

## Miklos Sukosd

### Education

- Ph.D. in Political Science, 1992, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- M.A. in Sociology, 1994, Department of Sociology, Harvard University
- B.A./M.A. in Sociology, 1985, ELTE University, Budapest
- B.A./M.A. in Cultural Studies, 1985, ELTE University, Budapest

### Academic Employment

2015—present: Associate Professor, Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, University of Copenhagen  
2009—2013 Associate Professor, Center for Journalism and Media Studies, The University of Hong Kong  
2004–2009: Academic Director, Center for Media and Communication Studies, Central European University  
1996–2009: Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Central European University (Between 1996-2001, Recurrent Visiting Associate Professor)  
1995 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Central European University  
1993 -- 1994 Teaching Fellow, Instructor, Department of Sociology, Harvard University  
1991 -- 1992 Assistant Professor, Institute of Sociology, ELTE University, Budapest  
1990 -- 1991 Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, ELTE University, Budapest  
1985 -- 1987 Lecturer in Sociology, Institute of Sociology, ELTE University, Budapest

### Visiting Appointments

2007 -- Visiting Professor, Summer course on "Communication, Media & Governance" Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico  
1992 -- Visiting Professor, Berzsenyi College, Hungary  
1991 -- 1992 Program Director and Lecturer, "Media and Politics" Program, Budapest School of Politics

### Academic Management Positions

*Co-PI of research group on "Media and Communications in Transition Societies," at the Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, the University of Copenhagen, 2015-2016.* The global economic and geo-political emergence of BRICS countries (particularly China and Russia), specific social, political and economic problems of Central and Eastern European countries within the European Union, and the particular challenges of post-communist and post-authoritarian democratic transformation in several regions of the world present many new angles and substantial research questions for media and communication studies. A related scholarly challenge is presented by the fact that most theoretical concepts regarding media research had been developed in democratic American and Western European contexts, and their application to problems in emerging countries and transition societies may be problematic. The research group tackled these challenges.

*Chair, COST A30 Action of the European Science Foundation „East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda” (2005-2009).* The COST A30 Action, entitled „East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda”, brought together 70 European media researchers from 27 countries for research workshops and conferences between 2005-2009. The main objective of the project was to develop a European media research agenda with a focus on newly emerging problems of democratic, post-communist Central and Eastern European countries, especially political communication and media law, regulation and policy from a comparative perspective. This collaborative effort between Western and Central and Eastern European researchers also built international networks in order to assist media research and media policy making in the new East and Central European democracies of the EU. The Action's results were published in five academic books.

*Academic Director, Center for Media and Communication Studies, Central European University (2004-2009).*

Responsibilities included •initiating and overseeing projects related to political communication, media research and media policy (in several cases, with partner or consortia institutions), •representation of the institution in negotiations re international political communication and media research and education consortia (including Erasmus Mundus and EU Sixth and Seventh Framework proposals), •coordinating multi-disciplinary and multinational experts groups in media research and policy projects, •initiating and overseeing educational programs (including degree programs, public lectures and seminar series for both resident and visiting graduate students) in political communication and media studies, •academic management in political communication, media research and media policy projects.

*Senior researcher and team leader, Independent Study on Indicators for Media Pluralism in the Member States – Towards a Risk-based Approach. A Research Project for the European Commission (2008-2009).* The project aimed at developing indicators that will be used by policy-makers and researchers to assess risks to and enhance the state of media pluralism in Europe. The study advanced current policy and academic debates around media pluralism by proposing a multi-dimensional definition of media pluralism (including legal-regulatory, social, and economic indicators) as well as a risk assessment model. It will be the basis for further empirical studies as well as education on media pluralism. The study was prepared for the European Commission, Directorate-General Information Society and Media; the leader of the research consortium was Peggy Valcke, (Catholic University of Leuven). Work on the study began in January 2008 and was concluded in spring 2009. I served as one of the key researchers, and was responsible for the team that developed social

indicators (Work Package 2).

### **Other Academic and Professional Positions**

*Lead Judge, Awards for Editorial Excellence, Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) (2011, 2012, 2013).* Lead Judge for Excellence in Reporting on the Environment at the SOPA 2011 Awards for Editorial Excellence, organized by the Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) and JMSC. Responsibilities included reading and evaluating entries (newspaper and magazine articles and special reports) on environmental topics, and coordinating the work of judges in the environmental reporting category.

*Academic mentor, International Policy Fellowship Program, Media Policy Working Group, Open Society Institute (1998-2005).* Mentor, consulting and supervising international research projects and research groups on Internet and media policy in East and Central European and post-Soviet countries.

*Research director, eDemocracy Association, Hungary (2000-2005).* Responsible for research projects by a multidisciplinary team (including online journalists, internet lawyers, social scientists and software programmers) in research areas including online journalism, democratic uses of ICT, data security, electronic freedom of information, electronic privacy, e-democracy and e-voting.

*Founding co-president, "Internet Hungary",* the annual national conference of information society professionals and expert journalists; held since 2000 in Hungary (with A. Csemely).

### **Grants and Fellowships**

*"Media and Communications in Transition Societies"* – a grant to establish a research priority area/research group at the Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, the University of Copenhagen; co-PI; award period: 2015-2016.

*"Challenges to media freedom and pluralism in Europe: Threats and Responses."* Award period: 2016. Centre for Modern European Studies (CEMES), Copenhagen University.

*"Measuring Media Pluralism in Asia: Case Studies of China."* Award period: 2010-13. General Research Fund (UDC, Research Grant Council), Hong Kong.

*"Media, Politics and the Environment -- Teaching Development Grant."* Award period: 2010-11. The University of Hong Kong.

*"East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda."* COST Action A30. The COST Program of the European Commission, through a grant to the European Science Foundation. Action period: 2005-2009.

*"Public discourses about GM policies (policies regarding genetically modified organisms) in the EU: Hungary and Italy in comparative perspective."* OTKA [National Scientific Research Fund], Hungary, 2006-2007.

*"The democratic uses of mobile communications in public administration and civic uses (m-government and m-democracy)."* Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and T-Com (formerly Westel), annual research grants in 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001.

*"Electronic media and environmental communication in Hungary."* Research grant, Environmental Education and Communication Program Office [Környezeti Nevelési és Kommunikációs Programiroda], Hungary, 2003.

*ACLS/CEU Research Scholarship* (American Council of Learned Society and Central European University); East European Studies, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., July- September, 1998.

*"Media Law and Local Broadcasting in Hungary."* Research grant, Constitutional and Legislative Policy Institute, Open Society Institute, May--September, 1996.

*"Hydro-Politics and Eco-Nationalism: The Hungarian-Slovak Conflict over the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Dam System on the Danube."* Junior Faculty Research Grant, Central European University, Spring, 1996.

*Japan Foundation Fellowship.* Visiting Scholar at the Department of Social Psychology, Faculty of Letters, University of Tokyo (also affiliated with the United Nations University, Tokyo), April, 1995 - Jan, 1996.

*"Television and Democratic Transition."* Research grant, Visual Media Foundation, Hungary, 1994-95.

"*The Media Elite.*" Research Grant, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1990-1992.

*Harvard University Grant towards tuition*, 1988-1990, 1992-94. *Harvard University Graduate Student Scholarship*, 1988-1990.

*Fulbright Fellowship*. Columbia University, School of International Affairs, International Media Program, 1987-88.

*Student of Excellence Fellowship*. ELTE University, Hungary, 1983-1985.

### **Organizer of Conferences, Workshops, Research Seminars (Selected list)**

"*Media and Communications in Transition Societies*" research priority area/research group at the Department of Media, Cognition and Communication, the University of Copenhagen. See list of research seminars (co-organized with Jun Liu in 2015-2016) here: <http://mcc.ku.dk/research/focus-areas/mediaandcommunication/>

"*Challenges to media freedom and pluralism in Europe.*" - Centre for Modern European Studies (CEMES), Copenhagen University, December 1-2, 2016. The public seminar explored diverse challenges to media freedom and pluralism in different regions of Europe. Participants also discussed potential responses to these challenges by European institutions, NGOs, journalists, academics and other stakeholders. See details: <http://cemes.ku.dk/mediafreedom/>

*Convenor of annual international post-graduate research conference, section on media and communications*. The University of Hong Kong, Spring 2012, and Spring 2013.

*Organizer of MEDIA RESEARCH SEMINAR*. Center for Journalism and Media Studies, The University of Hong Kong, 2009-2013. Organized and hosted the regular research seminar in which JMCS faculty, postgraduate research students and visiting lecturers present their recent research projects. Center for Journalism and Media Studies (JMCS), The University of Hong Kong. For details, see: <http://jmcs.hku.hk/2011/04/media-research-seminars/>

*International research workshops and conferences within the COST A30 Action*. Between 2005-2009, (co-)organized several research workshops and conferences within The COST A30 Action, entitled „East of West: Setting a New Central and Eastern European Media Research Agenda” that I chaired. These included research workshops at universities or research centers in various locations, including Budapest, Zagreb, Wroclaw, Brno, Milan, and Sarajevo. The international conference entitled *Beyond East and West: Two Decades of Media Transformation After The Fall of Communism*, marking the closure of the COST A30 "East of West" Action (2005-2009) was co-organized in cooperation with CMCS at Central European University, the ICA (International Communication Association) and the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania on 25-27 June 2009 at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. In this conference (that I co-chaired), 250 media and communication scholars from around the globe participated, including distinguished scholars such as James Curran, Elihu Katz, Sonia Livingstone, Barbie Zelizer, Chin Chuan Lee, Monroe Price, Slavko Splichal, and Colin Sparks.

*Politics Online: Comparative Perspectives, Theories & Methodological Innovations*. Two conference sessions were co-organized by Nick Jankowski and Miklós Sükösd at the conference entitled *THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UNEXPECTED: The user and the future of information and communication technologies*, Moscow, Russian Federation, 23-25 May 2007. The sessions explored developments regarding online politics in post-communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and other CIS countries as well as China and Southeast Asia from the perspective of comparative post-communism. Topics included use of mobile telephones (e.g., SMS exchanges) and e-mail during election campaigns, political and social movement actions; web presence (websites and blogs) by political actors; online discussion and chat forums oriented towards politics, public affairs and social movements; Internet censorship and authoritarian measures regarding new media; online privacy; theoretical conceptualizations (such as social shaping of technologies).

*From Secret Service to Public Service*. The conference involved a meeting of top European media policy makers and outstanding experts. On one hand, the conference explored issues related to the independence of public service media, i.e., how national media legislation and European regulations can guarantee true political and financial independence for public broadcasters. We wanted to identify opportunities and solutions that ensure true independence. On the other hand, our intention was to investigate future dilemmas of European public service media. How could public media become successful in the digital environment of the 21st century, when traditional mass media and new media converge and develop new, interactive communication services? How can taxpayers' support of public media be maintained in the era of "pull media"? How can citizens access archival materials in the context of digital convergence? These questions were of particular importance in a period, when European policy makers were revising the Television Without Frontiers Directive, the core element of European audiovisual regulation. The conference featured speeches by Viviane Reding (Member of the European Commission, Commissioner for Information Society and Media), Miklos Haraszti (OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media), Werner Rumphorst (Director of the Legal Department of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)), Anna Herold (policy officer in the Audiovisual and Media Policies Unit in the Directorate-General for Information

Society and Media of the European Commission), Matteo Maggiore (BBC's Head of EU and International Policy), Peter Noorlander (senior legal officer with ARTICLE 19), Fritz Pleitgen (Director General of WDR, Westdeutscher Rundfunk (West German Broadcasting Organisation)), Zoltan Rudi (President of Hungarian Television), Tudor Giurgiu (President Director General of Romanian Television), Andrew Taussig (Trustee/Director of Voice of the Listener & Viewer [VLV], a leading advocate body for public service broadcasting in the U.K. and beyond, and Trustee of the London-based International Institute of Communications), Karol Jakubowicz (senior media policy expert), Klaus Unterberger (spokeperson for the Austrian NGO „SOS ORF”, Vincent Porter (President of the European Alliance for Listeners' and Viewers' Associations (EURALVA)). The conference, co-organized by European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and Hungarian Television in collaboration with the COST A30 Action, took place at CEU on November 3, 2006. I served as member of the organising committee.

*“Re:Activism: Re-drawing the Boundaries of Activism in a New Media Environment.”* Budapest, October 14-15, 2005. The Re:Activism conference addressed what role social activism can play in the process in which emerging new media technologies transform existing structures of cultural, economic and political power. Member of the Steering Committee for the conference, co-organized by Central European University, the Annenberg School for Communication, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, the Open Society Institute.

*“E-Government in Hungary.”* Conference held at MTA SZTAKI (Computer and Automation Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences), April 27, 2001, Budapest (co-organizer with L. Kovacs).

*“Internet Hungary”.* The annual national industry conference of ICT and information society professionals, held since October, 2000 in Tihany, Hungary (founding co-president with A. Csemely).

*“FORUM 2000.”* International Conference series (5 years conference series on globalization, convened by President Vaclav Havel, and co-sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation); International program committee member, Prague, Czech Republic, 1997-2001.

*“Media and the Environment.”* International Conference, Central European University, May 16, 1997 (Initiator; co-organizer with A. Csonka and D. Vorsatz; chair of session on "Media, Politics and the Environment").

*“Media and Elections.”* International Roundtable at the Central European University Summer University, July 8, 1996, Central European University. (Co-organized with M. Siefert).

*Parsons Conference on "Construction of Identities";* session on *"New East European Nationalisms: How Old Are They?"* Department of Sociology, Harvard University, March 13, 1993 (Co-Organizer: John Glenn, Jr.).

*“The Development of Journalism Education Curriculum.”* International Conference at the Institute of Sociology, ELTE University, 1992.

*“Mass Media and Democratic Transition.”* International Session at the Annual Meeting of the Hungarian Sociological Association, August, 1991.

*“Was It a Peaceful Revolution?”* [A conference on the East European democratic transitions.] June, 1991 - Institute of Sociology, ELTE University, Budapest (Co-Organizers: Andras Bozoki et al.).

*“Post-Communist Societies in the Making: Hungary and Poland, Parts I and II.”* Sessions at the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Chicago, Nov. 1989.

*“East European Scenarios: Crises, Trends and Social Movements.”* Session at the National Convention of the AAASS, Honolulu, Nov. 1988.

### **Journalism Experience**

*Senior Correspondent, Magyar Narancs*, 1992-1996, articles on media, alternative movements and politics; correspondent from Cambridge/Boston (US), 1992-94, and Tokyo (Japan), 1995-96.

*Section Editor, Magyar Narancs*, 1990-1992, edited section on social movements in a political and cultural weekly newspaper; columnist on mass media issues, and domestic politics.

*Section Editor, East European Reporter*, 1990-1992, edited regular section and selected feature stories on East European politics for an English language, semi-academic quarterly journal.

**Journalistic Honors**

Pulitzer Memorial Prize for the Magyar Narancs editorial community for "general journalistic excellence and the renewal of journalistic language" (Pulitzer Prizes are awarded in the U.S. and in Hungary), 1994.