



# DR. GÁL ZOLTÁN

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**Nationality:** Hungarian

**Date of birth:** 21.12. 1967

**Sex:** male

**Workplace:** University of Pécs Faculty of Business and Economics (UPFBE), Department of Finance and Accounting

**Job position:** professor; programme director - MBA

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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**Habilitation (Finance)**

2009

University of Pécs, Faculty of Business and Economics

**Innovation Manager**

2000

British Knowledge Fund & Innostart

**PhD (Candidate, Earth Sciences, Financial Geography)**

1998

Hungarian Academy of Sciences

**(M.A. (Banking & Economic History))**

1994

Central European University (CEU), Budapest & State University of New York (SUNY) Albany;

**MSc. (Secondary School Teacher in Geography and History) - with distinction**

1993

Kossuth Lajos University, Debrecen,

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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

**Language exams:**

MA degree in English (CEU), TOEFL, ITLS, CAMBRIDGE FIRST CERTIFICATE

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## **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of Hungary 2023.**

**Thirring Gusztáv Award 2021. Hungarian Statistical Office, Regional Statistics, Publication Award**

**Scientific Award of the Pécs Academic Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 2007**

**The Society for the Advancement Socio-Economics (SASE) "Eastern European Prize", 2005,**

**Bolyai János Research Fellowship 2001-2004,**

**OTKA Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1999-2002,**

**Academic Youth Prize 1999,**

**2nd Prize of the MTA Strategic Research Programme 1998,**

**MTA - Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Prize 1997,**

**Scientific Prize of the Foundation for European Hungary and the Institute of Political Science 1991,**

**XXth OTDK, 2nd place 1991.**

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Professor | University of Pécs, Faculty of Business & Economics, Institute of Finance and Accounting**

2019-

**Associate Professor, Head of Department , | University of Kaposvár, Faculty of Economics, Institute of Regional and Agricultural Economics, Department of Regional Sciences and Statistics**

2016-19

**Habilitated Associate Professor, Head of Department | Department of Regional Economics and Statistics, University of Kaposvár, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Regional Economics and Statistics**

2011-15

Senior Research Fellow | Centre for Economic and Regional Research, Institute of Regional Studies, Transdanubian Scientific Department

2012-

**International Director, University of Kaposvár | University of Kaposvár**

2010-13

Head of the International Office

**PhD thesis (The urban development effects of the Hungarian banking network)**

Associate Professor, | University of Kaposvár, Faculty of Economics, Department of Regional Economics and Statistics

2001-2011

-Teaching, Head of the Departmental Group of the MTA

**Research Fellow | Centre for Regional Studies, Danube Region Institute of Sciences, Pécs**

2017-2019

He has coordinated or led eight own basic research projects (OTKA, Bólyai, NKTK) and 10 international (FP7, INTERREG, IPA, ESPON) projects, and has been involved in more than 25 domestic applied research projects and 8 principal investigators in his career

**MTA TMB Fellow | MTA RKK KÉTI, Budapest**

1993-96

Doctoral thesis (The urban development effects of the Hungarian banking network)

**Assistant Professor | University of Miskolc**

1994-96

Education, lecturing

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

							Joint course development (Y/N)
Course name	Level	Language	Course Leader (Y/N)	Own course development (Y/N)			
Development Economics PhD Hungarian/English	Development Economics PhD	English/Hungarian	Y	Y			Y
Banking & Finance BSc/ English	Banking & Finance BSc/	English	Y	N			N
Digital Finance and Banking Systems MSc English	Digital Finance and Banking Systems MSc	Hungarian	Y	Y			
International Economics BSc Hungarian/ English	International Economics BSc	English/Hungarian	N	Y			N

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# THE WORLD OF PRACTICE

Involvement in world of practice activities at the School	
Name	Role
involving Hungarian and foreign professionals into education and training	organising, Course leader

Corporate projects			
Name	Date	Role	Responsibilities
Intersoft /Capsys	2019-	organisation of a guest lecture	Course leader
Invitation of EIFISZ (Electronic Payment Service Providers 2023. November guest speaker (EFISZ Secretary General)	2023. November	guest speaker (EFISZ Secretary General)	Course leader
Magyar Bank Holding 2023 November 2 Invitation of guest speaker	2023 November 2	Invitation of guest speaker	Course leader

Memberships			
Name	Date	Role	Responsibilities
MTA IX Committee on Regional Sciences President science policy, public affairs	December 2023-	President	science policy, public affairs
Hungarian Regional Science Association	2017-2023/2023-	President/Vice President	Hungarian Regional Science Society
Hungarian Economic Society Fintech and Financial Culture Section,	2020-	member	Hungarian Economic Society Fintech and Financial Culture Section,
Hungarian Economic Association Development Policy Section, member	2020-	member	Speaker at the EU accession Roadshows events
European Regional Science Association, 2018- European Organizing Committee (EOC) member	2018-	European Organizing Committee (EOC) member	European Regional Science Association, Hungarian section representative
Global Network on Financial Geography, (FinGeo, est. Oxford)	2015-	founding member, Regional Ambassador CEE	
ACEU (Alliance of Central and Eastern European Universities) Vice-President	2011-2019	Vice-President	
Hungarian Regional Science Association, Board member international affairs	2011-2017; 2023-	Board member international affairs	Board member international affairs
Regional Science Association, European Section (ERSA)	2001	- member	Regional Science Association, European Section (ERSA) 2001- member
Regional Studies Association (RSA)	2002-	member	Regional Studies Association (RSA) 2002 member
Hungarian Economic Association	2008-2014	member	
Society for the Advancement Socio-Economics (SASE) 2005-2009 member	2005-2009	member	
Hungarian Geographical Society, member	1998-2005 member		Hungarian Geographical Society, member

Media and professional event contribution
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Name	Date
Decision-making power falling out of government's hands - how the disappearance of EU funds is backfiring; 24.hu, ( <a href="https://24.hu/fn/gazdasag/2023/05/30/fdi-eu-penz-nagy-marton-multiceg-kulfoldi-toke-unios-tamogatas-beruhazas-epitoipar-gazdasagfejleszt-es-allam-catl-ekd-akkugyar-akkumulatorgyar/">https://24.hu/fn/gazdasag/2023/05/30/fdi-eu-penz-nagy-marton-multiceg-kulfoldi-toke-unios-tamogatas-beruhazas-epitoipar-gazdasagfejleszt-es-allam-catl-ekd-akkugyar-akkumulatorgyar/</a> )	10 May 2023
This is how the Orbán government is profiting from the battery factories;	
24.hu ( <a href="https://24.hu/fn/gazdasag/2023/04/05/akkumulatorgyar-akkugyar-catl-debrecen-gdp-kkv-litium-akkumulator-multi-jarmuipar-autoipar-elektromos-auto/">https://24.hu/fn/gazdasag/2023/04/05/akkumulatorgyar-akkugyar-catl-debrecen-gdp-kkv-litium-akkumulator-multi-jarmuipar-autoipar-elektromos-auto/</a> )	30 May 2023
20 years in the European Union Ministerial Roundtable with Tibor Navracsics	02.04.2024 Szazadvég, Budapest
20 years in the European Union - EGER TV, Hevesi Hírlap ( <a href="https://www.heol.hu/helyi-kozelet/2023/12/hol-van-a-helyunk-az-eu-ban-errol-kerdeztuk-gal-zoltant-egerben">https://www.heol.hu/helyi-kozelet/2023/12/hol-van-a-helyunk-az-eu-ban-errol-kerdeztuk-gal-zoltant-egerben</a> )	23/11/2023.
G7 portal: The failure of catch-up based on multinationals ( <a href="https://g7.hu/kozelet/20211208/megbukott-a-multikra-alapozott-felzarkozas/">https://g7.hu/kozelet/20211208/megbukott-a-multikra-alapozott-felzarkozas/</a> )	12/2021.
New Equality, Fridrich Ébert Stiftung, New Equality, ( <a href="https://ujegyenloseg.hu/a-kulfoldi-mukodo-toketol-fdi-fuggo-kapitalizmusmodell/">https://ujegyenloseg.hu/a-kulfoldi-mukodo-toketol-fdi-fuggo-kapitalizmusmodell/</a> )	2021.04.16. Roundatble discussion with prof. Andreas Nölke
FDI Dependent capitalism	2021.12.08. Interview, New Equality (Új Egyenlőség)
Magyarország 20 éve az európai unióban: a gazdaság- és területpolitika jelene és jövőbeli kihívásai , MTA IX. osztály tudományos ülés szervezése ( <a href="https://mta.hu/kozgyules2024/magyarorszag-20-eve-az-europai-unioban-a-gazdasag-es-teruletpolitika-jelene-es-jovobeli-kihivaisai-video-a-kozgyulesi-tanacskozasarol-113732">https://mta.hu/kozgyules2024/magyarorszag-20-eve-az-europai-unioban-a-gazdasag-es-teruletpolitika-jelene-es-jovobeli-kihivaisai-video-a-kozgyulesi-tanacskozasarol-113732</a> )	27/05/2024,

## TEACHING MATERIAL

Gál Z. 2010: Pénzügyi piacok a globális térben: A válság szabdalta pénzügyi tér. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó. 775 p. (Pénzügy és számvitel szakkönyvtár) (ISBN:978-963-05-8820-1)

<http://www.asz.hu/penzugyi-szemle/2010/lv-efolyam-2010-3-szam/pu-szemle-10-3.pdf> (p. 699)

<http://tet.rkk.hu/index.php/Tet/article/viewFile/1809/3571>

## RESEARCH INTEREST AND PROJECTS

Project Name	Title	Responsibilities
NKFIH project	Role of FDI in regional development in the Visegrad Countries – Challenges of FDI-driven economic policy models	The basic hypothesis of the research is that in investment-driven dependent market economies (DMEs), which are predominantly foreign-driven, the positive effects of FDI on investment, productivity, domestic entrepreneurial activity and economic growth are much less pronounced than economic theories and prevailing economic policies have assumed. Our research uses econometric methods in four areas to investigate the growth-generating, investment effects of FDI and to search for causal relationships between the variables at both macro and regional levels in the Visegrad countries. We also analyse the effects of FDI on labour productivity and regional entrepreneurial activity in NUTS 3 regions

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## PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

**Gál Z., Ptacek, P. 2011: The role of mid-range universities in knowledge transfer in non metropolitan regions in Central Eastern Europe.** EUROPEAN PLANNING STUDIES 19:(9) pp. 1669-1690. IF: 1.228 DOI,

**Gál Z, Schmidt A (2017): Geoeconomics in Central and Eastern Europe: Implications of FDI In: Munoz J M (szerk.)Advances in Geoeconomics .** 344 p. London; New York: Routledge Europa Economic Perspectives Taylor & Francis Group, 2017. pp. 76-93. ()

**Balogh, Péter; Gál, Zoltán; Hajdú, Zoltán; Rácz, Szilárd; Scott, James W.**  
**On the (geo)political salience of geographical imaginations: a central European perspective**  
EURASIAN GEOGRAPHY AND ECONOMICS63 : 6pp. 691-703. , 13 p. (2022)

**Gál, Zoltán; Lux, Gábor**  
**FDI-based regional development in Central and Eastern Europe: A review and an agenda**  
ÉR ÉS TÁRSADALOM 36 : 3pp. 68-98. , 31 p. (2022)

The detailed list of publications is available in the Hungarian Scientific Bibliography at:

<https://m2.mtmt.hu/api/publication?format=html&labelLang=hun&sort=publishedYear,desc&cond=authors;eq;100012>

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<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7274-9163>

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