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INSTITUTE FOR SOCIOLOGY  
CENTRE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

## Mission

The mission of the Institute of Sociology is to promote social self-awareness, foster change for the common good and establish a more just society through the understanding and interpretation of social phenomena.

The Institute conducts sociological research on social conditions and processes in line with international professional standards. We are the largest Hungarian sociological research institute dedicated to research and actively contribute to the national, Central European and international scientific dialogue. We share our research results with stakeholders and the wider public.

## Vision

In 2025 we held the second strategy and team building day in the history of the Institute. Together with the research community, we evaluated our yearly performance according to our core values: scientific excellence, research integrity, social responsibility and solidarity. We are also defined our strategic goals for 2026.

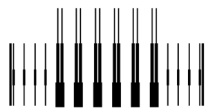
The Institute for Sociology is devoted to remaining the most influential scholarly hub for sociology nationally while continuing cutting-edge research through international collaboration. We aim to make an impact beyond the academic field, most importantly on policy-making at the national and local levels and on civil society.

## Staff

In 2025, the Institute for Sociology employed 43 research fellows (16 with part-time commitment) of all ages and seniority. In addition, there are 8 project employees (8 part-time) and 3 administrative staff members.

## Research Topics

While specific research projects change according to the available funding opportunities, a few topics to which CSS IS has been devoted for several decades constitute an umbrella for the main CSS IS research activities. These include the study of social structure; processes of social mobility and social integration; spatial aspects of social processes; intersecting inequalities of gender, ethnicity, locality and class in various fields such as education, labour market, access to public services and welfare; social relations and micro-networks (such as family- and kinship relations, friendships, and labour relations) and their role in social cohesion and well-being; and the social impact of climate change and social science methodologies.



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# Structure of the Institute

The three-pillar structure of the Institute mirrors our topical focus and expertise.

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## Ongoing research projects

The Institute for Sociology hosts a large number of national and international consortium-based research projects, including European funding schemes and other international research collaborations. These are especially important in the scholarly operation of the Institute since they are key to ensuring its integration into the European scholarly arena.

## International collaborative research projects

The **European Social Survey (ESS)** was initiated by the European Commission in 2001 to obtain internationally comparative data biannually on the demographic and social state of European societies, the development of the political and public preferences of the population, and the changes in social attitudes and values influencing individuals' actions. The Institute for Sociology has been a partner of the ESS since the beginning in 2002 and has taken part in all the survey waves (including the 11th in 2023). ESS data provide an opportunity to study processes within Europe and to compare societies across time and space. The research database and its full documentation are free for non-commercial use and can be downloaded from the ESS Data Portal. The ESS was awarded European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) status in 2013, which Hungary joined two years later. Currently, the ESS ERIC has 28 full member states, and a further five participate as guest members.

Timespan: continuous since 2002

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Vera Messing

National Coordinator for Hungary: Bence Ságvári

Funding scheme: European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC)

**Welfare experiences** is a research project that analyses how different welfare systems can affect people's mental health and chances of returning to work. It studies clients' experiences of claiming welfare services and how this affects their well-being. The overall aim of the five-year project is to advance academic knowledge and contribute to policy actions that aim to make claimant experiences better. To do this, the project collects innovative, in-depth qualitative data and conducts new surveys of claimants in Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Spain and the UK.

Timespan: 2023–2028

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Dorottya Szikra

Funding scheme: European Research Council (ERC)

The **UNTWIST project** aims to promote gender equality as a core value of the EU, defending it from the emerging threat that the gender rhetoric from right-wing populist parties represents. By developing policy recommendations that uphold gender equality as both a value and a way of life, the project contributes to shaping the global future. It fulfils relevant objectives associated with the EU's political agenda for 2019–2024. Participating countries are Spain, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Timespan: 2023–2026

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Katalin Tardos

Funding scheme: EC Horizon



## Providing research infrastructure services to support Next Generation EU (Infra4NextGen)

will bring together outputs from key social science research infrastructures to inform the NextGenerationEU recovery plan and European Union youth policy. The latter are designed to support Europe 'to build a greener, more digital and more resilient future' with a focus on five key areas: Make it Green; Make it Digital; Make it Healthy; Make it Strong; and Make it Equal. New data will be collected on each topic via the online CRONOS web panel fielded over five waves in 11 countries (Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and the United Kingdom).

Timespan 2024–28

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Vera Messing

Funding scheme: EC Horizon

## TraFaDy – Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe

is a network that aims to deepen the knowledge of the growing, rapidly changing phenomenon and dynamics of transnational families (TNF) by bringing together researchers and stakeholders from different disciplines and countries to address the need for transnational insights and formulate policy and practice-oriented recommendations.

Timespan: 2022–2026

Members (at CSS IS): Zsuzsa Árendás, Vera Messing

Funding scheme: EC Cost Action



TRANSNATIONAL  
FAMILY DYNAMICS  
IN EUROPE

## The Democratising Education with Children and Communities in Europe (EXPECT\_Art)

project aims to identify the barriers to critical cultural literacy and explore how art education can be used to integrate and strengthen critical cultural literacy in the education systems of European countries. EXPECT\_Art understands cultural literacy in terms of critical pedagogy and decolonisation theory. Through the implementation of the art activities, children, their teachers, and local community members become participants in the research. In collaboration with their cultural partners, the research teams will implement the project in Danish, German, Hungarian, Polish, Slovenian, Spanish and German schools and in the local communities where the schools are located.

Timespan: 2024–2027

Principal Investigator (at CSS IS): Zsuzsa Árendás

Funding scheme: EC Horizon



**CareOrg** investigates transnational senior care work from and within Central and Eastern Europe. The aim of the research is to understand and theorise emerging transnational care markets and identify solutions for sustainable and decent care work in Europe. Through empirical and engaged research, it maps and analyses current and future patterns of the commodification, marketization, transnationalisation, professionalization, and digitalisation of senior care. Participating countries are Hungary, Czechia, Romania, Ukraine, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Timespan: 2023–2026

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Dóra Gábríel

Funding scheme: Volkswagen Foundation Challenges and Potentials for Europe ▼



## **TWIN4DEM: Strengthening Democratic Resilience Through Digital Twins**

Over the past decade, many democratic systems have faced increasing threats from within, as governments gradually consolidate power—a process known as "executive aggrandisement." This trend has raised widespread concern among experts, policymakers, and citizens about the long-term stability of democracy in Europe. Despite the abundance of data on democracy, researchers have struggled to pinpoint the complex, multidimensional causes behind this phenomenon.

TWIN4DEM aims to change by leveraging cutting-edge Computational Social Science (CSS) techniques, such as natural language processing, data aggregation, and dynamic simulation models, to analyse democratic decline. The project will prototype the first-ever digital twins of four European political systems: Czechia, France, Hungary, and the Netherlands. These digital twins will simulate real-world scenarios, helping researchers and stakeholders better understand the factors driving democratic erosion and the impact of policy decisions.

Timespan: 2025–2027

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Márton Gerő

Funding scheme: EC Horizon



## **INTERFACED – Interfaces for Democratic Participation: Deliberation, Mobilization and Contestation Since the Onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic**

Amidst the rise in protest, democratic and scientific mistrust, as well as growing societal divisions and inequalities heightened by the Covid-19 pandemic, INTERFACED investigates the diverse forms of political participation that have arisen subsequently. We approach the period since the onset of the pandemic as an opportunity to contribute to the destination Innovative Research on Democracy and Governance of the Work Programme, to its cardinal goal to reinvigorate democratic governance and empower active and inclusive citizenship. We do so by distinguishing participation interfaces between citizens and representative institutions to then investigate their capacity to include citizens within decision-making and governance. INTERFACED pursues seven specific objectives that move the analysis of these interfaces beyond the state-of-the-art with the aim to enhance relations between citizens and governments. The objectives will be attained with a comprehensive methodological apparatus – combining large-scale surveys and experiments with computational, ethnographic, textual and comparative qualitative methods. Together with the topical selection of a diverse set of eight European countries and Tunisia – spanning multiple forms of opposition, including opposition to authoritarianism – INTERFACED will thereby offer a systematic and inclusive basis from which to produce new and innovative research findings, and from which to scaffold policy recommendations to maximize the mobilization and minimize the demobilization of the least engaged and most disadvantaged social groups.

Timespan: 2025–2028

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Márton Geró

Funding scheme:

EC Horizon



## **SoGreen – Social Aspects of the Green Transition**

The SoGreen project is actively enhancing the capacities of four leading European social science infrastructures – ESS ERIC, SHARE ERIC, GGP, and GUIDE – along with their partners and affiliated entities across Europe, to study the social aspects of the green transition across generations and socioeconomic groups. Using a life-course perspective, the project is developing new services, tools, and questionnaire modules to improve data collection and analysis on the societal impacts of environmental change.

A central innovation is the Green Transition Questionnaire Module (Green Module), which will be integrated into the surveys of all four infrastructures, ensuring harmonized data collection. The project will also create visualization tools, geospatial data linkages, and a joint dissemination platform to make insights more accessible.

Timespan: 2025–2027

Principal investigators: Messing Vera, Ságvári Bence

Funding scheme: EC Horizon



## National research funding

### Reproduction related decisions from macro–micro perspectives in European comparison in the (post-) pandemic era.

The research project aims to explore the social embeddedness of reproductive decisions. It specifically seeks to examine reproductive decisions in a complex way, which means that the research does not limit the meaning of reproduction to fertility but also examines issues related to infertility, contraception, abortion, adoption and fertility treatment. Examining various reproductive decisions together allows us to understand better the processes of (not) becoming a parent.

Timespan: 2021–2026

Principal investigator: Ivetta Szalma

Funding: Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Lendület Programme

### Crises, challenges and adaptation in contemporary Hungarian society

The project aims to analyse public responses to COVID, the energy crisis and consequent changes to the labour market and economy by conducting a large-scale survey of 5,000 respondents. The results of the project will support the identification of adaptation strategies for individuals and communities in all important segments of Hungarian society. The research results are expected to contribute to the literature on social structure and types of capital in the context of the polycrisis in Hungary and the broader CEE region.

Timespan: 2024–28

Principal Investigator: Imre Kovách

Funding scheme: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund

### Sustainable consumption patterns, behavioural strategies and knowledge use in Hungarian society

The main objective of the research is to explore the social characteristics of sustainable consumption using qualitative and quantitative methods. Patterns and strategies of sustainable consumption are interpreted along the lines of social status and social inequalities. The research analyses how different socioeconomic factors such as attitudes, norms, knowledge and behaviours influence specific aspects of sustainable consumption. By analysing the social components of sustainable consumption, the research also explores how different social processes and systems, such as public policies, legal systems, social movements, organisational networks, culture and media products, influence sustainable consumption.

Timespan: 2021–2025

Principal investigator: Bernadett Csurgó

Funding: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund



### **Socio-spatial inequalities of [the] energy transition**

The research deals with the energy transition, i.e. the transformation of energy production and consumption in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It investigates problems linked to the energy crisis, the increase in energy prices and change in energy sources, and adaptation strategies in Hungary at the level of households and local communities.

Timespan: 2024–27

Principal Investigator: Lea Kőszeghy

Funding scheme: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund

### **Opportunities and limitations of smart technologies in the context of social acceptance**

The research focuses on exploring patterns of the uptake, adoption, and use of smart solutions for housing, with particular emphasis on energy use. It addresses significant social inequalities in access to these solutions and variations in knowledge, skills, attitudes, and usage habits across different social groups.

Timespan: 2023–2025

Principal Investigator: Adrienne Csizmady

Funding scheme: National Laboratory For Social Innovation

### **Explanation in sociology in the 21st century.**

This project, located in the field of the sociology of science, uses interview and linguistic analysis techniques to investigate interpretive strategies of contemporary sociology. An important aim of the work is to assess the future functions of sociology and show the essential role of the interplay of methods, data and theories in understanding the scientific results of contemporary sociology.

Timespan: 2022–2025

Principal investigator: Judit Gárdos

Funding scheme: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund

### **To help or to be helped? Professional working conditions, mental health and mobility in the social sector**

The research examines the professional mobility of social workers through a complex approach in the context of their mental health and their narrow and broad work environment. This approach is reflected in the research in terms of content, time frame, space and methodology. The complexity of the topics studied lies in the fact that the working conditions of social professionals, their mental burdens and coping, and past and planned professional mobility are each under-researched areas in Hungary, and the review of the mutual correlations of the three areas is unprecedented in the world.

Timespan: 2021–2025

Principal investigator: Ágnes Győri

Funding scheme: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund

### **Social context, social inequalities, and subjective well-being**

This research includes four research projects that aim to advance our knowledge of the social aspects of subjective well-being. Specifically, the research projects focus on the social context of subjective well-being and the relationship between social inequalities and subjective well-being.

Timespan: 2020–2025

Principal investigator: Gábor Hajdu

Funding scheme: Hungarian Scientific Research Fund

### **Welfare deservingness of genders and family types**

Principal Investigator: Boglárka Herke

Timespan: 2023–26

Funding scheme: Bolyai János Research Scholarship Program

## **Civil society and democracy? Thirty years of civil society in Hungary**

Principal Investigator: Márton Gerő

Timespan: 2023–26

Funding scheme: Bolyai János Research Scholarship Program

## **Assessing the current state of survey interviewers' network for empirical social sciences**

The objective of the research is to describe the Hungarian interviewer network and its impact on sample composition and data quality. Studying a country's survey interviewer network is crucial for enhancing data quality, reducing biases, and ensuring the reliability and validity of survey results. It will aid in improving operational efficiency, tailoring survey methods to cultural contexts, and developing innovative survey techniques.

Timespan: 2025

Principal investigator (at CSS IS): Blanka Szeidl

Funding scheme: Sylff Research Grant

## **Improving health education in schools: health literacy, health behaviour, and child well-being**

The main objective of the research is to examine the relationship between the mental and physical health of schoolchildren and their health literacy and health behaviour, as well as the mediating role of the school in these relationships. In our research, we pay particular attention to exploring the mechanisms through which the school environment – including the curriculum, teaching methods, support from teachers and peers, and school inequalities – influences students' health literacy, health behaviours, and, through these, their mental and physical health. We expect our findings to provide useful information for students, teachers, professionals, and parents in developing health awareness. At the political and economic level,

they will provide a basis for the development of comprehensive school health education programs and public policies that can contribute to the more effective functioning of the public health and education systems in the long term.

Timespan: 2025–2029

Principal Investigator: Ágnes Győri

Funding scheme: Hungarian Academy of Sciences



# Academic awards and prizes granted to our fellows



Boglárka Herke was awarded the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Youth Award



Máté Zombory was awarded the CSS Award for Best Publication of the Year for his article with Zoltán Kékesi: Beyond multidirectional memory. Opening pathways to politics and solidarity



Mária Neményi received the Szalai Júlia Prize from the Hungarian Sociological Association in recognition of her outstanding contributions to sociological research. (Photographed here with Antal Örkény)

In 2025, for the second time, we presented our own annual awards to the Institute's researchers, inspired by the Institute's core values. Ivett Szalma was awarded Outstanding Researcher of the Year. Dorottya Szikra was awarded High Impact Researcher of the Year. Judit Gárdos was awarded 'For the Institute's Community' Researcher of the Year. Karolina Balogh was awarded Young Researcher of the Year.

## PhD defenses in 2025

In 2025, three junior research fellows successfully completed their studies and defended their PhDs:



Szabina Kerényi  
(Eötvös Loránd University)

Zsolt Szabolcsi  
(Eötvös Loránd University)

Szandra Kramarics  
(Eötvös Loránd University)

# Academic events of the Institute

## Jour Fixe

Jour Fixe, which takes place every week in the autumn and spring semesters, is one of the Institute's most important regular events.

It aims to bring together researchers to discuss scholarly manuscripts. In each Jour Fixe session, the author(s) present a manuscript that is commented on by two invited discussants. In 2025, 20 manuscripts were discussed at Jour Fixe seminars:

- Jour Fixe 165 | Csizmady Adrienne–Kerényi Szabina–Kőszeghy Lea–Kristóf Luca–Megyesi Boldizsár: Community-based sustainability practices and social boundaries in a gentrifying urban district in Budapest (4 December)
- Jour Fixe 164 | Árendás Zsuzsanna–Eredics Lilla–Kende Ágnes–Vidra Zsuzsanna: Negotiating stuckedness. Micro-decolonial pedagogy and agency in a segregated Roma school (27 November)
- Jour Fixe 163 | Horzsa Gergely–Szeitl Blanka: Exploring survey interviewer effect from interviewers' perspective (20 November)
- Jour Fixe 162 | Bognár Adrienn–Herke Boglárka–Szalma Ivett: Single mother by choice (13 November)
- Jour Fixe 161 | Szikra Dorottya–Győry Adrienn–Kramarics Szandra: Milyen érzés szociális ellátásban részesülni? (30 October)
- Jour Fixe 160 | Árendás Zsuzsanna–Kende Ágnes–Messing Vera: „A szülőket is nevelnünk kell...” Az óvodai befogadás osztály és etnikai dimenziói (2 October)
- Jour Fixe 159 | Gárdos Judit: The missing link. An empirical study of social scientific explanation and understanding (26 June)

- Jour Fixe 158 | Árendás Zsuzsanna–Eredics Lilla–Kende Ágnes–Vidra Zsuzsanna: A “good” all-Roma school? Quality education in segregated context (19 June)
- Jour Fixe 157 | Szeitl Blanka: Új adatkorrekciós megközelítések – súlyozás politikai érdeklődés és elérhetőség alapján (12 June)
- Jour Fixe 156 | Udvari Orsolya–Szalma Ivett–Pélyi Lóránt: More Than Pets: Companion Dogs, Fictive Kinship, and the Well-Being of Childless Women (5 June)
- Jour Fixe 155 | Katona Noémi–Gábel Dóra: The political-economic construction of low professional standards for care of seniors (29 May)
- Jour Fixe 154 | Dupcsik Csaba: Családmokkeltak a századfordulótól az ezredfordulóig (22 May)
- Jour Fixe 153 | Szalma Ivett–Herke Boglárka–Paksi Veronika: A szülőség időzítése Magyarországon: társadalmi trendek és családpolitikai megoldások (15 May)
- Jour Fixe 152 | Erőss Gábor: Poor Roma boys–Cleft habitus as an intersectional tool for understanding educational inequalities (24 April)
- Jour Fixe 151 | Kerényi Szabina: Throwing out the Baby with the Bathwater? Marketization of Services and Withdrawal of the State from Obstetric Care in Hungary (17 April)
- Jour Fixe 150 | Paksi Veronika–Tardos Katalin–Takács Judit: Gender Equality Barriers in Agriculture and Life Sciences in Central European Universities (10 April)
- Jour Fixe 149 | Hilbert Bálint: Bécs és Budapest dualizmuskori város politikai hatékonyságának komplex vizsgálata fővárosi és kerületi szinten (1880–1910) (3 April)
- Jour Fixe 148 | Kőszeghy Lea–Csizmady Adrienne–Hilbert Bálint: Urban planning in an increasingly authoritarian context: the case of Hungary (27 March)

Jour Fixe 147 | Kollányi Bence–Ságvári Bence: Az applikáció-alapú adatgyűjtés és a digitális viselkedési adatok elemzésének kihívásai (20 March)

Jour Fixe 146 | Albert Fruzsina–Brys Zoltán: Gendered educational gaps and in-home smoking and electronic tobacco/nicotine device use (13 February)

## Brown Bag Seminars

The Brown Bag Seminar is an informal discussion series. Each occasion is linked to a discussion-provoking study that has nothing to do with the Institute's research other than (hopefully) making us smarter. In 2025, eight studies were discussed at Brown Bag seminars:

#41: Viola Angelini, Joan Costa-Font, Berkay Ozcan: Gifts that bind (11 December)

#40: David Autor, Neil Thompson: Expertise (6 November)

#39: Štěpán Mikula, Tommaso Reggiani, Fabio Sabatini: The long-term impact of church activity on social capital. Lessons from post-war Czechoslovakia (2 October)

#38: Jean Twenge David G. Blanchflower: Declining life satisfaction and happiness among young adults in six english-speaking countries (26 June)

#37: Clarke, Damian, Sonia R. Bhalotra, and Angelina Nazarova: The daughter penalty(22 May)

# 36: P. Eibich, R. Kanabar, A. Plum: Returns to testosterone across men's earnings distribution in the UK (27 March)

# 35: Rainer Kotschy David E. Bloom and Andrew J. Scott: On the limits of chronological age (27 February)

#34: Andrew E. Clark and Maria Cotofan: Are the upwardly-mobile more left-wing? (9 January)

## Conference and book launch events

Discussion:

Csillag Gábor: Lázadás kezdőknek és haladóknak (21 January)

### Conferences:

Kutatók és Fejlesztők találkozója a hazai civil szektorért 2. (3 March)



Szegénység. Folyamatok, közelképek, szakpolitikák (15 April)

Community-Based Research, Decolonial Theory and Education Challenges and Opportunities (4–5 June)

Dismantling Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe. Forms of Social Acceptance and Resistance. ▼



The Annual Conference of the Hungarian Sociological Association (15–17 October)

Kutatók és fejlesztők találkozója a hazai civil szektorért (24 November)

## Book launches:

Kovács Imre (szerk.): Integráció, egyenlőtlenség, polgárosodás 1–2. (13 March) ▼



Albert Fruzsina: Társas kapcsolatok válsághelyzetben (3 April) ▼



Issue launch: Ökológiai válság: társadalmi hatások, és társadalmi válaszok (8 May)

Online launch event of the Social Inclusion's new thematic issue Gender Equality Plans in European Research Performing Organisations (21 October)

## International workshops connected to the research projects of the Institute

Workshop for the thematic issue on *Involved Fatherhood in European Post-Socialist Societies* (5 May)

Hungary's new immigrants. Workshop (19 November)

## Sociobistro

The aim of the Sociobistro event series is to discuss societal phenomena and issues through the lens of popular TV shows and movies. During each session, an expert joins the hosts of Sociobistro, Szabina Kerényi and Róza Vajda. The Sociobistro event in 2025 was: Ha a szárnyaló idő beront a szívem ablakán (10 April)

## European Researchers Night

The Institute is a yearly participant in the events of the European Researchers Night. Researchers present their research in a way that is easy to understand, with the active involvement of participants. The types of programs organized by the Institute for Sociology vary from year to year. ▼



## Outreach and impact

The Institute of Sociology considers promoting social responsibility an important task and role. This philosophy encourages us to continuously consider the social impact our research is making. The Institute and its fellows strive to disseminate our research and its results to students, policymakers, civil society, local governments, and the media. The following section summarises the most important activities and partnerships to this end.

The Institute is deeply embedded in Hungarian higher education. Our colleagues teach at almost every major university in Hungary, including *Eötvös Loránd University*, *Corvinus University of Budapest*, *Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary*, *Pázmány Péter Catholic University*, *Semmelweis University*, the *University of Szeged*, and the *University of Debrecen*. The Institute's internship program ensures that promising future professionals can participate in ongoing projects and learn about research and scholarly work.

Researchers at the Institute also collaborate with a large number of NGOs during research projects and the dissemination of findings. The most important partners in this effort are *Nők a Tudományban Egyesület / Women in Science Association*, *Home Start International*, *Kézzenfogva Alapítvány / Hand in Hand Foundation*, *Közélet Iskolája Alapítvány / School of Public Life*, *Magyar Máltai Szeretetszolgálat / Hungarian Maltese Charity*, *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Alapítvány*, *Otthon Segítünk Alapítvány / We help at home*, *Mozgássérültek Országos Egyesülete / [National Association of People Living with Disability*, *Tudatos Vásárlók Egyesülete / Association of Conscious Consumers*, *GreenDependent Institute*, and *Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége / National Association of Conservationists*. Several of our research fellows cooperate with local governments and state institutions. Our colleagues have also carried out advisory work, informing

European councils and commissions. Some of our research fellows also cooperate with actors in the business sphere.

The Institute of Sociology organises several events and activities to promote our work and sociology to the broader public.

**Socio.hu Social Science Review** is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal of the Institute focusing on sociology and the social sciences. Four issues were published in 2025, with 27 papers and eleven other articles (book reviews, doctoral theses, commemorations). The issues included two special issues:

*Ártó-védő társadalmunk lenyomatai.*

*Losonczy Ágnes kérdésfeltevéseinek nyomában*

(guest editors: Fruzsina Albert, Beáta Dávid, Judit Takács)

*Szegénység, egyenlőtlenségek és társadalompolitika.*

*Ferge Zsuzsa öröksége és aktualitása*

(guest editors: Dorottya Szikra, Bálint Misetics, Boglárka Herke).

The editor-in-chief of the journal in 2025 was Boglárka Herke.



## Media coverage

Research and related results are regularly reported in the mainstream media. The most important media outlets that regularly share research results include Qubit and Telex, 444.hu, G7, Magyar Narancs, Portfolio.hu, Válasz Online, 24.hu, Partizán, Napunk, Civil Rádió, Klub Rádió, ATV, RTL, and Szabad Európa.

Some of the most read/viewed pieces in 2025 were the following:

One piece from the extensive media coverage of the book edited by Imre Kovách: „Hogy Orbánról Magyar Péterre tegyen valaki, ahhoz nem kell sokat változni” – állítja a tudós, aki azt kutatja, mi a legfontosabb a magyaroknak

Ivett Szalma on co-parenting:

Gyereket akarsz, de nincs pasid? Szerezz magadnak egy apát!

Luca Kristóf on the cultural elite in the Vétó podcast:

Ki van a körúton belül?

Fruzsina Albert's new book on Qubit:

Magyar fiatalok a covid idején:

„Hányini tudtam volna a chateléstől”

The Observer cited the study of Vera Messing and Bence Ságvári:

Britain's problem isn't immigration.

It's a profound breakdown in trust

Szandra Kramarics on family policy in Egyenes Beszéd:

Fogy a magyar: 70 éve nem látott mélypontra esett Magyarország népessége

Boglárka Herke's research on single mothers:

Lakhatási szegénység válás után:

a többgyermekes egyedülálló anyák helyzete

Dorottya Szikra in Közös Dolgaink:

Milyen egy családbarát kormány?

Júlia Galántai and Judit Takács on involved fatherhood:

Megéri aktívan részt venni a gyereknevelésben: jobb élet vár a bevonódó apákra

Olga Tóth on divorce: „A válásra nem szabad úgy gondolni, mintha

szörnyűség lenne, a szörnyűség a rossz kapcsolat”

## Podcast: Beyond opinions

**A véleményeken túl** is the podcast series of the Centre for Social Sciences. Our colleagues shared their research in the following episodes in 2025:

Balogh Karolina: Mitől (nem) véd a gyermekvédelem?

Albert Fruzsina: Barátságon innen és túl

Kőszeghy Lea: Várostervezés autoriter eszközökkel

Huszár Ákos: Újratermelődő egyenlőtlenségek

Gerő Márton: Hogyan lettek a civilekből ellenségek?

Kristóf Luca: Krimibe illő tudomány

## Hogyan lettek a civilekből ellenségek?



Gerő Mártonnal  
(TK Szociológiai Intézet)  
beszélget Katona Noémi



a Társadalomtudományi  
Kutatóközpont  
76. podcast epizódjában

## Selected publications

The most significant indicator of the impact of an academic institution is academic publications. In addition to the increasing number of publications in leading international social science journals and book chapters, we continue to attach great importance to the publication of research papers, book chapters and monographs in Hungarian. In this yearbook, we have selected the most significant academic publications of 2025:

### Publications in leading international journals (Q1–Q2; Scimago Ranking)

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### Books

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