



# Hungarian Studies Association

## HSA Newsletter, Fall 2015

### HSA News & Notes

#### **New Website!**

The Hungarian Studies Association is getting a new website! It is still in progress, but check it out so far at [hungarianstudiesweb.wordpress.com](http://hungarianstudiesweb.wordpress.com). Email suggestions of things to add to [HungStudiesAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:HungStudiesAssoc@gmail.com), our new all-purpose administrative email address.

#### **Invite your Colleagues**

Do you have friends or colleagues whose work is relevant to HSA? Encourage them to join! New membership instructions are available online.

#### **Dues**

Please do not forget to pay your annual dues! Paying dues is required to be a voting member at the meeting in November. You can pay online through Paypal at <http://www.hungarianstudies.info/membership.html> or by check (\$25) payable to HSA, c/o Susan Glanz, 1550 East 9th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230.

#### **Annual Meeting**

The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention will take place November 19-22, 2015 at the Philadelphia Downtown Marriott Hotel, with the convention theme "Fact." The Hungarian Studies Association will meet from 6:45 to 8:15 in Meeting Room 303.

#### **Member Publications**

Eric Beckett Weaver published "Yugoslavism in Hungary during the Balkan Wars", in *War in the Balkans: Conflict and diplomacy before WWI*, ed. James Pettifer and Tom Buchanan (London and New York: I.B. Tauris, 2015), 47-75. Ildikó Barna and Andrea Pető published *Political Justice in Budapest after World War II* (Budapest: CEU Press, 2015).

#### **Publisher Seeking Books on Hungary**

Jakob Horstmann, Commissioning Editor for the Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society book series at Ibidem Press, will be at ASEES and is open to speaking with authors about projects relevant to the series. Ibidem will have a stall in the book exhibit with Columbia University Press, #417 from Thursday to Saturday.

#### **Winter Newsletter**

Submit an announcement or a short article to for the January newsletter by Jan 11th at [HungStudiesAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:HungStudiesAssoc@gmail.com).

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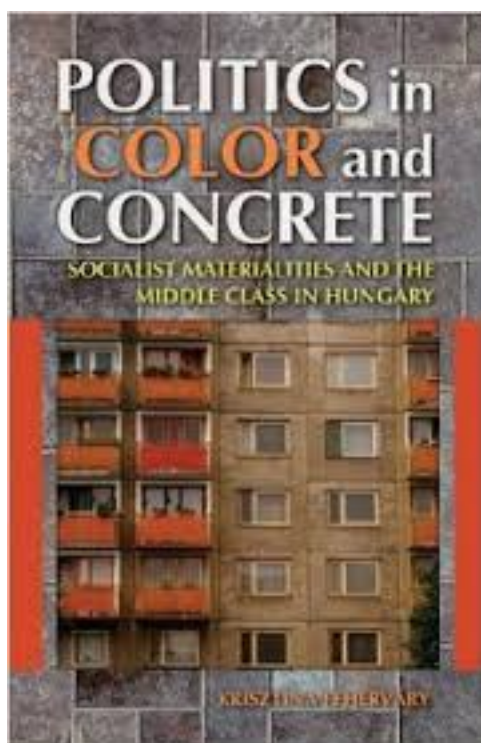
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# Hungarians Studies Association Book Prize, 2013- 2014

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In the name of the Hungarian Studies Association Book Prize Committee, I am honored to inform you that the committee has decided to award the prize for the best book in Hungarian Studies published in 2013 or 2014 to **Krisztina Fehérváry** for her book ***Politics in Color and Concrete: Socialist Materialities and the Middle Class in Hungary***, published in 2013 with Indiana University Press, Bloomington.

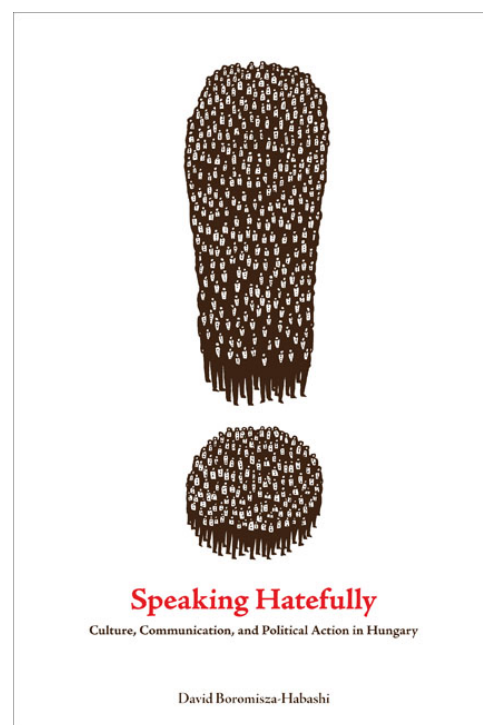


Krisztina Fehérváry's excellent study of the ways in which Hungarians have attempted to emulate their homes according

to conflicting "middle class" ideals offers a rich, insightful, and comprehensive portrait of the everyday life and the political ramification of aesthetic practices and discourses from the establishment of a Stalinist dictatorship until today. The book is an outstanding contribution to our understanding of the history of the everyday life of ordinary people. It focuses on a town that was supposed to be a Socialist model (Dunaújváros) and suffered from this propagandistic branding since then. But the results of this fine example of anthropological (and historical) scholarship subsume sharp observations valuable also for comparative studies of the politics of consumer culture in Eastern and Western Europe (f. e. Bourdieu's work on subtle difference in postwar France). Fehérváry's theoretical approach combines aesthetic, sociological, historical, and cultural elements providing a comprehensive study of the discourse of "normality" in Hungary. The book is also a pleasure to read and study.

The Committee would also like to honorably mention **David**

**Boromisza-Habashi, *Speaking Hatefully: Culture, Communication, and Political Action in Hungary***, (Philadelphia: Penn State University Press, 2013). Boromisza-Habashi's book is an original, thorough study of the political rhetoric around the concept "hate speech" in Hungary. The author offers a profound analysis of the public debates between 2000 and 2006. Boromisza-Habashi's study offers deep new insights into the fragmentation and political, social and cultural polarization of today's Hungarian society.



The committee consisted of the following members: Prof. Karl Brown (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater), Prof. Katalin Fabian (Lafayette College), and myself.

In November 2016, the Hungarian Studies Association will award the Mark Pittaway Article Prize. In 2017, the book prize will be awarded to the best book in the field of Hungarian Studies published in 2015 or 2016. Information will follow.

# Panels with Hungarian Topics at ASEEEES in Philadelphia, Nov. '15

Be a part of the scholarly conversation in Hungarian Studies by attending these and other panels at the ASEEEES Convention!

*Below are all panels that had a paper related to the keyword search "Hungary" in the online program; apologies if any relevant panels escaped listing. A complete program of the proceedings for the convention can be found at <http://aseees.org/convention/program>.*

## Thursday

Facts of Psyche: The Impact of Horror on Individual and Collective Memory

Thu, Nov. 19, 1:00 to 2:45pm, Grand Ballroom Salon K

Holocaust Memory: Communist Hungary in Global Context

Thu, Nov. 19, 3:00 to 4:45pm, Meeting Room 302

Representations of Mobility and Hybridity in 18th-19th Century Art and Literature

Thu, Nov. 19, 3:00 to 4:45pm, Franklin Hall A Room 3

Redeeming Societies: Agency and Social Change in Moments of Transition in Twentieth Century East Central Europe

Thu, Nov. 19, 5:00 to 6:45pm, Meeting Room 302

## Friday

The Eastern Question as Intellectual Arena

Fri, Nov. 20, 8:00 to 9:45am, Grand Ballroom Salon K

Communist Comparisons: New Approaches to Comparative History in the Soviet Bloc

Fri, Nov. 20, 8:00 to 9:45am, Meeting Room 413

New Developments in Central and East European Politics

Fri, Nov. 20, 8:00 to 9:45am, Franklin Hall A Room 2

National Boundary-making and the Dynamics of Belonging, Inclusion, and Exclusion in Hungary

Fri, Nov. 20, 10:00 to 11:45am, Meeting Room 305

The Not-So-Iron Curtain: Illicit Exchanges and Clandestine Transfers between East and West

Fri, Nov. 20, 1:45 to 3:30pm, Meeting Room 413

Modernity and Its Discontents: Navigating Paths to 'Progress' in 19th and 20th Century Eastern Europe

Fri, Nov. 20, 3:45 to 5:30pm, Grand Ballroom Salon K

East-Central European Emigre Identities: Interpretations, Treatment, Reception, and Self-Representation

Fri, Nov. 20, 3:45 to 5:30pm, Meeting Room 413

Rock Music and Politics in Eastern Europe

Fri, Nov. 20, 3:45 to 5:30pm, Franklin Hall A Room 2

## Saturday

Blurred Lines and Gray Areas: Official and Unofficial Culture in Late Socialism

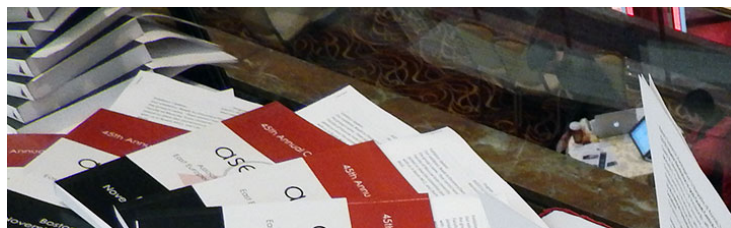
Sat, Nov. 21, 8:00 to 9:45am, Meeting Room 409

Feuilletons, Flicks, and Frequencies: Engaging with Media in 19th/20th-Century Russia and Eastern Europe

Sat, Nov. 21, 8:00 to 9:45am, Grand Ballroom Salon L

Tropes of Self-Orientalization in East European Cultural Histories

Sat, Nov. 21, 8:00 to 9:45am, Grand Ballroom Salon K



The Illiberal Consequences of Neoliberal Policies: A Case Study of Post-Socialist Hungary  
Sat, Nov. 21, 10:00 to 11:45am, Franklin Hall A Room 2

Security and Threat in Interwar East Central Europe's Borderlands

Sat, Nov. 21, 10:00 to 11:45am, Grand Ballroom Salon D

Cold War Connections between the 'Second' and 'Third' Worlds

Sat, Nov. 21, 10:00 to 11:45am, Meeting Room 413

Migration, Return Migration and Social Disruption in Eastern Europe and America

Sat, Nov. 21, 1:45 to 3:30pm, Grand Ballroom Salon K

Filing 'Facts'? New Approaches to the History of State Security in Eastern Europe 1945-1989

Sat, Nov. 21, 1:45 to 3:30pm, Grand Ballroom Salon D

East European Political Activities in Exile after World War II

Sat, Nov. 21, 1:45 to 3:30pm, Meeting Room 413

The Politics of Reproduction and Roma in post-World War II Eastern Europe

Sat, Nov. 21, 3:45 to 5:30pm, Grand Ballroom Salon B

## Sunday

Working Identity: Laborers, Internationalism and Nationalism in Eastern Europe

Sun, Nov. 22, 8:00 to 9:45am, Meeting Room 413

Spirituality and Social Change in Southeastern Europe, 1880-1939

Sun, Nov. 22, 8:00 to 9:45am, Conference Suite 2

Facts or Fiction? Three Hungarian Events Reexamined

Sun, Nov. 22, 10:00 to 11:45am, Meeting Room 308

The Politics of Education – State, Business, and Individual Incentives to Invest in Human Capital  
Sun, Nov. 22, 10:00 to 11:45am, Grand Ballroom Salon L

East-West Relations in the Post World War II Era

Sun, Nov. 22, 12:00 to 1:45pm, Meeting Room 413

## Upcoming Conferences

The **2016 ASEES Annual Convention** will be held in Marriott Wardman Park, Washington DC on November 17-20, 2016. The call for papers will appear shortly at <http://www.aseees.org/convention>. The Hungarian Studies Association annual meeting will also take place at the Convention, as it does every year.

The **2016 ASEES-MAG Summer Convention** will take place in Lviv, Ukraine, 26 - 28 June. Panel, roundtable and paper proposals relating to any aspect of East-Central European and Eurasian Studies are welcome. Practitioners and scholars in all fields with an interest in this region are encouraged to participate. The deadline for submission of all proposals is January 6, 2016. More information is available at <http://aseees.org/summer-convention>.

The **American Hungarian Educators Association 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference** will take place April 28-30, 2016 at American University in Washington DC. The Program Committee invites proposals for papers, focusing on the presenters' individual research and findings, connected with this year's theme, "Migration and Emigration: On the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution 1956." Proposals should consist of an abstract of 200-250 words; a brief scholarly biography, including degrees and scholarly fields (50-100 words) and full contact information. Proposals must be submitted online at <http://ahea.net/conferences/2016/submit-paper>, no later than January 5, 2016.

*Have an event or conference to announce? Email [HungStudiesAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:HungStudiesAssoc@gmail.com) to have it added to the winter mailing list.*