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***Education and degrees:***

1962-1966 Sr. High School (Zs.Móricz Gymnasium), Budapest, Matura  
1966-1971 Corvinus University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration (former Karl Marx University of Economics), Budapest [economic planning, sociology]  
1986 Ph.D. in Sociology  
Thesis: "Az egészségügy betegségei" [Diseases of the healthcare system] [published in 1986]  
2007 DSc, HAS  
Thesis: "Az állami 'túlelosztás' funkcióváltozásai. A jóléti redistribúció feletti társadalmi küzdelmek a rendszerváltás utáni Magyarországon" [Changing functions of the 'over-distributing' state. Struggles over redistributing welfare in postcommunist Hungary] [published in 2007]

***Positions:***

1973-date Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences: Senior Research Consultant;  
Since 1987: Head, Department of Social History and Social Policy  
1990-date Department of Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE University,  
Budapest: Associate Professor  
1990-2007 Max Weber Foundation for the Study of Social Initiatives, Budapest-Glasgow: Chair  
of the Board  
1992-1996 Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna: Member of the Expert Committee  
1992-2007 Active Society Foundation for Policy-oriented Research in Social Policy, Budapest:  
Chair of the Board  
1998-2005 East Central Europe/l'Europe du Centre-Est, Budapest-Los Angeles : Editor-in-chief  
1999-date Graduate Programme on Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE University:  
Member of the Standing Committee  
1992-1995 European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna:  
Consultant, Member of the External Faculty  
1993-1999 John Wesley College, Budapest External Faculty of Sociology, Social History and  
Social Work: Professor of Sociology (1997-99): Head of Faculty  
2004-date Nationalism Studies Program, Central European University, Budapest:

2006-date	Standing Visiting Professor Centre for Central and East-European Studies, University of Glasgow, Glasgow: External Faculty Member
2007-date	Political Science Department, Central European University, Budapest: Standing Visiting Professor
2007-date	Center for Policy Studies, Central European University, Budapest: Senior Research Fellow
2008-date	Graduate School of Sociology, ELTE, Faculty of Social Science, Budapest: Member of the Board

***Main fields of research:***

poverty - "old" and "new"; economy and society in the post-communist "transition period"; social history of everyday life; gender-issues in a comparative East-West context; history of social policy; minority-rights and clashing interests of class/ethnicity (the case of the Roma minorities in East-Central Europe); manifest and latent functions of social services and social security

***Courses taught in the past five academic years:***

*'Sociological Approaches to Race and Ethnicity: The Roma in Postcommunist Central Europe'* (Nationalism Studies Program, CEU); *'Trapped in Welfare'* (Graduate School of Social Policy, Faculty of social Sciences, ELTE); *'Recognition Struggles and the Rights of Roma in Contemporary Hungary'* (Graduate School of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE); *'On the Postcommunist Welfare State'* (Centre for Central and East-European Studies, University of Glasgow); *'Social Struggles on Redistributing Welfare amidst the Postcommunist Reforms'* (Graduate School of Social Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE); *'Deliberative Polls and Inter-ethnic Relations'* (Centre for Minority Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, ELTE); *'The Welfare State in a Comparative Perspective'* (Department of Political Science, CEU).

***Fellowships and visiting appointments since 1990:***

1990	UCLA, Department of Health Studies, Los Angeles, USA: Visiting Professor
1991-1993	Central European University, Department of Sociology, Prague: Visiting Professor
1993	Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna: Visiting Fellow
1993-1999	University of Strathclyde, Dept. of Government: Visiting Professor
1994	Rutgers University, Dept. of International Studies, New Brunswick: Visiting Professor
1995-1996	Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Study, Budapest: Associate Fellow
2002-2003	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars: Senior Fellow
2006-2008	University of Glasgow, Centre for Central and East-European Studies: Visiting External Faculty

***Editorial activities and board memberships:***

in Hungary: Holmi; Esély; Szociológiai Szemle

abroad: Social Science and Medicine; Critical Social Policy; Journal of European Social Policy; Signs; The European Journal of Women's Studies; Social Politics; East Central Europe/l'Europe du Centre-Est

### ***Expertise to Hungarian and international bodies:***

- in Hungary: Commission of the Hungarian Parliament on Social- and Family Policy and Health; Board of Social Security; Democratic League of the Free Trade Unions; Ministry of Health, Welfare and Family; Ministry of Education
- abroad: WHO; UNESCO; UNICEF; UN; UNRISD; ILO; OECD; Council of Europe; The World Bank; International Social Security Association; CORP; UNRISD – elected Board Member

### ***International projects since 1990 :***

- 1990-1994 *Poverty and Social Adjustment amid the Conditions of Economic Crisis* (under the auspices of The World Bank, Washington, D.C.)
- 1990-1993 *Structural Change in Central and Eastern Europe: Labour Market and Social Policy Implications* (under the auspices of ILO & OECD)
- 1992-1997 *Social Costs of Economic Transformation in Central Europe* (under the auspices of the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna)
- 1994-1998 *Politics of Gender in Post-Communist Transition* (Series of Working Seminars organised by the Gender Studies Program, Central European University, Budapest)
- 1995-2000 *Comparative Social History of the Struggles of Families Against State-oppression in Central Europe* (under the auspices of the Max Weber Foundation, Budapest-Glasgow)
- 1996-1999 Public Opinion Surveys as Input to Administrative Reforms (OECD/SIGMA, Paris)
- 1997-2000 *Education for Democratic Citizenship* (Council of Europe, Strasbourg)
- 1995-2000 *Recognition Struggles in a Comparative Context* (under the auspices of the University of Stockholm)
- 2002-2004 *Class, Gender and Ethnicity in Crossnational Comparison* (joint project of the University of Stockholm, Cambridge University, UK and the journal ‘Social Politics’)
- 2002-2004 *Policy Report on Gender and Development: Ten Years After Beijing* (UNRISD, Geneva)
- 2003-2005 *Network for the Interdisciplinary Study of ‘The European Roma: Theorising Marginality, Resistance and Integration’* (British Academy, London)
- 2005-2006 *Gender Equality, Cultural Diversity: European Comparisons and Lessons* (joint project of the University of London, Nuffield College and the Free University, Amsterdam)
- 2006-2010 *Multi-disciplinary and Cross-national Approaches to Romany Studies* (a Marie Curie Project – CEU)
- 2008-2011 *Ethnic Differences in Education and Diverging Prospects for Urban Youth in an Enlarged Europe* (EDUMIGROM) (an FP7-SSH Project, coordinated by CPS CEU)

### ***Selected list of English-language publications (2001–2010)***

- Szalai, J. (2001) Conflicts of Gender and Class. Paradoxes of Women’s Occupational Mobility in Post-1989 Hungary. In: *Women’s Employment in a Comparative Perspective* .(Eds.: van der Lippe, Tanja – van Dijk, Liset), Aldine de Gruyter, Berlin, pp. 19-37.
- Szalai, J. (2001) *Poverty and the Degradation of Social Rights: The Case of Hungary*. Harvard Working Papers, Harvard University, Cambridge.
- Szalai, J. (2002) Collectivity, Community and the Informal Economy Under Communism, *Social Research*, Vol. 69, No 1, pp.1728-1739.

- Szalai, J. (2002) Social Outcasts in 21st Century Hungary. *Review of Sociology*, Vol.8, No.2, pp. 35-53.
- Szalai, J. (2003) Whose Claim and Whose Risk? *European Journal of Social Policy*, Vol 13, No 1, pp.58 – 60.
- Szalai, J. (2003) Struggles for Recognition on the Battlefield of Social Services. In: *Delivering Public Services in CEE Countries: Trends and Developments*.(Eds.: Finlay, Jane – Debicki, Marek), NISPAcee, Bratislava, pp. 297 – 320.
- Szalai, J. (2003) Conflicting Struggles for Recognition: Clashing Interests of Gender and Ethnicity in Contemporary Hungary. In: *Recognition Struggles and Social Movements. Contested Identities, Agency and Power* (Ed.: Barbara Hobson), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp.188 – 215.
- Szalai, J. (2003) The Politics of Recognition and the 'Gypsy Question': Some Current Problems in Majority–Minority Relations in Contemporary Hungary. *ECE/ECE*, Vol. 30, part 1, pp. 13-53
- Szalai, J. (2004) Conflicting Interests in Shaping Hungary's New Private Pension Scheme. In:*Rethinking the Welfare State. The Political Economy of Pension Reform*. (Eds.: Rein, Martin – Schmähl, Winfried), Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2004, pp.348 – 372.
- Szalai, J. and M. Laki (2006) The Puzzle of Success: Hungarian Entrepreneurs at the Turn of the Millennium, *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 58, (2006), No. 3, pp. 317-345.
- Szalai, J. (2006) How Many Histories Do We Have? *The Hungarian Quarterly*, Vol. 47, (2006), No. 3, pp. 147-159.
- Szalai, J. and M. Laki (2006) *Hungarian Entrepreneurs at the Turn of the Millennium*. Washington, D.C.: WWICS EESP.
- Szalai, J. (2006) Poverty and the Traps of Postcommunist Welfare Reforms in Hungary: The New Challenges of EU-Accession. *Revija za Socijalnu Politiku*, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 309-334.
- Szalai, J. (2008) A Few Worrisome Notes on the Formation of the Postcommunist Welfare State. In: *Social Policy in a Globalizing World: A North-South Dialogue*. (Ed.:Fargion, Valeria). Roma: Redazione la Rivista delle Politiche Sociali, pp. 469-489.
- Szalai, J. (2008) “Cultural Otherness” or the Ethnicisation of Poverty? Some Considerations on How Postcommunist Welfare Reforms Affect Hungary's Roma Minority. In: *Reconciling Migrants' Well-Being and the Public Interest: Welfare State, Firms and Citizenship in Transition*. (Eds.: Farrell, Gilda – Oliveri, Federico). Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2008, pp. 159-183.
- Szalai, J., V. Messing, and M. Neményi (2010) *Ethnic and Social Differences in Education in a Comparative Perspective*. Budapest: Central European University, Center for Policy Studies.
- Szalai, J. (ed.) (2010) *Being 'Visibly Different': Experiences of Second-generation Migrant and Roma Youths at School*. Budapest: Central European University, Center for Policy Studies.