SCIENTIFIC DEGREES:

- PhD (1998)
- Habilitation (2008)
- DSc (2012)

11. SCIENTIFIC TITLES AND AWARDS

- Pro Facultate, University of Eötvös Loránd, Faculty of Law, 2003
- Honorary Professor of Law, University of Eötvös Loránd, Faculty of Law, 2004
- Dr. habil iur. (legal science), 2008
- Full Professor of Law, 2012-

12. MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ORGANISATIONS:

- IACL Research Group on Constitutional Interpretation, co-chairman (since 2019)
- Group of Independent Experts, Council of Europe, member, vice-chairman (2013-2023)
- International Academy of Comparative Law, member
- Advisory Board, Sofia Legal Science Network, member
- International Society of Public Law, member
- International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions, member
- International Journal of Parliamentary Studies, chairman of the Editorial Board
- Acta Iuridica Hungarica, member of the Editorial Committee
- Research Group on Constitution-Making and Constitutional Change, International Association of Constitutional Law, member
- Wissenschaftlichen Beirat, Zeitschrift für öffentliches Recht, member

13. RESEARCH FIELDS:

- Comparative constitutional and administrative law
- Constitutional theory
- Rule of law
- European constitutional history
- Central–local government relations, local government

14. INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Research topic	Host institution	Year
<i>Central-local government relations</i>	University of Birmingham, Birmingham	1992
<i>Central-local government relationships</i>	Oxford Hospitality Scheme, Nuffield College, Oxford	1994
<i>Citizens' Charter</i>	University of Birmingham, Birmingham	1996
<i>European constitutional history</i>	Nuffield College, Oxford	2005
<i>Commentary of the Hungarian Constitution</i>	Max-Planck-Institute für öffentliches ausländisches Recht und Völkerrecht, Heidelberg	2007
<i>Visiting Professor</i>	London College University, London	2019
<i>Visiting scholar (Erasmus)</i>	Max-Planck-Institut für Rechtsgeschichte und Rechtstheorie, Frankfurt	2021
<i>Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow</i>	European University Institute, Florence	2023-2024

15. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS (in the last ten years)

Research project	Host institute/project management	Year
<i>The New Hungarian Fundamental Law (research leader)</i>	National University of Public Service, Ministry of Justice, Budapest–Rome	2013-2015
<i>The Principle of Effective Legal protection in Administrative Law (research leader)</i>	National University of Public Service; Institute for Legal Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest	2013-2016
<i>Fédéralisme et Décentralisation. La Place des Régions en Europe. Federalism and Decentralisation. The Position of Regions in Europe.</i>	Université de Rouen	2015-2016
<i>Constitutional Courts under Pressure (project leader)</i>	Institute for Legal Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences	2015-2018
<i>Max-Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law</i>	Max-Planck-Institute für öffentliches ausländisches Recht und Völkerrecht, Heidelberg, Oxford University Press	2018-2019
<i>Constitutional interpretation in European populist regimes – new methods or old tools for new purposes? (project leader)</i>	IACL Research Group on Constitutional Interpretation	2019-2022
<i>Constitutional Risk Management in V4 Countries (project leader)</i>	HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences	2019-2023
<i>Bicameralism (expert)</i>	Venice Commission	2023-2024
<i>Democratic Efficacy and the Varieties of Populism in Europe (H2020)</i>	Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest	2018-2022
<i>Judges under Stress</i>	University of Oslo	2019-2022
<i>Human Rights Protection in States of Emergency. Theory and Practice of the Visegrad Group Countries</i>	Jagellonian University, Cracow	2021-2022
<i>Populism, Non-State Actors, and Legal Mobilisation in Europe</i>	Erasmus University, Rotterdam	2023-2024
<i>Constitutional Risk Management in the V4 Countries (project leader)</i>	HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest-Bratislava-Cracow-Prague	2020-2023
<i>DEMOS – Democratic Efficacy and the Varieties of Populism in Europe</i>	HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences (Horizon 2020 project)	2021-2023
<i>The Separation of Powers in the Global Arena</i>	IRPA, LUISS University, Rome	2022-2023

<i>Ten Years Later: The Use of Foreign Precedents by Constitutional Judges</i>	IACL Research Project	2022-2024
<i>Constitutional Intolerance</i>	Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford	2023-2024
<i>Constitutional History: Comparative Perspectives. Landmark Judgments</i>	Illinois College of Law, University of Bologna	2023-2024
<i>How to measure the rule of law violations in state of emergency?</i>	European University Institute	2023-2024

16. MAJOR PUBLICATIONS FROM THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Books

- Zoltán Szente and Fruzsina Gárdos-Orosz (eds.), *New Challenges to Constitutional Adjudication in Europe: A Comparative Perspective*. Routledge, London, 2018.
- Zoltán Szente and Fruzsina Gárdos-Orosz (eds.), *Populist Challenges to Constitutional Interpretation in Europe and Beyond*, Routledge, 2021.
- *Constitutional Law in Hungary*, 2nd–4th ed., Wolters Kluwer, 2021, 2022, 2024.

Book chapters

- How Illiberal Democracy Kills Regional Government in Hungary? In Sylvia Calmes-Brunet, Arun Sagar (eds.): *Federalisme, Decentralisation et Regionalisation de l'Europe; Federalism, Decentralisation and Regionalisation*. Editions L'Epitoge, Toulouse, 2017.
- Challenging the Basic Values – Problems in the Rule of Law in Hungary and the Failure of the EU to Tackle Them. In András Jakab and Kochenov, Dimitry (eds.): *The Enforcement of EU Law and Values: Ensuring Member States' Compliance*. Oxford University Press, 2017.
- Die ungarische Verfassung von 1949/1989. In *Freiheit und Verantwortung Verfassung und Menschenrechte in Ungarn und in Deutschland im Wandel der Zeit*. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Heidelberg, 2018.
- Administrative Control. In Rainer Grote et al. (eds.), *Max-Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law*, Oxford University Press, 2019.
- Subverting Judicial Independence in the New Authoritarian Regimes: Comparing Polish and Hungarian Judicial Reforms, In Martin Belov (ed.), *The Role of Courts in Contemporary Legal Orders*, Eleven International Publishing, 2019.
- The Constitutional Identity Conundrum, In Mercescu, Alexandra (ed.), *Constitutional Identities in Central and Eastern Europe*, Peter Lang, 2020.
- Constitution-making processes in Europe since the Second World War, In Martin, Belov and Antoni, Abat i Ninet (eds.), *Revolution, Transition, Memory, and Oblivion. Reflections on Constitutional Change*, Edward Elgar, 2020.
- Using Emergency Powers in Hungary: Against the Pandemic and/or Democracy? In Matthias, C Kettemann; Konrad, Lachmayer (eds.), *Pandemocracy in Europe: Power, Parliaments and People in Times of COVID-19*, Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2022. [co-author: Fruzsina, Gárdos-Orosz]

- Constitutional Effects of Populism in EU Member States, 2010–2020, In Castellà Andreu, Josep Maria; Simonelli, Marco Antonio (eds.) *Populism and Contemporary Democracy in Europe: Old Problems and New Challenges*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.
- Del activismo judicial a la sumisión – el deterioro de la sentencia constitucional en Hungría, In Pablo, Riberi; Pedro, Salazar Ugarte (eds.) *Decisión democrática y forma constitucional*, México, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, 2022.
- Immunity of Legislative Body Members, In Rainer, Grote, Frauke, Lachenmann Rüdiger, Wolfrum (eds.), *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law*, Oxford University Press, 2022.
- Legislative Body Debate, In Rainer, Grote, Frauke, Lachenmann, Rüdiger, Wolfrum (eds.), *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law*, Oxford University Press, 2022.
- How Not to Use History in Constitutional Interpretation: The Aborted Resurrection of the Historical Constitution in Hungary, In Francesco, Biagi; Justin, O. Frosini; Jason, Mazzone (eds.), *Comparative Constitutional History: Volume Two: Uses of History in Constitutional Adjudication*, Brill, 2022.
- The impact of populism on constitutional interpretation in the EU Member States, In Sonja, Grover (ed.), *Judicial Activism in an Age of Populism*, Routledge, 2023. [co-author: Fruzsina, Gárdos-Orosz]
- From guarding the constitution to serving politics: The decline of the Hungarian Constitutional Court, in Miroslaw, Granat (ed.) *Constitutionality of Law without a Constitutional Court A View from Europe*, Routledge, 2023.
- Emergency as a pretext for restricting political rights: The Hungarian autocratic regime at work, In Florczak-Wator, M; Gárdos-Orosz, F; Malir, J; Steuer, M (eds.), *States of Emergency and Human Rights Protection: The Theory and Practice of the Visegrad Countries*, Routledge, 2024.
- States of Emergency in Hungary, In Florczak-Wator, M; Gárdos-Orosz, F; Malir, J; Steuer, M (eds.), *States of Emergency and Human Rights Protection: The Theory and Practice of the Visegrad Countries*, Routledge, 2024.
- Assessing Constitutional Resilience: The Performance of the 2011 Fundamental Law in Fulfilling Constitutional Functions, in Fruzsina, Gárdos-Orosz (ed.) *The Resilience of the Hungarian Legal System since 2010. A Failed Resilience?* Springer, 2024.
- Constant Inconsistency: The Use of Foreign Precedents in Hungarian Constitutional Jurisprudence, In Groppi, Tania, Ponthoreau, Marie-Claire and Spigno, Irene (eds.), *Constitutional Bricolage: The Use of Foreign Precedents by Constitutional Judges in the 21st Century*, Hart, 2024.

Journal articles

- How Populism Destroys Political Representation: (Anti-)Parliamentary Reforms in Hungary after 2010, DIRITTO PUBBLICO COMPARATO EUROPEO, 2019/2.
- The Twilight of Parliament – Parliamentary Law and Practice in Hungary in Populist Times, 1 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES, 1 (2021)
- Stepping Into the Same River Twice? Judicial Independence in Old and New Authoritarianism, GERMAN LAW JOURNAL 22 (7) 2021.

- Constitutional Changes in Populist Times, REVIEW OF CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN LAW 47 (1) 2022.
- Constitutional identity as a normative constitutional concept, HUNGARIAN JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 63 (1), 2022.
- The Myth of Populist Constitutionalism in Hungary and Poland: Populist or Authoritarian Constitutionalism? INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 21 (1), 2023.
- Court-Packing Accomplished: Changing Jurisprudence of a Subordinate Constitutional Court CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW 9(2), 2023.
- Unmasking Authoritarian Constitutional Imaginary, REVIEW OF CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN LAW 49(2-4), 2024.
- How to assess rule-of-law violations in a state of emergency? Towards a general analytical framework, THE HAGUE JOURNAL ON THE RULE OF LAW (2024).
- Constitutional Risk Management in the V4 Countries, EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF RISK REGULATION (forthcoming).

