

CURRICULUM VITAE

DR. BERTALAN PUSZTAI PHD

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor at the Department of Communication and Media Studies
(University of Szeged, Hungary)

OFFICIAL DUTIES

Vice chair of the department

EDUCATION

MA in History and Ethnology, Kossuth Lajos University (1990-1996, Debrecen, HU)
Studies in ethnology of religion, theories of culture, Invisible College (1992-1996, Budapest, HU)
PhD studies at the Dept. of Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä, Finland (1998-2004, supervisor:
Prof. Bo Lönnqvist)

POSTGRADUATE DEGREE

PhD in European Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä, 2004.
Accepted in Hungary by Univ. of Pécs, Doctorate School of Cultural Studies

FIELDS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Anthropology and critical study of tourism (tourism & festivals, local identity; religious tourism;
mediarepresentation of tourism)
Intercultural communication
Identity research: relation of religious and ethnic identity; symbolic identity constructions
Theory and methodology in cultural anthropology and cultural studies

PROJECTS, FIELDWORK EXPERIENCES

Organization and leading of international research-projects

- Pusztamérgeš – topic: *Invented traditions, village tourism and local identity* (2001-2003)
- Baja – topic: *Feasts, invented traditions, tourism* (2003-2007)

Individual researches in Hungary and Europe

- Mediarepresentation of tourism (2011-)
- In Finland – topic: *Local festivals and invented traditions* (2008)
- Festivals, tourism and local identity (2003-)
- In Hungary and different pilgrimage centers in Europe – topic: *religious experience and modern pilgrimage* (1999-2003, PhD research)
- In Hungary – topic: *In search for identity – Hungarian Greek Catholic identity creation – OTKA-project* (1998-2001)

Individual fieldresearches among ethnic Hungarians in several locations outside of Hungary

Participation in international research-projects

- *Revacern: Religions and Values* (Szeged, Máté-Tóth A., 2007-2010)
- *Greek Catholics in Anthropological Perspective* (Halle, vezető: S. Mahieu, 2005-2009)
- *Shaping and negotiating identity* (Jyväskylä, leader: Marko Lamberg, 2003-2006)

- Banat (Romania) - topic: *ex voto pictures and ethnic cultures in a multiethnic region* (leader: G. Barna – B. Lönnqvist, 1996-2001)
- Szeged-Alsóváros – topic: *Changes in pilgrimages* (leader: G. Barna, 1997-1999)
- Tápé – topic: *A Sacred Depot* (leader: G. Barna, 1999-2001)

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

Courses on cultural anthropology, qualitative methodology, cultural studies, critical tourism studies

- since 2005, University of Szeged, Department of Communication and Media Studies
- 1997-2005, University of Szeged, Department of Ethnology.
- since 1998, English language education for Socrates/Erasmus and Ceepus students.
- member and lecturer of the Interdisciplinary Doctorate School for Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Debrecen; supervisor Social Geography PhD School, University of Szeged
- Erasmus/Ceepus teaching at Abo Akademi University, Univ. of Turku, , University of Jyväskylä, University of Edinburgh, University of Wien

(Bertalan Pusztai)