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[Labour Politics and the EU's New Economic Governance Regime](#)

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EDUCATION:

Central European University, Budapest

Ph.D. in Political Science (2017)

Dissertation: *Serving the Public, Fighting against the State:
Labor Unrest in the Public Sector across the EU*

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Defense committee:

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London School of Economics and Political Science

Exchange semester at the European Institute (fall 2014)

Corvinus University, Budapest

Diploma in International Relations and European Studies (2009)

RESEARCH INTERESTS: comparative political economy, employment relations, social movements, comparative social policy, political history, EU studies

PUBLICATIONS:

- ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS:** Szabó, I. (2018). Trade unions and the sovereign power of the state. A comparative analysis of employer offensives in the Danish and Irish public sectors. *Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research*, 24(2), 163–178.
- Crespy, A., & Szabó, I. (2018). Healthcare Reforms and Fiscal Discipline in Europe: Responsibility or Responsiveness? *European Policy Analysis*, 4(2), 214–233.
- Kahancová, M., & Szabó, I. G. (2015). Hospital bargaining in the wake of management reforms: Hungary and Slovakia compared. *European Journal of Industrial Relations*, 21(4), 335–352.
- Szabó, I. (2013). Between Polarization and Statism – Effects of the Crisis on Collective Bargaining Processes and Outcomes in Hungary. *Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research*, 19 (2), 205–215.
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- PUBLICATIONS
IN EDITED
VOLUMES:** Szabó, I. (2017). Hungary: inertia of the old actors, constrained innovation from the new. In: Bernaciak, M., & Kahancová, M. (Eds.). *Innovative Union Practices in Central-Eastern Europe*. European Trade Union Institute. 91-111.
- Szabó, I. (2016). Hungary: State-Led Responses to the Crisis and Protracted Austerity. In: Bach, S., & Bordogna, L. (Eds.). *Public Service Management and Employment Relations in Europe: Emerging from the Crisis*. Routledge. 244-271.
- Szabó, I. G. (2014). Labour mobility and employee bargaining power in healthcare. In: Fazekas, K., & Neumann, L. (Eds.) *The Hungarian Labour Market 2014*. Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies. 193-197.
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- CONFERENCE
AND
WORKSHOP
PRESENTATIONS
(SELECTED):** “Trade unions and the sovereign power of the state.” Public Seminar on the Special Issue of Transfer. Trade unions and the polity: agendas and alliances. UCD Geary Institute, 11 October 2018
- “Közszolgáltatások és munkaügyi kapcsolatok az EU Új Gazdasági Kormányzásában” Európai kihívások – magyar szakszervezeti válaszok. MTA Emberi Erőforrások Gazdaságtana Bizottsága Munkaügyi Kapcsolatok Albizottsága, 17 September, 2018 (Public services and employment relations in the New Economic Governance of the EU. Introduction to roundtable discussion. Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Committee on the Economics of Human Resources, Employment Relations Subcommittee)
- “The EU’s New Economic Governance in the Water Sector. Challenges for public services and labour.” Industrial Relations in Europe Conference. KU Leuven, 11 September 2018.
- “From Blame Avoidance to Victim Blaming - How the Rhetoric of the Inefficient Public Sector Enabled Austerity in Ireland.” 25th International Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March 28-30 2018
- “A crisis of efficiency or a crisis of sufficiency? The rhetoric of austerity and its challengers in Irish health care.” *European University Institute’s Comparative Political Economy Research Group*, Florence, 30 May, 2017
- “Bargaining Power of Teachers in a Comparative Perspective: Lessons from East Central Europe” *The European sectoral social dialogue in education*. European Trade Union Committee for Education, Brussels, 4-5 November 2014
- “Eurocrisis and Sectoral Conflicts: How to Tame the Sheltered Sector?” 21st International Conference of Europeanists. Washington, D.C. 14-16 March, 2014
- “Labor Politics in a Weak Institutional Environment: Structural Power and Strategic Alliances of Healthcare and Education Employees in East Central Europe”. 25th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Milan, 27-29 June, 2013
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RESEARCH:

- 2017- Post-doctoral Research Fellow,
Labour Politics and the EU's New Economic Governance Regime.
ERC Research Project.
Principal Investigator: Roland Erne
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- 2016- Researcher, ENLIGHTEN - European Legitimacy in Governing through Hard Times
2017 Work package 3: Deficit Reduction and Continuity of Public Services.
WP Leader: Dorothee Bohle
Principal Investigator: Leonard Seabrooke
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- 2014- Contributor, "Beyond the crisis: innovative practices within CEE trade union
2016 movements" - European Trade Union Institute and Central European Labour Studies
Institute (CELSI)
Coordinators: Magdalena Bernaciak and Marta Kahancová
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- 2012 Contributor, "The impact of socio-economic shocks on collective bargaining and social
dialogue in Central and Eastern Europe" - *European Trade Union Institute*.
Coordinator: Vera Glassner
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- 2011 Research Assistant, *GUSTO Project of the European Commission's 7th Framework
Program. Employment relations and collective agreements in the Hungarian
healthcare sector.*
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TEACHING:

- 2019 Lecturer, Globalisation: MNCs and Employee Relations.
HRM3013D. UCD Quinn School of Business. BBS Distance learning module
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- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Concepts in Political Economy,
core module for MA students at Political Science Department, CEU
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- 2010- Instructor in critical political economy, comparative capitalism and labor movements
2016 *College for Advanced Studies in Social Theory, Corvinus University Budapest (BCE-TEK)*
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ORGANIZATION AND COORDINATION:

- March Organizer, main coordinator: *Austerity and the Restructuring of Public Services –
2017 Scientific Workshop*
- February Coordinator: *European Doctoral Workshop in Industrial Relations*
2015
- 2012-2013 Student Chair of *CEU's Political Economy Research Group (PERG)*
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LANGUAGES:

Hungarian – native, English – proficient
German- advanced, French – intermediate