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ABOUT ME

Strong business acumen and analytical skills with diverse competencies in all aspects of international law, energy security, and foreign policy. Excellent at juggling multiple tasks and working under pressure. Hands-on experience championing identifying the weak spots and writing clear policy statements along with excellent presentation skills. An experienced, effective, articulate, and proactive communicator with multicultural sensitivity.

WORK EXPERIENCE

[25/09/2021 – Current] **Visiting Research Fellow**

Hudson Institute

City: Washington D.C.

Country: United States

Main activities and responsibilities:

Research crucial global policy issues in relation to international law, EU law, and energy security.

Opinion pieces have been published in Newsweek, The National Interest, The American Conservative, and The Epoch Times.

[26/10/2016 – Current] **Business consultant**

City: Budapest, Debrecen, Pécs, Dubai, Vienna

Country: Hungary

Main activities and responsibilities:

Portofio includes, but not limited to:

LOT Polish Airlines, UAE Swimming Federation, Dallmayr Dubai, National Paints (Dubai, Amman) Fortuna Szállodaüzemeltető és Rendezvényszervező Kft., ACE Aeroplex (MRO), 2RULE, Hungary, Elektro-General Kft,

[09/09/2014 – 09/09/2016] **Business Consultant for the Swimming Federation of the United Arab Emirates**

XK Consulting FZ LLC

City: Dubai

Country: United Arab Emirates

Main activities and responsibilities:

Tasks included:

- planning of PR strategies
- planning and advising on marketing strategies

[09/03/2011 – 31/07/2015] **Business Developer and Head of International Relations**

SamAir LLC.

City: Sharjah

Country: United Arab Emirates

Main activities and responsibilities:

Samair was a charter airline based in Bratislava, Slovakia, operated charter flights out of [M. R. Štefánik Airport](#). The company was Founded by National Paint LLC., Sharjah. Task included:

- advise on fleet acquisitions
- advise on charter contracts
- fleet planning

[30/04/2012 – 31/01/2015] **Head of Aquisition and Legal Departement**

Sayegh Aviation

City: Sharjah, Dubai

Country: United Arab Emirates

Main activities and responsibilities:

Sayegh Aviation being a sister company of Samair held ownership over the aircraft fleet.

Tasks:

- overviwe all fleet purchase including price and terme negotiations
- on site check
- varioius legal tasks

[01/02/2011 – 30/04/2013] **Editor-in-chief, founder and owner of Fabulous Pregnancy Magazin**

XK Consulting FZ LLC

City: Dubai

Country: United Arab Emirates

Main activities and responsibilities:

Founded and directed the first and only magazin for new moms and mother-to-bes in the region. the magazin focused on practical informations, introduction of useful products, fashion and entertainemnt in regards of the needs of locals and expats but respecting the local culture. The magazhine was sold off to a international womens' magazin. Tasks included:

- planning of the market entry
- finanical planning
- HR tasks
- daily operation

[31/07/2009 – 31/01/2011] **Head of Operations**

Rixima FZ LLC.

City: Dubai

Main activities and responsibilities:

The company was contracted to plan and construct a dedicated Dh700 million student accommodation project at Dubai International Academic City (DIAC), the world's only free zone dedicated to international higher education. The complex had 1,400 rooms for approximately 3000 student with spa, swimming pool and owher services. Task included:

- participation and support in the permitting process
- support in the verting processor on all level
- plan and execute the marketing and PR strategy

[06/05/2005 – 31/07/2009] **Operations manager**

Plazma Media FZ LLC

City: dubai

Country: United Arab Emirates

Main activities and responsibilities:

The company was a sole distributor of a then-cutting edge technology to operate media outlets at commercial places. Task included:

- general operation support for the projects
- plan and implement marketing strategy

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[30/08/2018 – Current] **Ph.D. (Doctoral School of Public Administration Sciences)**

National University of Public Service <https://www.uni-nke.hu>

Address: Ludovika tér 2. , 1083, Budapest, Hungary

Field(s) of study: Doctoral School of Public Administration Sciences

Thesis: Privatizált biztonság, privatizált háború - Privatised security, privatised war

Main subject / occupational skills covered:

The thesis examines the international legal regime applicable for private military security companies and for their contractors in parallel with the accountability in front of international tribunals.

[31/08/2018 – Current] **J.D. (juris doctor)**

Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church <https://ajk.kre.hu>

Address: Viola utca 2-4., 1042, Budapest, Hungary

Field(s) of study: Law

[30/08/2019 – 12/06/2020] **Financial and Legal Academy - LLM (MNB)**

Budapest Institute of Banking <https://www.bib-edu.hu>

Address: Szabadság tér 7. , 1054, Budapest, Hungary

Field(s) of study: Bank law

Final grade: 4.2

[31/08/2016 – 06/07/2018] **MA/MSc., Expert in International Public Service**

National University of Public Service www.uni-nke.hu

Address: Ludovika tér 2. , 1083, Budapest, Hungary

Field(s) of study: Faculty of International and European Studies, Department of International Law

Final grade: 4.7, Summa Cum Laude

Thesis: Contemporary Challenges of the IHL - Corporate Warriors: messiahs or mercenaries?

[31/10/2015 – 30/06/2016] **Sharia Law, MA**

University of Sharjah <https://www.sharjah.ac.ae/en/Pages/default.aspx>

Address: University City, University Rd. , Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

[31/08/2006 – 24/06/2009] **BA. (Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media)**

Budapest Business School, University of Applied Sciences
<https://uni-bge.hu/en>

Address: Markó utca 29-31., 1055, Budapest, Hungary

Field(s) of study: Social sciences, journalism and information : *Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving social sciences, journalism and information*

Final grade: 4.3, (good)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Hungarian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

French

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

Arabic

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING B2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2

DIGITAL SKILLS

My Digital Skills

Digital Skills

Microsoft Word | Internet user | Microsoft Powerpoint | Microsoft Office | Skype | WhatsApp | Microsoft Excel | Zoom | Outlook

Social Media

Instagram | Social Media Management (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram) | Facebook

PUBLICATIONS

[2018] **Military force based foreign policy on the cheap and quiet**

Reference: http://www.diplomacia.hu/FileDb/_hirek/egyedi/IEFYUT/Call_IDSA_2019February.pdf

First Annual IDSA Conference on International Affairs (Conference publication)

[2019] **Foreign policy and security impact of the private forces**

Reference: [http://www.dosz.hu/files/TSZK_2019_helyezett\(4\).pdf](http://www.dosz.hu/files/TSZK_2019_helyezett(4).pdf)

DOSZ Tavasz Szél Konferencia (Spring Wind Conference publication and achieved 1st place)

[2019]

Post-conflict societies and environments in relation to contracting private military and security companies in support of enhancing social, economical and political stability

Reference: http://www.diplomacia.hu/FileDb/_hirek/egyedi/IEFYUT/Call_IDSA_2019February.pdf

A haza szolgálatában konferencia / In service of the nation conference (Conference publication)

[2019]

Zsoldos hadsereg vagy Magán Katonai Vállalat - a vonatkozó nemzetközi jogi szabályozás áttekintése

Reference: https://www.uni-nke.hu/document/uni-nke-hu/Konferenciafelh%C3%ADv%C3%A1s_%C3%A1prilis%2025.pdf

Rendészet-Tudomány-Aktualitások-2019 (Conference publication)

[2020] **Great Power Competition - remastered**

A jogtudomány sajátossága (The Peculiarity of Jurisprudence) - Online Conference and publication

[2020] **Az „oroszuvas” megoldás**

Rendészet-Tudomány-Aktualitások - 2020 (online Conference)

[2022] **Will energy crises trigger another wave of refugees?**

<https://www.newsweek.com/will-europes-energy-crisis-trigger-another-wave-refugees-ukraine-opinion-1720803>

[2022] **Virtue vs. Virtue signalling. How Hungary views the war in Ukraine**

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/virtue-vs-virtue-signaling-how-hungary-views-war-ukraine-203070>

[2022] **There is no easy answer for EU and Ukraine**

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/theres-no-easy-answer-for-eu-and-ukraine/>

[2022] **Will Ukraine save the EU from irrelevance?**

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/will-ukraine-save-un-irrelevance-202213>

[2022] **Are the Sanctions the United States' New Best Friend or Worst Enemy?**

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/author-monika-palotai>

[2022] **China Fills the Power Vacuum America Leaves Behind**

https://www.theepochtimes.com/china-fills-the-power-vacuum-america-leaves-behind_4289783.html

[2022]

IS PUTIN'S WAR BEING ANOTHER NAIL IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ORDER'S COFFIN?

<https://security-science.org/2022/04/20/is-putins-war-being-another-nail-in-the-international-legal-orders-coffin/>

[2022] **Why Hungary and Poland Are Welcoming Ukrainian Refugees**

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/why-hungary-and-poland-are-welcoming-ukrainian-refugees-201009>

[2022] **Will Ukraine Save the UN From Irrelevance?**

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/will-ukraine-save-un-irrelevance-202213>

[2022] **There's No Easy Answer for EU and Ukraine**

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/theres-no-easy-answer-for-eu-and-ukraine/>

[2022] **Virtue vs. Virtue Signaling: How Hungary Views the War in Ukraine**

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/virtue-vs-virtue-signaling-how-hungary-views-war-ukraine-203070>

[2022] **Will Europe's Energy Crisis Trigger Another Wave of Refugees from Ukraine?**

<https://www.newsweek.com/will-europes-energy-crisis-trigger-another-wave-refugees-ukraine-opinion-1720803>

[2022] **How the Ukrainian Meme War Defeated Russia**

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-ukrainian-meme-war-defeated-russia-204588>

[2022]

FENYEGETÉS VAGY PARTNER? – AZ ÖBÖL-MENTI EGYÜTTMŰKÖDÉSI TANÁCS (GCC) TAGÁLLAMAI ÉS KÍNA KAPCSOLATA PARTNER OR THREAT? – ANALYSIS OF CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) STATES

https://kulugyimuhelyalapitvany.hu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/KulugyiMuhelyAlapitvany_Valsagtol_valsagig.pdf

[2022] **Ukraine needs more humanitarian aid**

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/ukraine-needs-more-humanitarian-aid>

[2022]

The Destruction of Churches and Religious Communities in Ukraine Matters

<https://www.newsweek.com/destruction-churches-religious-communities-ukraine-matters-opinion-1750027>

Civil Society Can Help Rebuild Ukraine

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/civil-society-can-help-rebuild-ukraine-205169>

[2022] **Orosz ársapka – hűti vagy fűti Európát?**

<https://www.ludovika.hu/blogok/ot-perc-europa-blog/2022/09/23/orosz-arsapka-huti-vagy-futi-europat/>

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

competition level show jumping and endurance rider

passion for travelling

trekking and hiking (completed Himalaya Base Camp Trek in 2018)

running (completed 1 Marathon)

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

strategic thinking

encouraging others to help achieve the common goal and vision

finding the right people and motivating them to work towards company and personal goals

recognising, responding and managing changes to circumstances, vision and plans

integrity

cultural insight and substantial international experience