

## PERSONAL DATA

Name: Iván MAJOR  
Date of Birth: January 2, 1949  
Place of Birth: Budapest, Hungary  
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## EDUCATION

1968 – 1976

M.A. and Dr. Univ.: Budapest University of Economics, Hungary  
Doctoral dissertation: “History of Economic Thoughts: the Neo-Ricardian Theories of  
Reproduction and the Reproduction Model of Piero Sraffa.”  
Diploma: “highest honors” (“summa cum laude”)

1981 – 1983

Ph.D. in economics, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Dissertation on  
“Transportation in the Planned Economy.”

1993 – 1995

Doctor of Economic Sciences, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Dissertation:  
“Privatization in Eastern Europe: A Critical Approach.”

1975 – 1978

Eight semesters were finished in psychology - experimental and social psychology - at  
the “Eötvös Lóránd” University in Budapest

## POSITIONS HELD

February 1, 2009–

Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Budapest University of Technology  
and Economics

July 20, 2009–September 5, 2009

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, UCSD

June 19, 2008–August 5, 2008

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, UCSD

January 1, 2006–March 24, 2006

Visiting professor, IR/PS UCSD and Department of Sociology, UCSD

January 1, 2005–August 2, 2005

Visiting professor, Department of Economics, University of California, San Diego

August, 2004

Visiting professor at the Department of Economics, University of California, San Diego

September 1, 2003–

Associate professor, Central European University, Graduate School of Business

June-August, 2003

Visiting professor at the Departments of Sociology and Political Science, University of California, San Diego

December 15, 2000 –January 31, 2009

Head of Ph.D. School in Economics at the University of Veszprém, Hungary

February 1, 1999 –January 31, 2009

Chair of the Department of Economics at the University of Veszprém

March, 1997 – July, 1997

Visiting professor at the Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego

January, 1996 – January, 1999

Project Coordinator of the Phare A.C.E. multinational research project on “Company Restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe,” P95-2019-R

January, 1995 –

Managing Director of the Foundation for Economic Studies and Head of the Center for Institutional Studies, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

January, 1992 – December, 1994

Executive Director of the Blue Ribbon Commission Hungarian Foundation

September, 1990 – December, 1991

Stockholm Institute of Soviet and East European Economics, Visiting Fellow.  
Research project: Economic transformation and privatization in Hungary and in the other East European countries

August, 1987 – September, 1988

Visiting Mellon fellow at the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

October, 1988 – November, 1988

Consultant for the World Bank on a part of the World Bank's restructuring program for the Hungarian telecommunications industry

November, 1989 – May, 1990

Consultant to Northern Telecom (Canada) on privatization of, and foreign direct investment in the Hungarian telecommunication system and industry

June – August, 1990

Chairman of the project on "Privatization of the Hungarian Telecommunication System," National Committee of Technical Development

## **TEACHING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### *Teaching*

February 1, 2009–

Teaching The Economics of Information and IO at the Department of Economics, Budapest University of Technology and Economics

June–August, 2008

Teaching Development Economics and Research Methods at the Department of Economics, UCSD

January–April, 2006

Teaching two courses (The Economics of the IT Industry, and Technology and Society) at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, UCSD.

January–August, 2005

Teaching courses at the Department of Economics, UCSD (Winter: Elements of Economics 1 and Development Economics, Spring: Elements of Economics 1 and Decision-making in the Public Sector, Summer Session 2: Elements of Economics 2 and Development Economics)

August–September, 2004

Teaching two courses on "Industrial Organization" and "Development Economics" at the Department of Economics, UCSD.

June–July, 2003

Teaching a course on "Social Statistics" at UCSD.

September 2003–

Teaching Microeconomics, IO and The Economics of Telecommunications and the IT Industry at Central European University

February 1, 1999 –January 31, 2009

Teaching intermediate and advanced Microeconomics, intermediate and advanced Industrial Organization, and The Economics of Information as professor of economics at the University of Veszprém

March – July, 1997

Teaching a course on “The Political Economy of Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe” at UCSD in La Jolla, CA, U.S.A.

2006–

Pannonia University. Advisor of two PhD candidates

2001–2003

The University of Veszprem. Served as advisor of two Ph.D. candidates

1999 – 2001

The Budapest University of Economics. Served as advisor of a Ph.D. candidate

1988 – 1989

Lectures on economic reform and medium-term economic cycles in the centrally planned economies at the University of Economics, Budapest.

1986 – 1987

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Served as advisor of a Ph.D. candidate

1985 – 1987

The University of Economics, Budapest. Served as advisor of several M.A. and Ph.D. candidates while they worked on their dissertations

1976 – 1977

Seminar on the enterprise behaviour in Hungary at the University of Economics, Budapest

#### *Other Professional Activities*

2003–

Member of the Commission of Economic Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

2000–

Member of the American Association of Comparative Economic Studies (ACES)

1996–

Member of the European Association of Comparative Economic Studies (EACES)

1994 – 1996

Member of the Board of the Hungarian Telecommunications Company Ltd.

1985 –

Member of the European Economic Association

1980 –

Member of the Hungarian Economic Association

## FELLOWSHIP, TRAVEL

June-September, 2009

Visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego, U.S.A.

March, 2009

Lecture on “Incentive Regulation in Network Industries” (with Károly M. Kiss) at the annual congress of IEAS, Rome, Italy

June-August, 2008

Visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego, U.S.A.

2008, April

Invited speaker at the International Conference on *Information Sharing in the Banking Industry*, organized by PERC USA and Beijing University, China.

June, 2007

Lecture on “When Do Banks Share Customer Information?” at the annual congress of the International Association Socio-Economics, Copenhagen, Denmark.

2006

Visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego, U.S.A.

2005

Visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego, U.S.A.

2004

Visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego, U.S.A.

June 2005

Beijing, China: International Congress of the International Institute of Sociology.  
Lecture on “Human Behavior, Rational Choice and the Economics of Information”

2003

Visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego, U.S.A.

2003, November

Vietnam: research and lecture on “Asymmetric Information in the Emerging Credit Card Markets” (NSF Project, project leader: Professor Akos Rona-Tas, Department of Sociology, UCSD)

1997

Visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego, U.S.A.

1996, September

Visiting fellow at the Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

1995 – 1996

Member of a Phare-ACE research team on *Financial Restructuring of Companies during Economic Transformation*

1995 – 1996

Participating in a joint project of the Hungarian Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Austrian Ministry of Industry on *The Conditions of Investment Growth in Hungary*

1993

Participating and presenting a paper on the conference of IIASA, Austria on *Free Distribution Schemes in East European Privatizations*

1992

Participation in the working group on “Telecommunications Investment and Tariff Policy in the CEE countries” at the O.E.C.D., Paris, and presenting a study on

- “Telecommunications Investment and Tariff Policy in Hungary” at the conference organized by the O.E.C.D. in Prague, CSFR, between June 3 and 5, 1992.
- 1991  
Participation and presenting a paper on “Private and Public Infrastructure in Eastern Europe” at the conference organized by the *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, in Oxford, UK, between September 13 and 15, 1991.
- Participation and delivering a lecture at the annual congress of the European Economic Association on “Some Economic and Political Issues of the Systemic Changes in Eastern Europe: the Lessons of Hungary,” in Cambridge, UK, held between August 30 and September 2, 1991.
- Presenting a paper at the annual congress of IAREP/SASE „Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Economic Problems” in Stockholm, on „Credibility Problems During Transition”, held between June 16-19, 1991.
- 1990  
Participation in the International Conference of the “Blue Ribbon Commission” in Indianapolis, USA.
- 1989  
Participation and delivering a lecture at the annual congress of the European Economic Association on “Two Aspects of Economic Reform in the Centrally Regulated Economies,” in Augsburg, FRG, September 2-4.
- 1990 – 1991  
Visiting Fellow at the Stockholm School of Economics, 15 months.
- 1987 – 1988  
The Brookings Institution, Foreign Policy Studies, Washington D.C., Visiting “Soviet and East European” fellow, working on a research project on “Periods of Exhaustion and Attempts at Reform in the European C.M.E.A. countries.” Twelve months.
- 1987  
Participation in an international conference in Moscow organized by the Institute of Forecasting and Planning of the Academy of Sciences of the former Soviet Union. One week.
- 1987  
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Paris, France). Three weeks.
- 1984  
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France). Did research on the economic policy and the role of state institutions in economic management in France in the 1980s. Two months fellowship.
- 1979  
University of Oslo, Institute of Economics. Comparative study of the Norwegian and Hungarian economic policies and development in the 1970s. Research supervised and supported by professor Leif Johansen. Four months fellowship.
- 1977  
International conference for young economists on the main issues of socialist economies, organized by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Warna, Bulgaria. One week.
- 1976  
Institute of Economics, the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. Research was done on the development of the Czechoslovak electronic industry. Two weeks scholarship.

## **KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES**

Speaking, writing and reading knowledge:  
English, French, Russian, German and Hungarian.

## **NON-PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

Psychology, the theory and history of psychoanalysis; the psychology of economic behaviour. Classical music and movies. Sports: tennis, swimming and soccer.