

7TH UNESCO MOST WINTER SCHOOL

**BRIDGING
THE PARADIGM
SHIFT: GOVERNANCE,
TECHNOLOGY,
SOCIOECOSYSTEMS**

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KŐSZEG, HUNGARY

The 7th UNESCO MOST Winter School focuses on the intersections between art and science, and the multifaceted dimensions of security, governance, technology, ecology, and society. Organised by the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg (iASK) in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainability, Bibó István College for Advanced Studies of ELTE University, the University of Pannonia and the Institute for Social and European Studies Foundation (ISES), with the support of the Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO this event brings together scholars, master's and PhD students, and professionals together. Through lectures, debates, creative workshops, gastro-nomic and cultural programs, the school aims to provide an interactive educational experience and promote transdisciplinary collaboration and co-creation towards resilient and inclusive futures.

Topics:

- Transformative Technologies, Conflict Dynamics, and Science Diplomacy
- Global and Regional Governance and Security
- Cultural Heritage Across Borders
- Memory as a Political Tool
- New Approaches in Ecological Design
- Political, Cultural, and Ethical Dimensions of AI and Robotics
- Environmental Humanities
- EU and the Balkans
- New International Legal Frameworks for a Lasting Peace
- Creativity, Sustainability and Global Futures

Cultural program:

- City tours: cultural heritage of Kőszeg
- Gastronomy: local wine tasting
- Music performances
- Art exhibition
- Art and design workshop

Program

Monday, February 24

9:30 am – 10:00 am Registration and coffee

10:00 am – 10:35 am Welcome Speeches:

- Gábor Soós (Secretary-General, Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO)
- Béla Báthly (Mayor, Kőszeg)
- Ferenc Miszlivetz (Director of the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg)
- Gustavo Merino (Director for Social Policies, UNESCO) – video address

10:35 am – 1:00 pm Panel:

Paradigm Shifts in an Era of Escalation: Transformative Technologies, Conflict Dynamics, and Science Diplomacy

In a world marked by the rapid escalation of geopolitical conflicts and unprecedented technological advancements, humanity stands at a crossroads demanding innovative paradigms for governance and collaboration. This panel explores how transformative technologies are reshaping the landscape of global power and diplomacy. This discussion aims to uncover the potential of science diplomacy as a bridge to mitigate conflicts and harness technology for equitable global progress.

Chair: János Bogárdi (iASK, University of Bonn and Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary)

Keynote speakers:

Norbert Kroó (iASK, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary)
Tibor Tóth (Executive Secretary Emeritus, Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO PC))

Panelists:

- Emil Brix (Diplomatic Academy, Austria) – online
- Daniel Brooks (iASK, University of Toronto, and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and at the Linnaean Society of London, Canada)
- Dezső Boda (University of Pannonia, Hungary)

- Péter Dombi (Wigner Research Centre for Physics, Hungary)
- András Gelencsér (University of Pannonia, Hungary)
- Jody Jensen (iASK, Hungary)
- Szabolcs Márka (Columbia University, USA)

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch break

2:15 pm – 4:15 pm Panel:

Forging Global Peace and Security: Governance, Justice, and Equality in a Turbulent World

This panel examines the interconnected challenges of achieving global peace, justice, and security amidst geopolitical upheavals and evolving governance structures. By addressing the dimensions of justice, equality, and security, the discussion explores how inclusive frameworks and collaborative governance can navigate complex crises and foster resilient, equitable societies. Experts will debate innovative solutions to bridge divides and build a more just and secure global order.

Chair: Ferenc Mészáros (iASK, Hungary)

Panelists:

- Sean Cleary (Strategic Concepts, South Africa) – online
- Stephanie Fenkart (Director of the International Institute for Peace, Austria)
- Miklós Király (ELTE, Hungary)
- Nenad Markovikj (Cyril and Methodius University, North Macedonia)
- Kivanç Ulusoy (Istanbul University, Turkey)
- Luka Martin Tomažič (Alma Mater Europaea, Slovenia)
- Jekatyerina Dunajeva (Budapest Corvinus University, Hungary)

4:15 pm 5:00 pm Coffee break and networking

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm Music performance

6:00 pm Dinner Reception

Tuesday, February 25

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Panel:

Global Intersections: Evolving and Preserving Cultural Heritage Across Borders

Cultural heritage is continuously reshaped by cross-border interactions, digital sharing, and evolving identities. From intangible cultural expressions to historic sites, the preservation and evolution of heritage across borders raise important questions about authenticity, inclusivity, and adaptability. This dialogue encourages reflection on the balance between preserving local identities and fostering a sense of shared global heritage.

Chair: Anikó Magasházi (iASK, Hungary)

Panelists:

- Tamás Fejérdy (iASK, UNESCO ICOMOS, Hungary)
- Cornelius Holtorf (UNESCO Chair of Heritage Futures, Linnaeus University, Sweden)
- Mónika Mátay (iASK, ELTE, Hungary)
- Gábor Soós (UNESCO, Hungary)
- Anna Zeichner (ICCROM, Italy)
- Klaus Wölfer (Former ambassador, Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs)

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch Break

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Panel:

EU-Balkan Observatory

This panel examines the evolving landscape of Central and South-eastern Europe, focusing on the politics of memory, the challenges of EU integration, and urgent environmental issues. Discussions will center on how these forces are reshaping the regions, highlighting the interplay between historical legacies, contemporary policy dilemmas, and future-oriented strategies. By exploring these dynamics, the panel aims to provide fresh insights into the region's shifting identity and its role within a rapidly changing global context.

Chair: Jody Jensen (iASK, Hungary)/ Zala Pavšič (iASK, Hungary)

Keynote: Ahmet Evin (Sabanci University, Turkey)

Keynote: Stefano Bianchini (Retired Professor of the University of Bologna and former coordinator of the International MA Program MIREES, Italy)

Panelists:

- Elira Luli (iASK, Luarasi University, Albania)
- Rubin Zemon (Institute of Advanced Research, North Macedonia)
- Dzenita Šiljak (iASK, Hungary)
- Caleb Waugh and Igor Markovic (Aktiv, Kosovo) – online
- Representatives of the Student Parliament of the Faculty of Drama Arts in Belgrade, Serbia – online

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Coffee break

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Panel:

Art, Creativity, and the Future: Exploring New Horizons

This panel examines how art and creativity contribute to envisioning the future, offering fresh perspectives on contemporary challenges. Participants will reflect on the transformative potential of artistic practices in rethinking possibilities and fostering dialogue across disciplines. How can art and creativity offer new perspectives on addressing the uncertainties of the future? In what ways can artistic practices inspire collaboration and innovation for a better tomorrow?

Keynote: David Maggs (Metcalf Foundation)

Panelists:

- Ilan Chabay (University of Arizona, USA) – online
- Zoltán Mizsei (iASK, Hungary)
- András Nagy (University of Pannonia, Hungary)

6 pm – 8 pm Wine tasting

Wednesday, February 26

10:00 am – 12:00 Panel:

Frontiers of Technology: Political, Cultural, and Ethical Dimensions of AI and Robotics

As AI and robotics rapidly reshape societies, their influence extends into politics, social systems, and even armed conflicts, raising critical questions about human agency in this new constellation of powers. Participants will examine how AI and robotics can both bridge and deepen divides, challenging us to consider whose interests they serve and how they may redefine fairness in a technologically driven society.

Chair: László Karvalics (iASK, Hungary)

Keynote: Roland Jakab (Chief Executive Officer of HUN-REN, President of MI Koalicio, Hungary)

Panelists:

- David Daou (UNU-EHS, Germany)
- Levente Szabados (Foundation for Information Society, Hungary)
- Zsuzsanna Márka (Columbia University, USA)
- Attila Tanyi (University of Tromsø, Norway)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch break

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Environmental Humanities

This workshop will explore environmental humanities as a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding the complex relationships between humans, culture, and the natural world. Participants will engage in a conversation on how arts, history, philosophy, and social sciences intersect to address environmental challenges, fostering a deeper appreciation of ecological perspectives in contemporary issues.

Chair: Izabella Agárdi (iASK, Hungary)

Panelists:

- Franz Graf (Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic)
- Inna Hakkinen (University of Helsinki, Finland) – online
- Kehinde Balogun (Catholic University of Portugal) – online
- Kariũ ũki Werũ (UNU-EHS, Germany)
- Sanae Okamoto (UNU-MERIT, Netherlands)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Coffee Break

3:15 pm – 6:15 pm Workshop:

Reimagining Environments: New Approaches in Ecological Design

This workshop explores innovative approaches to designing environments that align with natural ecosystems and foster deeper human-environment connections. By challenging conventional perspectives, participants will engage with emerging ideas of systems thinking and Integral mapping that redefine our understanding of the goals, roles and responsibilities in terms of ecological harmony — concepts that move beyond sustainability toward holistic, future-focused practices. The session invites attendees to experiment with design strategies that encourage dynamic interactions between space, nature, and community, sparking fresh insights into what it means to create truly adaptive and responsive environments.

Workshop is led by Boglárka Jakabfi-Kovács, Architect, Systems Design Researcher (MOME, Hungary)

6:15 – 6:30 Coffee break

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Exhibition opening: Magdolna Mihály

Thursday, February 27

10:00 am – 12:00 Panel:

Globalisation and New International Legal Frameworks?

This panel explores the impact of globalization on international legal frameworks, focusing on how cultural rights and generational rights are recognized and protected across diverse legal systems. Legal experts will discuss the challenges and opportunities in adapting international laws to respect cultural differences while addressing universal human rights. How can international law balance the protection of cultural rights with the enforcement of universal human rights standards? In what ways should international legal frameworks evolve to address the unique needs of different generations, especially in a rapidly globalizing world?

Panelists:

- Damir Banović (University of Sarajevo)
- Csaba Győry (ELTE, Hungary)

- Áron Fábián (iASK, Bibó István College for Advanced Studies, Hungary)
- Márton Matyasovszky-Németh (iASK, Bibó István College for Advanced Studies, Hungary)
- Delfin Pllana (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of Kosovo in Hungary)

12:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch break

2 pm – 4 pm Kőszeg walking tour with Mónika Mátyay, historian (iASK, ELTE, Hungary) and Zoltán Mizsei, musician (iASK, Hungary)

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Public Lecture: *Shaping the Future: Political and Legal Culture in East-Central Europe*

- Áron Fábián (iASK, Bibó István College for Advanced Studies, Hungary)
- Márton Matyasovszky-Németh (iASK, Bibó István College for Advanced Studies, Hungary)

Friday, February 28

9:30 am – 11:00 am Wrap-up debate session with participants

- Mirko Savkovic (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany)
- Satheesmohan Santhiramohanatmas (ELTE, Hungary)
- Wajiha Kassem Alshar (Széchenyi István University, Győr, Hungary)
- Dmytro Mamaiev (Lithuanian Social Research Centre, Lithuania)
- Ismir Smajić (University of Sarajevo, Bosnia Hercegovina)
- Esther Amofa-Adade (Széchenyi István University, Győr, Hungary)
- Tayssir Sammari (ELTE, Hungary)
- Saleh Baghirov (Heritage - Youth Education and Promotion Center (HYEPC), Azerbaijan)
- Blaž Podobnik (Alma Mater, Slovenia)
- Adam Šima (Charles University, Czech Republic)

11:00 am – 12:00 Certificate Award ceremony

Speakers

Izabella Agárdi (iASK, Hungary)

Dr. Agárdi is a historian and holds a Ph.D. from Utrecht University. Her research interests are oral history, gender studies, rural women's history, contemporary historiography and literary theory. She focuses on the intersections of personal and public narratives, practices of periodization and tropes of narrating 20th-century history in Central Europe. She is the author of the book *On the Verge of History: Women's History Telling in Central Europe after the 20th Century*, Ibidem, 2022.

Kehinde Balogun (Catholic University of Portugal, Portugal)

Kehinde Balogun is currently enrolled as a PhD candidate in Psychology of Emotions and Wellbeing at the Catolica University of Portugal. Motivated by her role and responsibilities in co-designing the Wellbeing, Indigenous Knowledge, Sustainability and Equity (WISE) Transformation Initiative at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Kehinde's research focus will explore the Ubuntu wisdom from South Africa and its interlinkages with the emerging science on the impact of emotions on human behaviour and decision-making processes. Prior to WISE, she worked at the intersection of Climate Risk Insurance and Disaster Risk Management at UNU-EHS.

Damir Banović (University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Damir Banović (LL.M), a senior teaching assistant at the Law Faculty (University of Sarajevo) at the Department of Theory of State and Law. He is a member of the European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law (ECSOL), scientific network Verfassungspolitik in Mitel- und Osteuropas (Humboldt Universität in Berlin) and enrolled in a two-years scientific project Human Dignity in Europe (Universität in Luzern). Also, he is an associate member of the Serbian Association of Legal and Social Philosophy (IVR Serbia).

Stefano Bianchini (Retired Professor of the University of Bologna and former coordinator of the International MA Program MIREES, Italy)

Stefano Bianchini is an independent scholar. He was Professor of East European Politics and History at the University of Bologna until October 2023 when he retired. From 2015 to 2021 he served as Rector's delegate for relations with Eastern Europe. Previously, he coordinated the two-years Interdisciplinary MA in East European Studies (MIREES), a joint diploma of the Universities of Bologna, St. Petersburg, Vytautas Magnus at Kaunas, and Corvinus of Budapest. He is visiting professor of the State University of St. Petersburg and holds a H.D. in Humanities of the Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas. From 2001 to 2018 he was also the co-director of the European Regional Master in Democracy and Human Rights for SEE (ERMA) awarding a double diploma of the Universities of Sarajevo and Bologna. He is a member of the Advisory Board and former Vice president of the Association for Studies of Nationalities (ASN) based at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York and Executive Editor of the blind peer-review journal "Southeastern Europe", (Brill, Leiden) and other academic journals.

Dezső Boda (University of Pannonia, Hungary)

Dezső Boda (Hungary) is a professor at the Doctoral School of Chemistry and Environmental Sciences at the University of Pannonia. He is the director of the Center for Natural Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, at the University of Pannonia (UP), Veszprém, where he also leads the research group "Modeling and Simulation of Complex Molecular Systems". He graduated as a physicist from the University of Szeged (1992), received his PhD in Chemistry from the UP (1996), and DSc from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2013). He introduced and organizes the Science in the Pub series at the UP. He spent four years at the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg (iASK) as a grant holder (2015,2019) and as a Research Fellow (2016-2018).

János J. Bogárdi (iASK, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary, University of Bonn, Germany)

János Bogárdi is a senior fellow at the Centre for Development Research at the University of Bonn, Germany since 2012, senior scientific advisor Institute of Advanced Studies

Kőszeg, Hungary since 2017, and research professor at the National University of the Public Service, since 2023. He held positions in research and consulting in Europe and Africa (1969-1985). He is a former associate professor for water resources management at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok (1985-1988) and full professor Wagenin-gen Agricultural University, the Netherlands (1989-1995), the Section Chief at UNESCO International Hydrology Programme in Paris (1995-2003), and the founding director of the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security and Vice Rector in Europe (2003-2009).

Emil Brix (Director of the Diplomatic Academy Vienna, Austria)

Emil Brix is an Austrian diplomat and historian. Starting in 1982, he worked for the Foreign Service of the Republic of Austria. He was a Secretary in the Austrian Parliament for the parliamentary group of the "People's Party" (ÖVP) and later Head of the Cabinet of the Austrian Minister of Science. After 1989 Brix was the first Austrian Counsel General in Cracow/Poland. From 2010 onwards he was the Austrian ambassador in London and later in Moscow. He became the director of the Diplomatic Akademie Wien – Vienna School of International Studies in 2017.

Daniel Brooks (iASK, Hungary, University of Toronto, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and at the Linnaean Society of London, Canada)

Daniel R. Brooks is Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto, and Senior Research Fellow, H.W. Manter Laboratory of Parasitology, University of Nebraska State Museum. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (Academy of Science) and Fellow of the Linnaean Society of London. He has been awarded honorary doctorates from Stockholm University and the University of Nebraska, has been a Visiting Fellow of the Collegium Budapest, the Ciencias sem Fronteras program of Brazil, the Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study, the Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg, and the Hungarian National Centre for Ecology. Dan is an evolutionary biologist who integrates fundamental evolutionary principles into effective action plans for coping with the challenges of global climate change.

Ilan Chabay (Arizona State University, USA)

Ilan Chabay is an adjunct professor in the School for Sustainability of Arizona State University and Head of Strategic Science Initiatives and Programs at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam, Germany. At IASS, he is also the Scientific Project Leader of the Global Sustainability Strategy Forum conducted in collaboration with ASU and head of the KLASICA international research alliance. He was a research scientist in laser physics and chemistry at the US National Institute of Standards and Technology and at the Stanford University. He became associate director of the Exploratorium Science Museum in San Francisco, then founder of and 18 years the president of an innovative company in Silicon Valley, designing and producing interactive exhibitions for 230 museums around the world, including Disney, Smithsonian.

David Daou (UNU-EHS, Germany)

Dr. Daou has been a researcher for the past 18 years, during which he worked with the top European institutions, including the Joint Research Centre in Ispra (Province of Varese, Italy) as well as the European Space Agency, the Dutch Meteorological Institute, the Canadian Space Agency, European Lidar Network, Environment and Climate Change Canada, the AEROCAN Network as well as working as an expert to evaluate projects for the European Commission. Dr. Daou is also working in the field of ethical AI, data science and analytics, software programming and is currently a research manager for climate risks modelling at UNU-EHS in Bonn. He is also teaching AI and remote sensing courses for the Joint Masters program between UNU-EHS and the University of Bonn.

Péter Dombi (HUN-REN Wigner Research Centre for Physics, Hungary)

Péter Dombi is a research professor and head of the Ultrafast Nanooptics Research Group at the HUN-REN Wigner Research Centre for Physics. He obtained his MSc in Physics from the University of Szeged in 2001 and earned his PhD from the Vienna University of Technology in 2005. His research focuses on ultrafast science, nano-optics, laser physics, and surface plasmons. He has authored 87 peer-reviewed journal articles, accumulating

over 3,500 citations with an h-index of 30. He has delivered 51 invited conference talks and supervised 12 PhD students. His awards include the International Dennis Gabor Award (2009) and the Physics Prize from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2019).

Jekatyerina Dunaeva (Budapest Corvinus University, Hungary)

Jekatyerina Dunajeva is an Assistant Professor at Pázmány Péter Catholic University and Budapest Corvinus University, as well as a Research Fellow at the HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, with expertise in civil society, inclusive education, and minority integration. Her work also explores environmental justice, the politics of religion, and collective memory and identity formation. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Oregon and combines academic research with applied work, actively collaborating with international organizations, NGOs, and EU institutions. Dr. Dunajeva's research focuses on promoting social justice in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the former Soviet region.

Ahmet Evin (Sabanci University, Turkey)

Ahmet Evin is a Senior Scholar in Istanbul Policy Center and Professor at Sabanci University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Jean Monnet chair at Sabanci. At Columbia University, he was named William Mitchell Fellow where he received his PhD in Middle East Studies and Cultural History. He is director of education of the Aga Khan Trust for Culture, and coordinated the Aga Khan Program at Harvard University and MIT. He initiated, with European Commission support, a policy dialogue on EU's eastward expansion, its Mediterranean policy, and the customs union agreement with Turkey. He established, with the EUI Schuman Center, the EU-Turkish Observatory, also programs and policy research with academic institutions and NGOs, e.g., the Kokkalis Program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He is the founding member of Turkish Economy and Social Studies Foundation and the Middle East Studies Association of North America.

Áron Fábíán (Bibó István College for Advanced Studies, ELTE, Hungary)

Dr. Fábíán is the Deputy Director of Bibó István College for Advanced Studies, and a junior lecturer at the Centre for the Faculty of Law, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. He is an external fellow at iASK. His primary research focus is the normativity of law and analytic legal philosophy. He is interested in the fields of law and language, political philosophy, and socio-legal studies.

Tamás Fejérdy (iASK, ICOMOS Hungarian National Committee, Hungary)

Tamás Fejérdy is a Hungarian architect. He is a lecturer at several universities in Hungary, where he teaches, among other things, about World Heritage and the legal and institutional protection of cultural heritage. A member of ICOMOS since 1983, he was vice-president between 2005 and 2008. He was also head of the International Committee of Historic Towns and Villages (CIVVIH) from 1992 to 2002. He has also been a member of working groups of the Council of Europe; participant of Nara International Conferences (1994, 2004); Chairperson of the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee (2002/2003); member of the Council of Europa Nostra; developed considerable professional expertise in connection with World Heritage nominations and reactive monitoring missions.

Stephanie Fenkart (Director of the International Institute for Peace, Austria)

Mag. Stephanie Fenkart MA is Director of the International Institute for Peace (IIP) since 2016. She has an MA in Development Studies from the University of Vienna and an MA in Human Rights from the Danube University, Krems. She is furthermore a member of the Advisory Committee for Strategy and Security Policy of the Scientific Commission at the Austrian Armed Forces (BMLV) and the chair of the Board of The Balkan Forum, Pristina. She focuses on peaceful conflict resolution, European Security, EU-enlargement, geopolitics and disarmament. Her regional focus lies in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus. Together with Marylia Hushcha she moderates the Podcast "Peace Matters".

András Gelencsér (University of Pannonia, Hungary)

András Gelencsér is an atmospheric scientist and professor at the University Pannonia Veszprém, where he served as rector between 2015 and 2023. He graduated as a chemical engineer in 1990, received his PhD in environmental sciences in 1995, and became member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) in 2019. He is the head of the HUN-REN Air

Chemistry Research Group. His research field is air pollution and climate change, with special emphasis on atmospheric carbonaceous aerosol, e.g. from biomass-burning. He has received multiple honors, including the Hungarian Order of Merit (2014), the Prima Primissima Award (2016), and the MTA Award (2017). . He became personally involved in global sustainability in 2014, and since he has given numerous lectures on global sustainability for the public, as well as media interviews and a podcast having over 1 million reads/views each. He has recently published a book titled "Enchanted by illusions—limits to sustainability".

Franz Graf (Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic)

Franz Graf is a postdoctoral researcher in the ERC project, "Memory and Populism from Below" (PI Johana Wyss), where he contributes environmental anthropological approaches to the overall goals of the project. Ethnographic fieldwork has been central to his approach, including long-term teaching and field school experiences through the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna. His current research integrates ecological scholarship with theoretical approaches from memory studies. Franz is particularly interested in the politics of memory in relation to ecological and social transformations and how such remembrances shape and are shaped by populist discourses deployed by local actors.

Csaba Győry (ELTE, Hungary)

Senior lecturer at Faculty of Law at ELTE University, specializing in contemporary regulatory issues, with special emphasis on criminal law and criminology. He is a long-time specialist of various international civil organizations, he did research many times in Africa, eg. Uganda and Rwanda.

Inna Hakkinen (University of Helsinki, Finland)

As a member of the Helsinki Environmental Humanities Hub, Inna Hakkinen coordinates and (co-) teaches 'Chernobyl Studies', 'Nuclear Narratives in East/Central Europe' courses at the University of Helsinki (Aleksanteri Institute). After defending her PhD in Literary Studies (Dnipro, Ukraine), she has been a research fellow of Erasmus Mundus mobility programs (Bologna, 2008; Turku, 2011-2012), Cambridge Colleges Hospitality Scheme (2013), SUSI (Ohio, 2016), Open Society Foundation/Artes Liberales Foundation (Warsaw, 2016-2017), JYU Visiting Fellowship Programme (Jyväskylä, 2021), PIASt Fellowship Program (Warsaw, 2022). She is a member of the Association for Literary Urban Studies (Finland), HELSUS (Finland) and Nordic Association for American Studies (NAAS).

Cornelius Holtorf (Linnaeus University, Sweden)

Cornelius Holtorf is a Professor of Archaeology and holds a UNESCO Chair on Heritage Futures at Linnaeus University in Kalmar, Sweden. He is interested in bringing together culture, heritage and foresight, including in relation to global sustainable development and climate change. His inspiration comes among other sources from working with the question of long-term memory of repositories of nuclear waste. He is the co-editor (with A. Högberg) of Cultural Heritage and the Future (Routledge, 2021). His presentation in Kőszeg is based on a paper published in World Archaeology, 55(3), 2023, 268–281. Open access: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00438243.2024.2320122>

Roland Jakab (HUN-REN, MI Koalicio, Hungary)

Roland Jakab is the Chief Executive Officer of the HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network, appointed on January 1, 2024. Prior to this role, he spent over two decades at Ericsson Hungary Ltd., holding various leadership positions in management, strategy, and research and development. Notably, he served as the company's Managing Director from 2013 and later as Strategic Director for Central Europe, overseeing operations across eight countries. Jakab is also the founding president of the Artificial Intelligence Coalition, established in 2018, and has been re-elected to this position multiple times, reflecting his commitment to advancing AI technologies in Hungary.

Boglárka Jakabfi-Kovács (MOME, Hungary)

In 2012, she obtained a Master's degree in Architectural Design from Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design (MOME), where she is currently a doctoral candidate in the Architectural

Design DLA program. Her research focuses on systemic approaches to sustainable design strategy-building, the architectural implications of the degrowth paradigm, and the integration of these concepts into design education. For the past four years, she has been a guest lecturer, teaching courses on climate adaptation, adaptive reuse, gamification, and systems thinking in design at both the MOME Institute of Architecture and Budapest Metropolitan University. In collaboration with Marp Studio, she designed a residential house, which was awarded the House of the Year Grand Prize and the BigSEE Award in 2020.

Jody Jensen (iASK, Hungary)

Dr. Jensen is the Director of Transdisciplinary Research and Collaboration at iASK. She is a senior research fellow at the Institute of Political Sciences at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. She was the Director of the International Studies MA Program at the University of Pannonia Keszeg Campus and awarded a Jean Monet Chair in European Solidarity and Social Cohesion (ESSCO). She is the Director of International Relations at the Institute of Social and European Studies (a Jean Monet Centre of Excellence) which she helped to found. She served as the national and regional director of Ashoka: Innovations for the Public that supports social entrepreneurs. She teaches frequently abroad and also works for the European Commission. Her areas of research are prefigurative and subterranean politics, new social and political movements, particularly in East and Central Europe and the Balkans; looking at the conjunction of the social and natural sciences in the study of complexity as it translates to social phenomena and change.

László Karvalics (iASK, Hungary)

László Karvalics (DSc, PhD, Hab). MA in History, Literature and Linguistics from ELTE, Budapest. He is a founding director, BME-UNESCO Information Society and Trend Research Institute, associate professor, former Head, Department of Cultural Heritage and Human Information Science, Faculty of Arts, University of Szeged. He was a Fulbright Research Scholar, George Washington University, Center of International Science and Technology Policy (2006), Georgetown University, Department of History (2007). Teaching and research on information society, social impacts of information technology, comparative analysis of national information strategies, information history, press history, education in the information age and knowledge management theory and practice, smart cities, cultural microheritage.

Miklós Király (ELTE, Hungary)

Miklós Király is Professor of Law and was Dean of the Faculty of Law at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest between 2008 and 2016. He is the Head of the Department of Private International Law and European Economic Law and the Director of the ELTE European Research and Documentation Centre. He received his Ph.D in law from Eötvös Loránd University in 1998. His research focuses on EU economic law and private international law (PIL), as well as on the cultural aspects of EU law. He is the author of several books and articles on European law, civil law and PIL. He was legal advisor to Metalimpex Foreign Trade Company (1985-1986), senior advisor to the Prime Minister's Office (1990-1992), member of the Board of the State Property Agency (1992-1994) and advisor on EU law to the Ministry of Social and Family Affairs (1998-2001). Advisor to the President of the Republic of Hungary (2002-2005).

Norbert Kroó (iASK, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Solid State Physics and Optics, Hungary)

Norbert Kroó was the Vice-President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He is the member of the Advisory Board of iASK, member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and full-time research professor at the Wigner Research Centre, Institute for Solid State Physics in Hungary. His fields of interest are material sciences, optics, neutron physics and science policy. He has published over 250 scientific papers, 7 books, 40 patents and numerous technical reports while serving on the editorial boards of four scientific journals. He was formerly President of the European Physics Society (1993-95) and President of the Hungarian Physical Society (1985-90). He has been the Chairman of the ESF Committee on Large Facilities since 1996 and Vice President of the Hungarian National Science Foundation since 1996. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of EPS (1983-88), Freedom of Science Committee of ICSU (since 1997), Physics Action Council of UNESCO (since 1994) and other important roles.

Elira Luli (iASK, Luarasi University, Albania)

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Tibor Tóth is the Executive Secretary Emeritus of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), having served as its Executive Secretary from 2005 to 2013. With over three decades of experience in multilateral diplomacy, he has been actively involved in international disarmament and non-proliferation efforts. Prior to his tenure at the CTBTO, Tóth held several key diplomatic positions, including serving as Hungary's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva (1990–1993, 2003–2005) and Vienna (1997–2001). He also represented Hungary at the Conference on Disarmament and the International Atomic Energy Agency. From 1994 to 1996, he was the Deputy State Secretary of Defense responsible for international affairs. Throughout his career, Tóth has been instrumental in negotiating global prohibition regimes for biological and chemical weapons, significantly contributing to international security and arms control.

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Gustavo Merino (Director for Social Policies, UNESCO)

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