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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 com 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 Bretter'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 “Narodniks”. 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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