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Béla MESTER (1962) was born in Sátoraljaújhely, Hungary.

EDUCATION

1985 BA (librarian studies; philology) College of Nyíregyháza, Hungary
1989 MA (philosophy) ELTE, Budapest, Hungary
1996 doctor universitatis (history of philosophy) ELTE, Budapest, summa cum laude
2003 PhD (philology) UBB, Cluj/Kolozsvár/Clausenburg, Romania, magna cum laude
2005 PhD (political philosophy) ELTE, Budapest, Hungary, summa cum laude

FORMER AND PRESENT AFFILIATIONS

1987–1995 Assistant & associate professor, College of Nyíregyháza, Hungary, Department of Philosophy
1997–2002 PhD student (UBB, Romania; ELTE, Hungary)
2001–2005 Research fellow, Institute for Philosophical Research of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
2005–2102 Senior research fellow of the Institute for Philosophical Research
Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS)
2012–2019 Senior research fellow, Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre for Humanities, HAS
2019–2024 Senior research fellow, Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre for Humanities, ELKH
2024–2025 Senior research fellow, Institute of Philosophy, HUN-REN
2025– Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Philosophy, ELTE Research Centre for Humanities

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

2006– Member of the Board of Hungarian Philosophical Society
2016– Domus Hungarica Scientiarum et Artium, member of board of trustees
2021– Secretary of the Committee of Philosophy, HAS

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

2005– *Kellék* (a periodical of philosophy in Hungarian, Kolozsvár–Nagyvárad–Szeged)
2010– *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle* (*Hungarian Philosophical Review*), periodical of the HAS
2016– *ergo* (a book-series for the history of the Hungarian philosophy; Gondolat Publishers)

PREVIOUS AND ONGOING PROJECTS

1996–1998 *György Breiter's Philosophy* (OTKA T 020630), principal investigator
2012–2017 *Narratives of the History of Hungarian Philosophy (1792–1947)*, (OTKA/NKFIH K 104643)
principal investigator
2016–2018 Lithuanian–Hungarian bilateral project, entitled *Conception of Creative City within Central Europe. Historical Images and Empirical Indices*, participant
(principal investigator: Gábor Kovács)
2017–2019 Polish–Hungarian bilateral project, entitled *The role of intelligentsia in shaping collective identities of Poles and Hungarians in 19th and 20th centuries*, principal investigator
2020–2023 Polish–Hungarian bilateral project, entitled *Westernisers and “Narodniki”. Dichotomous Identity-Generating Narratives in the 19th–20th-century Polish and Hungarian Intellectual History*, principal investigator
2021–2023 Lithuanian–Hungarian bilateral project, entitled *Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) concepts – Philosophical, Sociological and Historical Analyses*, principal investigator: Borbála Jász (2021–2022); Béla Mester (2022–2023)
2020–2025 *The tradition of “sensus communis” in the Hungarian thought: Philosophy and the public realm; public philosophy, national philosophy, national characterology*, (NKFIH/OTKA K 135 638)
principal investigator

RESEARCH FIELDS

History of the political philosophy and Hungarian philosophy; comparative historiography of the Central European philosophies.

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