

BÁLINT MADLOVICS

Political scientist, sociologist, economist



BASIC INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITION

Junior Visiting Researcher

Sept 2020 – Present

CEU Democracy Institute

Current projects (since 2026): "Mapping Corruption Risk in Political Capitalism"; "Political Capitalisms"

WORK EXPERIENCE

Course director

July 2025

Central European University

Summer University

Course titles:

- "The Evolution of a Patronal Democracy: The Case of Ukraine" (faculty: Oleksandra Keudel, Mikhail Minakov, Uliana Movchan, András Rácz, Viktoria Sereda, Anton Shekhovtsov)
- "The Evolution of a Patronal Autocracy: The Case of Russia" (faculty: Péter Krekó, Lauren McCarthy, Nikolay Petrov, András Rácz, Maria Snegovaya, Andrey Yakovlev)

Co-director: Bálint Magyar

Lecturer

February 2025 – May 2025

Bard College

Spring 2025 OSUN Online Course

Course title: "Mafia States and Patronal Democracies"

Co-instructor: Bálint Magyar

Lecturer

March 2024 – April 2024

Central European University

CEU Istvan Bibó Free University

Course title: "The Anatomy of Post-Communist Regimes" (in Hungarian)

Co-instructor: Bálint Magyar

Lecturer

Sept 2021 – Jul 2024

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

Courses taught at: Doctoral School of Sociology; Community and Civil Development Studies MA

Course titles:

- "Contemporary Social Processes – Introduction to the Analysis of Post-Communist Regimes" (in Hungarian)
- "Post-Communist Regimes" (in Hungarian)
- "Modernization and Democratization" (in English)

Lecturer

Feb 2022 – Jul 2022

Corvinus University of Budapest (BCE)

Course taught at: Department of Comparative and Institutional Economics
Course title: "The Anatomy of Post-Communist Regimes" (in Hungarian)

Researcher

Sept 2018 – Sept 2019

Financial Research Institute Plc.

Scholarship won for research in the field of post-communist regimes.

Political analyst

May 2016 – Aug 2018

Republikon Institute

Regular analyses of Hungarian political life, published by leading Hungarian weekly *Magyar Narancs*.

EDUCATION

PhD in World Economics

Sep 2022 – Present

World Economics Doctoral Program of the International Relations and Political Science Doctoral School

Topic: *Political Spillovers of Foreign Direct Investment: Towards a Typology of Regime Effects in Post-Communist Europe*

Supervisor: Dóra Györffy

MA in Political Science

Sep 2016 – Jun 2018

Central European University

General studies included:

- Comparative Politics
- Political Economy
- Constitutionalism and Democracy

Professional studies included:

- Hybrid Regimes in Modern Times
- Populism and the Future of Modern Liberal Democracy

BA in Sociology

Sep 2016 – Jan 2021

Eötvös Loránd University

General studies included:

- Social Policy
- Social Structure and Social Processes
- Quantitative Methods (SPSS)

Professional studies included:

- Network Sociology
- Qualitative Methods (interviewing)

BA in Applied Economics

Sep 2013 – Jul 2016

Corvinus University of Budapest

General studies included:

- Micro- & Macroeconomics
- International Economics
- Mathematics
- Informatics

Professional studies included:

- Statistics
- Econometrics

Bilingual secondary studies

Sep 2008 – May 2013

II. Rákóczi Ferenc Secondary School of Economics

Classes held in English included:

- History
- Mathematics

- Target Language Civilization

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., Forthcoming. Varieties of Capitalism Beyond Firms: Systemic Corruption and the Forms of Political Capitalism, in: Ivana Prica, Will Bartlett, Dušan Pavlović (Eds.), *Research Handbook on State Capture*, Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., Forthcoming. Variety of Eastern European Regimes, in: Adam Fagan, Petra Guasti, Petr Kopecky (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics*, Routledge.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., Forthcoming. Democratization, De-Democratization, and Corruption, in: Matthijs Bogaards (Ed.), *Handbook of Democratization and De-Democratization*, De Gruyter.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., Forthcoming. Post-Communist Regime Types, in: Paul Chaisty, Stephen Whitefield (Eds.), *The Elgar Handbook on Post-Communist Politics*, Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2026. A Last Chance for Hungary Orban's Mafia State Could Fall—or Cement Itself. *Foreign Affairs*, April 9.
- Madlovics, B. 2025. BOOK REVIEW: Dávid Jancsics, *Sociology of corruption: patterns of illegal association in Hungary*. *Democratization* 32:1. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2024.2413543>
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2025a. Why America Won't Become Hungary: Trump, Musk, and the Limits of MAGA Autocracy. *Foreign Affairs*, February 10.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2025b. The Fatal Combination: How Democracy Died in Russia and How It May Survive in Ukraine. *Ideology and Politics Journal* 2024/2. <https://doi.org/10.36169/2227-6068.2024.02.00012>
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2025. *Anatomia regimurilor postcomuniste: un cadru conceptual*. Cluj University Press, Cluj Napoca.
- Madlovics, B. 2024. BOOK REVIEW: Samuel Rogers, *Political economy of Hungarian authoritarian populism: capitalists without the right kind of capital*. *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe*, November (ahead-of-print). <https://doi.org/10.1080/25739638.2024.2430847>
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2024a. *Посткомуністичні режими: Актори, інституції та динаміка. Короткий путівник*. Academic Studies Press, Boston–Kyiv.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2024b. *Патрональна демократія в Україні та російське вторгнення. Російсько-українська війна. Том перший*. Academic Studies Press, Boston–Kyiv.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2024c. *Імперські прагнення Росії та їх геополітичні наслідки Російсько-українська війна. Том другий*. Academic Studies Press, Boston–Kyiv.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2024d. *Патрональная демократия в Украине и российское вторжение. Российско-украинская война. Том 1*. ibidem Press, Stuttgart–Hannover.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2024e. *Имперские притязания России и их геополитические последствия. Российско-украинская война. Том 2*. ibidem Press, Stuttgart–Hannover.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B. (eds.), 2023a. *Ukraine's Patronal Democracy and the Russian Invasion: The Russia-Ukraine War, Volume I*. CEU Press, Budapest–Vienna–New York.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B. (eds.), 2023b. *Russia's Imperial Endeavor and Its Geopolitical Consequences: The Russia-Ukraine War, Volume II*. CEU Press, Budapest–Vienna–New York.
- Madlovics, B. 2023. BOOK REVIEW: Iván Szelényi, *From State Socialism to Post-Communist Capitalism. Critical Perspectives*. *Europe-Asia Studies* 75:9, 1580–1582. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2023.2266285>
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2023a. From “actually existing socialism” to actually existing post-socialism: János Kornai and the importance of language reform in political economy. *Acta Oeconomica* 73:S1, 27–46.
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2023b. Kaczyński's Poland and Orbán's Hungary: Different Forms of Autocracy with Common Right-Wing Frames in the EU. *Berkeley Journal of Right-Wing Studies* 1:1, 2–36. <https://doi.org/10.5070/RW3.1496>
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2023c. Towards a set of indices for relational economy on the example of Hungary. *Acta Oeconomica* 73:1, 101–127. <https://doi.org/10.1556/032.2023.00007>
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B. 2023a. *Krótki przewodnik po systemach postkomunistycznych*. MAGAM, Warsaw.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B. 2023b. *La anatomía de los regímenes poscomunistas: Un marco conceptual*. Hypermedia, St. Augustine, Florida.

- Magyar, B., Madlovics B., 2023c. *Postkommunistische Regime: Akteure, Institutionen und Dynamiken*. Springer VS, Wiesbaden.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2022a. *A Concise Field Guide to Post-Communist Regimes: Actors, Institutions, and Dynamics*. CEU Press, Budapest–Vienna–New York.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2022b. *Kis posztkommunista rendszerhatározó: aktorok, intézmények, dinamika*. Kalligram Kiadó, Budapest.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2022c. *Посткоммунистические режимы. Концептуальная структура*. Новое литературное обозрение, Москва.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2022d. Magyarország a posztkommunista rendszerek világában. *Mozgó Világ* 2022/1–2.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2022e. Hungary 2022: Election Manipulation and the Regime's Attempts at Electoral Fraud. Working Paper, CEU Democracy Institute.
- Madlovics, B., 2021, Plebiszciter vezérdemokrácia és posztkommunista klientelizmus: kísérletek az informalitás politikai elemzésbe történő integrálására. *Politikatudományi Szemle* 30, n. 1, pp 145–155. <https://doi.org/10.30718/POLTUD.HU.2021.1155>
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2021a. Post-communist predation: modeling reiderstvo practices in contemporary predatory states. *Public Choice* 187, 247–273. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-019-00772-7>
- Madlovics, B., Magyar, B., 2021b. Populism as a Challenge to Legal-Rational Legitimacy: The Cases of Orbán and Trump. *Social Research: An International Quarterly* 88, 827–855. <https://doi.org/10.1353/sor.2021.0048>
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2021a. Евразийская перспектива: типология посткоммунистических траекторий, in: *Демонтаж коммунизма. Тридцать лет спустя*, edited by Кирилл Рогов and Евгений Гонтмахер. Новое литературное обозрение, Москва. pp. 232–265.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2021b. *A posztkommunista rendszerek anatómiája: Egy fogalmi keret*. Noran Libro, Budapest.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2021c. Вторичные траектории после смены режима: Польша, Чехия, Венгрия и Россия. *Неприкосновенный запас* 5, pp. 3–20.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2021d. Приёмная политическая семья. *Вестник Европы* 52, pp. 68–77.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2020. *The Anatomy of Post-Communist Regimes: A Conceptual Framework*. CEU Press, Budapest–New York.
- Madlovics, B., 2020, Hungary, in: Inozemtsev, V. (Ed.), *Authoritarian Response to the Pandemic: Cases of China, Iran, Russia, Belarus and Hungary*, Free Russia Foundation, Washington D.C., pp. 77–93.
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2019a. Stubborn Structures: A Path Dependence Explanation of Transitions in the Postcommunist Region. *Social Research: An International Quarterly* 86, 113–146. <https://doi.org/10.1353/sor.2019.0006>
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2019b. From Petty Corruption to Criminal State: A Critique of the Corruption Perceptions Index as Applied to the Post-Communist Region. *Intersections – East European Journal of Society and Politics* 5, 103–129. <https://doi.org/10.17356/ieejsp.v5i2.504>
- Magyar, B., Madlovics, B., 2019c. Criminal State and the Criminal Ecosystem: New Aspects for Empirical Corruption Research. *Zhurnal zarubezhnogo zakonodatel'stva i sravnitel'nogo pravovedeniya = Journal of Foreign Legislation and Comparative Law* 65–78. <https://doi.org/10.12737/jflcl.2019.5.4>
- Madlovics, B., 2017. It's Not Just Hate: Attitudes toward Migrants in a Dominated Sphere of Communication in Hungary, in: Mikecz, D. (Ed.), *After the Fence: Approaches and Attitudes about Migration in Central Eastern Europe*. European Liberal Forum – Republikon Intézet, Budapest, pp. 6–31.
- Madlovics, B., 2016. Közös platform nélkül: az előválasztásról szóló közéleti diskurzus argumentációs-logikai megközelítésben, in: Tóth, C., Mikecz, D. (Eds.), *Előválasztás: történet, érvek és ellenérvek*, Republikon Intézet, Budapest, pp. 8–33.
- Madlovics, B., 2015. A maffiaállam paravánjai: ideológiák és rendszerleírások argumentációs-logikai megközelítésben, in: Magyar, B., Júlia, V. (Eds.), *Magyar Polip – a posztkommunista maffiaállam* 3, Noran Libro, Budapest, pp. 317–370.

INVITED TALKS

In North America: Columbia University, Concordia University, Freedom House, George Washington University, Hannah Arendt Institute of Artivism (INSTAR), Stanford University, The New School, University of North Carolina, University of Pennsylvania

In Western Europe: Central European University (Vienna), Einstein Forum Potsdam, European University Viadrina, Free University of Berlin, Hochschule Luzern, Humboldt University of Berlin, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM), Munich Business School, Sorbonne Paris North University, Université Paris Dauphine, University College London, University of Vienna, Webster Vienna Private University

In Central and Eastern Europe: Andrassy University, Babeş-Bolyai University, Central European University (Budapest), Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute for Political Science of the Centre for Social Sciences (Budapest), University of Belgrade, University of Bucharest, Uzhgorod National University

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2025:

- Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) Workshop: Undoing the Illiberal Damage: A Democratic Guide to Reversing Democratic Backsliding, Vienna (topic: Corruption in Hungary: What is it, and what is to be done with it?)
- CEU Democracy Institute (DI) Annual Conference, Central European University, Budapest (topic: How to Break the Power of Oligarchs?)
- Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University, New York (topic: Ukraine's Patronal Democracy and the Russian Invasion)

2024:

- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting, University of Limerick, Limerick (topic: Sociology of Corruption)
- The Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES) Workshop on Contemporary Ukrainian Politics 2024, George Washington University, Washington D.C. (topic: The Fatal Combination: How Democracy Died in Russia and How It May Survive in Ukraine)

2023:

- CEU DI-Corvinus-Harvard Symposium: János Kornai's Holistic Political Economy, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest (topic: The Relational Economy: Need for New Categories to Describe Post-Communist Economies)
- CEU Polányi Salon: Dimensions of Populism in a Transnational Perspective, Central European University, Budapest (topic: Populism as a Legitimacy Challenge)
- Andrassy University-CEU DI-Unhack Democracy Workshop: Informality, electoral and organizational clientelism in the East and the West of Europe, Andrassy University, Budapest (topic: Electoral Clientelism versus Clientelist Systems)

2022:

- Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) World Convention, Columbia University (online event; topic: The Anatomy of Post-Communist Regimes)
- The End of "Freedom" in Central and Eastern Europe? Addressing the Challenges of an Illiberal Turn, Andrassy University Budapest, Budapest (topic: Poland and Hungary: Two Autocratic Attempts to Overthrow Liberal Democracy)
- Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, Nashville (topic: Relational Economics: From Normatively to Discretionally Closed Markets)

2021:

- Serbian Political Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Belgrade, Belgrade (keynote speech; topic: Populism and Disinformation in Patronal Regimes)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting, Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research (online event; topic: The Anatomy of Post-Communist Regimes)

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Regular interviews and expert commentary since 2015 for a variety of international media outlets, including:

- The New York Times (United States)
- Haaretz (Israel)
- El Mundo (Spain)
- Le Devoir (Canada)
- TVN24, Newsweek Polska (Poland)
- iROZHLAS, Seznam Zprávy (Czechia)
- Klubrádió, Kontroll, Szabad Európa (Hungary)

AWARDS

- **Karl Polanyi Prize** for Best Book of the Year (*A posztkommunista rendszerek anatómiája*, Noran Libro, 2021), Hungarian Sociological Association

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- **Hungarian** (first language)
- **English** (Level C1 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

QUALIFICATIONS

European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) for the following fields:

- Using the Computer and Managing Files
- Word Processing (Microsoft Word)
- Spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel)
- Web Browsing and Communication
- Using Databases (Microsoft Access)
- Presentation (Microsoft PowerPoint)
- WebStarter

European Business Competence Licence (EBCL)

- Level A (including e.g. Accounting, Costing and Pricing, Business Law)
- Level B (including e.g. Businessplan, Marketing and Sales, Investment Analysis)

Driving Licence (Category B)

Proficiency in generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT)