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DR TAMÁS VONYÓ

EMPLOYMENT

<i>Associate professor</i> November 2019 – ongoing	Department of Social and Political Sciences Bocconi University
<i>Assistant professor</i> October 2014 – October 2019	Department of Social and Political Sciences Bocconi University
<i>Assistant professor</i> October 2012 – September 2014	Department of Economic History London School of Economics
<i>Post-doctoral research fellow</i> May 2010 – September 2012	Groningen Growth and Development Centre Groningen University

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

<i>Research fellow</i> December 2019 – ongoing	Centre for Economic Policy Research London
<i>Research fellow</i> October 2014 – ongoing	Dondena Centre and Bocconi Lab in European Studies Bocconi University
<i>Affiliated (resident) fellow</i> September – December 2016	Institute for Advanced Study Central European University
<i>Junior fellow</i> January – April 2010	Institute for Advanced Study Collegium Budapest

EDUCATION

Balliol College, University of Oxford <i>D.Phil. in Economic and Social History</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supervisor: Oliver Gant▪ Examiners: Nicholas Dimsdale & Albrecht Ritschl	October 2007 – October 2010
Balliol College, University of Oxford <i>M.Phil. in Economic and Social History</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Distinction, Feinstein Prize▪ Dulverton scholar▪ Supervisor: Oliver Gant	October 2005 – July 2007
Budapest Business School, University of Applied Sciences <i>B.Sc. in Economic Diplomacy and International Management</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Distinction▪ Recipient of Scholarship of the Republic	September 2001 – January 2005
Lester B Pearson United World College of the Pacific <i>International Baccalaureate Diploma</i>	September 1997 – June 1999

Monographs

- [*The economic consequences of the war: West Germany's growth miracle after 1945*](#), Cambridge Studies in Economic History, Cambridge University Press, 2018.
Reviews:
⇒ [American Historical Review](#), vol. 125, 2 (2020), pp. 742-3, by Barry Eichengreen
⇒ [Journal of Economic History](#), vol. 79, 3 (2019), pp. 900-902, by Carsten Burhop
⇒ [Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte](#), vol. 107, 1 (2020), pp. 137-8, by Nicole Weidlein
⇒ [European History Quarterly](#), vol. 9, 3 (2019), pp. 541-3, by Armin Grünbacher
⇒ [Historische Zeitschrift](#), vol. 308, 2 (2019), pp. 560-1, by Jan-Otmar Hesse
⇒ [H/Soz/Kult](#) by Jochen Streb
- *Modell Deutschland: West German economic development from a growth theoretical and economic policy perspective* [in Hungarian], Pannónia, 2006.

Chapters in edited volumes

- 'Blockading Britain and Germany during World War 1: preparations, conduct and consequences of economic warfare' (with Stephen Broadberry), in Stephen Broadberry and Mark Harrison (eds.), [Economic Warfare and Sanctions Since 1688](#), Cambridge University Press, 2025, pp. 82-111.
- 'Economic growth and sectoral developments, 1945-89' (with Andrei Markevich), in Matthias Morys (ed.), [The economic history of Central, East and Southeast Europe: 1800 to the present](#), Routledge, 2021, pp. 277-302.
- 'Economic policy under the command economy' (with Andrei Markevich), in Matthias Morys (ed.), [The economic history of Central, East and Southeast Europe: 1800 to the present](#), Routledge, 2021, pp. 303-323.
- 'Recovery and reconstruction: Europe after the Second World War', in Stephen Broadberry and Mark Harrison (eds.), [The economics of the Second World War: Seventy-five years on](#), a VoxEU.org book, CEPR Press, 2020, pp. 107-113.
- 'Demise and disintegration: the economic consequences of the Great War in Central Europe', in Stephen Broadberry and Mark Harrison (eds.), [The economics of the Great War: a centennial perspective](#), a VoxEU.org book, CEPR Press, 2018, pp. 95-102.
- 'How peripheral was the periphery: industrialisation in East Central Europe since 1870' (with Alex Klein & Max-Stephan Schulze), in Kevin H. O'Rourke and Jeffrey G. Williamson (eds.), [The spread of modern industry to the periphery since 1871](#), Oxford University Press, 2017, pp. 63-90.

Edited special issues

- [Accounting for growth in history](#) (with Leandro Prados de la Escosura & Ilya Voskoboinikov), Journal of Economic Surveys, vol. 35, 3 (2021).
- [The economic history of Eastern Europe](#) (with Leigh Gardner, Alex Klein & Mikolaj Malinowski), Economic History of Developing Regions, vol. 33, 2 (2018).
- [Kriegswirtschaft und ihre Folgen/War economy and its consequences](#) (with Jochen Streb), Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte, vol. 55, 2 (2014).

Articles (peer reviewed)

- 'Immigration and development: German agricultural settlers in the Kingdom of Hungary' (with Stefan Nikolic & Matthias Blum), *Journal of Economic History*, **accepted and forthcoming**.

- [‘Survival through globalization: innovation, internationalization, and the endurance of big business in Central Europe’](#) (with Milan Balaban & Mária Hidvégi), *Business History*, published online: 15 Oct 2025.
- [‘Accounting for growth in history’](#) (with Leandro Prados de la Escosura and Ilya Voskoboynikov), *Journal of Economic Surveys*, vol. 35, 3 (2021), pp. 655-69.
- [‘Why did socialist economies fail: The role of factor inputs reconsidered’](#) (with Alex Klein), *Economic History Review*, vol. 72, 1 (2019), pp. 317-45.
- [‘War and Socialism: Why Eastern Europe fell behind between 1950 and 1989’](#), *Economic History Review*, vol. 70, 1 (2017), pp. 248-74.
- [‘The wartime origins of the Wirtschaftswunder: The growth of West German industry, 1938-1955’](#), *Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte*, vol. 55, 2 (2014), pp. 129-58.
- [‘The roots of economic failure: What explains East Germany’s falling behind between 1945 and 1950?’](#) (with Albrecht Ritschl), *European Review of Economic History*, vol. 18, 2 (2014), pp. 166-84.
- [‘The bombing of Germany: the economic geography of war-induced dislocation in West German industry’](#), *European Review of Economic History*, vol. 16, 1 (2012), pp. 97-118.
- [‘Socialist industrialisation or post-war reconstruction: understanding Hungarian economic growth, 1949-1967’](#), *Journal of European Economic History*, vol. 39, 2 (2010), pp. 253-300.
- [‘Post-war reconstruction and the golden age of economic growth’](#), *European Review of Economic History*, vol. 12, 2 (2008), pp. 221-41.

Articles (not peer reviewed)

- ‘Nationalism and falling behind: The failure of national industrialisation, 1924-1939’ [in Hungarian] (with Maria Hidvégi), *Korunk*, vol. 3 (Nov. 2012), pp. 56-65.
- ‘Catching up in Prussian style: The origins of economic development in Imperial Germany’ [in Hungarian], *Századok*, vol. 137, 6 (2003), pp. 1275-1305.
- ‘Economic policy as a function of social and material interests in Great Britain and Germany, 1870-1914’ [in Hungarian], *Világtörténet*, vol. 22, 2 (2000), pp. 40-55.
- ‘Ploughshares into swords: Did the German industrial Phoenix push Wilhelm II towards reckless ambition?’, *The Concord Review*, vol. 9, 4 (1999), pp. 175-94.

Book reviews (selected)

- Stefan Link, *Forging Global Fordism: Nazi Germany, Soviet Russia, and the Contest over the Industrial Order*, Princeton University Press, 2020. In *Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte*, vol. 110, 2 (2023), pp. 278-9.
- Viktor Pál, *Technology and the Environment in State-Socialist Hungary: An Economic History*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2017. In *The Journal of Economic History*, vol. 8, 2 (2021), pp. 641-2.
- David Greasley and Les Oxley, eds., *Economics and history: Surveys in cliometrics*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2012. In *The Economic History Review*, vol. 67, 3 (2014), pp. 890-1.

WORKING PAPERS

- [‘Blockading Britain and Germany during World War 1: preparations, conduct and consequences of economic warfare’](#) (with Stephen Broadberry), Oxford Economic and Social History Working Papers, No. 217.
- [‘Immigration and development: German agricultural settlers in the Kingdom of Hungary’](#) (with Stefan Nikolic and Matthias Blum), CEPR Discussion Papers, DP17567

- [‘Why did socialism fail? The role of factor inputs reconsidered’](#) (with Alex Klein), Warwick CAGE Working Papers, No. 276.
- [‘The legacy of Fortress Europe: evidence on trade diversion from Nazi Germany’s confidential foreign trade statistics’](#), EHS Working Papers, No. 12021.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *The deadweight of war: economic backwardness in Eastern Europe*, monograph
- *Globalizing firms in a de-globalizing world: Central Europe between the world wars*, edited collection (with Andrea Colli)
- ‘Industrialization in the Habsburg Empire: a spatial analysis’ (with Stefan Nikolic)
- ‘The spoils of war: military contractors of the Habsburg Empire in World War I’

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **European Research Council Starting Grant**, €1.49 million for *Spoils of war: The economic consequence of the Great War in Central Europe*, 2019–2025
- ERC Pilot Studies Grant, €6,000, by Regione Lombardia & Fondazione Cariplo, 2017
- Bocconi Young Researcher Grant, €9,000 for *The legacy of war and mass migration: Housing in post-war Germany*, by Fondazione Romeo and Enrica Invernizzi, 2016
- Scatcherd European Scholarship, £4,625 for fieldwork in Berlin, 2008
- Dulverton Scholarship, £18,500 for graduate study at Oxford University, maintenance grant for two academic years, 2005 – 2007
- ESRC Graduate Studentship, University of Oxford, 2005 – 2009
- Resident Research Studentship, Institut für donauschwäbische Geschichte und Landeskunde, Tübingen, 2004
- DAAD Summer University Studentship, Heidelberg, 2004

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- Dissertation prize of the International Economic History Association, awarded at the World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch, South Africa, July 2012
- Feinstein Prize for the best graduate dissertation in economic and social history (masters) at the University of Oxford in 2007, awarded in May 2008
- Scholarship of the Republic (highest award for university students in Hungary)

INVITED TALKS

2025

- Economic History Seminar, Nuffield College, Oxford
- Economic History Seminar, University of Bayreuth
- Institute of Eastern and Southeast European History, LMU, Munich
- Economic History Colloquium, University of Regensburg
- IOS Annual Conference, Regensburg, **keynote lecture**

2023

- Institute of Political History, Budapest

2022

- Economic History Seminar, University of Lund
- Economic History Seminar, Paris School of Economics

- 2021
- *The economic history of Central, East and Southeast Europe: 1800 to the present*, book presentation, CEPR (online)
 - European Historical Economics Society Workshop, University of Hohenheim (online)
- 2020
- Economic and Social History Seminar, WU Vienna (online)
 - Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon
- 2018
- Department of Economic and Social History, University of Vienna
- 2017
- Economic History Seminar, Carlos III, Madrid
- 2016
- Social and Economic History Seminar, ELTE, Budapest
 - IAS Fellows Seminar, CEU, Budapest
 - Economics Department Seminar, University of Warsaw
- 2015
- Economic History Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin
 - Groningen Growth and Development Centre, Groningen
- 2014
- School of Economics (VSE), Prague
 - EHES Summer School, Humboldt University, Berlin (lecturer)
 - CEIS Seminar, University Tor Vergata, Rome
 - Economic History Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin
- 2013
- Economic History Seminar, University of Mannheim
 - Contemporary Economic History Seminar, LSE, London
 - Research seminar, Groningen Growth and Development Centre, Groningen
- 2012
- Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo
- 2011
- Graduate Seminar in Economics, University of Münster
 - Economic and Social History Seminar, Brasenose College, Oxford
- 2010
- Contemporary History Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, Budapest
 - Fellow Seminar, Collegium Budapest
- 2009
- Research seminar, Groningen Growth and Development Centre, Groningen
 - Cliometrics Seminar, LSE, London
- 2008
- Economic History Seminar, University of Tübingen
 - Graduate Seminar in Economics, Humboldt University, Berlin

CONFERENCES

- 2025
- European Social Science History Conference, Leiden
 - IOS Annual Conference, Regensburg
 - World Economic History Congress, Lund

- 2024
- *Business History and Transformations in Central & Eastern Europe*, University of Vienna
 - European Business History Association Annual Conference, Lisbon School of Economics and Management
 - *Globalizing Firms in a De-globalizing World*, book conference, Dondena Center, Bocconi University, Milan
 - *The New Economic History of Empires in Eastern Europe*, WEast Conference, Dondena Center, Bocconi University, Milan
- 2023
- European Historical Economics Society Conference, Vienna University of Economics and Business
 - WEast Conference, CERGE-EI, Prague
- 2022
- *Firms, Wars, and Ethics in the Business History of Central-Eastern Europe and Russia*, Venice School of Management
 - European Historical Economics Society Conference, University of Groningen
 - CEPR Economic History Symposium, University of South Denmark, Odense
 - Economic History Society Annual Conference, University of Cambridge
- 2021
- European Social Science History Conference (online)
 - Markets and Institutions in Eastern & Central Europe, Institute of Economic History, Humboldt University Berlin (online)
- 2019
- European Historical Economics Society Conference, Paris School of Economics
 - Understanding the Economic Past of Eastern Europe, Pedagogical University Cracow
- 2018
- Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal
 - World Economic History Congress, MIT, Boston
 - The Little Divergence in Central and Eastern Europe, WISO, University of Vienna
 - European Social Science History Conference, Queen's University, Belfast
- 2017
- Economics and Society in Eastern & Central Europe, UCL, London
- 2016
- Economics and Institutions in History, VSE, Prague
 - New Perspectives on the Economic History of Central, East and Southeast Europe 1800 to the Present, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg
- 2015
- European Historical Economics Society Conference, University of Pisa
 - World Economic History Congress, Kyoto
 - Historical Sources of Development in Central and Eastern Europe, CEU, Budapest
- 2014
- Business Enterprise and European Integration: A Historical Perspective, EUI, Florence
 - Industrialisation in the Global Periphery, All Souls College, Oxford
 - European Social Science History Conference, University of Vienna
- 2013
- Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
 - European Historical Economics Society Conference, LSE, London
 - Economic History Society Annual Conference, University of York

- 2012
 - World Economic History Congress, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa
 - European Social Science History Conference, University of Glasgow
 - Economic History Society Annual Conference, St Catherine's College, Oxford
- 2011
 - European Historical Economics Society Conference, University College, Dublin
 - Economic History Society Annual Conference, Robinson College, Cambridge
- 2009
 - European Historical Economics Society Conference, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
 - World Economic History Congress, University of Utrecht

ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2025
 - European Social Science History Conference, Leiden. Panel organiser: 'Ruins to Riches a monograph by Ray Stokes'
 - World Economic History Congress, Lund, Session organizer: 'The New Economic History of Empires in Eastern Europe' (with Mikolaj Malinowski)
- 2024
 - European Business History Association Annual Conference, Lisbon School of Economics and Management, Session organiser: 'Business History with Big Data: Central Europe between the World Wars'
 - *Globalizing Firms in a De-globalizing World*, book conference, Dondena Center, Bocconi University, Milan
 - *The New Economic History of Empires in Eastern Europe*, WEast Conference, Dondena Center, Bocconi University, Milan
- 2023
 - WEast Conference, CERGE-EI, Prague
- 2022
 - European Historical Economic Society Conference, Groningen. Session organiser, 'The spatial analysis of social and economic development in the Habsburg Empire'
- 2021
 - *Markets and Institutions in Eastern & Central Europe*, WEast Conference, Humboldt University Berlin
 - European Social Science History Conference, Leiden. Chair, Economic History Network (with Christiaan van Bochove and Erdem Kabadayi)
- 2019
 - *Understanding the Economic Past of Eastern Europe*, WEast Conference, Cracow
- 2018
 - World Economic History Congress, Boston. Session organiser: 'Accounting for growth in global economic history'
 - European Social Science History Conference, Belfast. Chair, Economic History Network (with Christiaan van Bochove and Erdem Kabadayi)
 - *The Origins and Legacies of the Little Divergence in Central & Eastern Europe*, WEast workshop, University of Vienna
- 2017
 - *Economics and Society in Eastern & Central Europe*, WEast workshop, UCL London
- 2016
 - *Economics and Institutions in History*, WEast workshop, VSE Prague

- European Social Science History Conference, Valencia. Chair, Economic History Network (with Christiaan van Bochove and Peter Meyer)
 - *Historical Sources of Development in Central & East Europe*, WEast workshop, Central European University, Budapest
- 2015
- ‘Rising Stars’ Seminar, Bocconi University. Convenor of seminar series for leading scholars with ERC Starting Grants in the social sciences
 - World Economic History Congress, Kyoto. Session organizer: ‘Quantitative economic history of Eastern Europe’ (with Mikolaj Malinowski)
- 2014
- European Historical Economics Society Summer School, Berlin. Member of organising committee, chair of selection committee, and lecturer.
 - European Social Science History Conference, Vienna. Session organiser: ‘Economic development in the age of nation building’
- 2013
- Economic History Society Annual Conference, York. Session organiser: ‘The economics of World War II in Britain and Germany’
- 2012
- World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch. Organiser of sessions: ‘Quantitative economic history of Eastern Europe’ & ‘Breaking the black box: Measuring economic performance during and after World War II’ (with Jochen Streb)
 - European Social Science History Conference, Glasgow. Session organiser: ‘Breaking the black box: Measuring economic performance during and after World War II’
- 2011
- *The Economic History of Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century*, Groningen Growth and Development Centre
 - *Maddison Lectures in Economic History and Development*. Series of the Groningen Growth and Development Centre. Convenor of the series and organiser of the first year, 2011/2. The series is still ongoing.

REFEREING

American Historical Review, Economic History Review, European Review of Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Surveys, Economic History of Developing Regions, Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte, Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Economic History Association (US)
- Economic History Society (UK)
- European Historical Economics Society (*Trustee* 2021-2025)
- WEast, The Eastern European Economic History Initiative, *principal organiser*

TEACHING

Bocconi University

- History of the Global Economy, 3rd year elective undergraduate course
- Economic History, 2nd year undergraduate core course

London School of Economics and Political Science

- Topics in Quantitative Economic History, master level elective seminar

- Historical Analysis of Economic Change, master level core course
- The Development and Integration of the World Economy in the 19th and 20th Centuries, master level core course
- Theories and Evidence in Economic History, 2nd year undergraduate core course

Groningen University

- Economic History, master level elective seminar

SUPERVISION

Theses in taught degrees

- **Bocconi**: undergraduate final papers (Economics and Management, Economics and Social Sciences), and one master thesis (Economics and Social Sciences)
- **LSE**: undergraduate theses (Economic History); master theses (Economic History, Global History, Political Economy of Late Development) in 2013-2014

Theses in research degrees

- Flóra Macher, MPhil/PhD in Economic History (LSE): *The 1931 financial crisis in Austria and Hungary: A critical reassessment*
- Leonard Kukic, MPhil/PhD in Economic History (LSE): *Economic growth, regional development, and nation formation under socialism: Evidence from Yugoslavia*. Placement: Universidad Carlos III, Madrid.
- Nikita E. S. Bos, PhD in Economics (Groningen): *The relative economic decline of postwar Britain in an international context*

Postdoctoral researchers

- Dr Mária Hidvégi, PhD University of Leipzig. Postdoctoral researcher at Bocconi University since 2022.
- Dr Bogdan Popescu, PhD University of Chicago, 2018. Postdoctoral researcher at Bocconi University 2019-2022.
Placement: Assistant Professor, John Cabot University, Rome
- Dr Stefan Nikolic, PhD University of York, 2017. Postdoctoral researcher at Bocconi University 2019-2023.
Placement: Assistant Professor, Loughborough University

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Bocconi University, Department of Social and Political Science

- **Chair** of department seminar committee, 2019 – 2021
- Member of department subcommittee for teaching, 2022 – 2025
- Member of department subcommittee for research, 2025 –
- Member of job-market committees in Economic History, 2019-2020

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Podcasts

- ‘[The long economic shadow of World War II in Europe](#)’, The Economic History Podcast, 1 October 2021.
- ‘[Our failure to catch up with Western Europe since the 19th century](#)’ (in Hungarian), G7 Podcast, 27 February 2021.

Journalism (in English)

- Interview on the economic legacies of WWII and the lessons to learn for the Covid-19 pandemic, *CGTN*, 9 May 2020.

Journalism (in Hungarian)

- ‘Can historical or religious motives explain that Northern Europe is more developed than the South’, *24.hu*, January 2025.
- ‘Catching-up with the West: Historical experience and perspectives’, *G7*, November 2021.
- ‘Solidarity and Growth’, *HVG*, 14 August 2013.
- ‘Consensual Way Out: Flat Tax System Needs Revision’, *HVG*, 4 April 2012.
- ‘Nationalism and Falling Behind’, *Népszabadság*, 2 April 2011.
- ‘The Myth of Growth’, *Népszabadság*, 6 October 2008.
- ‘Strong Hungary – Week Program’, *Népszabadság*, 17 December 2007.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Hungarian (native), English (fluent), German (fluent in reading)