

TAMÁS DEMETER

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Degrees

- 2017 DSc, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2008 Habilitation, University of Pécs, Hungary
- 2010 PhD in History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK
- 2003 PhD in Philosophy and History, Hungary
- 2001 MA in Philosophy, University of Bristol, UK
- 1997 Diploma in Philosophy, University of Miskolc, Hungary

Present affiliation

- 1997- Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre for the Humanities, Budapest
present position: Senior Research Fellow
- 2021- Corvinus University of Budapest
present position: Professor of Philosophy

Past affiliations

- 2011-2021 Professor, University of Pécs
- 2008-2010 Lorenz Krüger Fellow, Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin
- 2000-2012 Associate Professor, University of Miskolc
- 1998/1999 Assistant Lecturer, Technical University of Budapest

Research fellowships and scholarships

- 2024 Visiting Fellowship, RSE, University of Edinburgh (1 month)
- 2021 Visiting Fellowship, IASH, University of Edinburgh (2 months)
- 2016 Visiting Fellowship, RSE, University of St. Andrews (3 months)
- 2015 David Hume Fellowship, IASH, University of Edinburgh (6 months)
- 2013 Isaac Manasseh Meyer Fellowship, National University of Singapore (1 month)
- 2009 Mellon Fellowship, NIAS, Wassenaar (5 months)
- 2006 Mellon Fellowship, IASH, University of Edinburgh (3 months)
- 2005 Eötvös Fellowship of the Hungarian Republic, University of Cambridge (5 months)
- 2000-2003 External Research Studentship, Trinity College, Cambridge (36 months)
- 1999-2000 Soros/Chevening Scholarship, University of Bristol (12 months)

Teaching experience

- 2012-2017 Visiting Professor, Technical University of Budapest
- 2007/2008 Visiting Lecturer, ELTE, Budapest, PhD Program
- 2007, 2009 Visiting Lecturer, University of Pécs
- 2004-2007 Recurrent Visiting Lecturer, Eötvös Collegium, Budapest
- 2001-2003 Supervisor, for several colleges, University of Cambridge

Awards

- 2014 Commendation of the General Director, Research Center for the Humanities, HAS
- 2010 *Talentum* Academy Award, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

- 2004 Award of the Miskolc Committee of HAS
 2000 Academy Junior Award, HAS
 1999 *Pro Scientia* Gold Medal

Research grants

- 2017-2022 Morals and Values in Modern Science, MTA Lendület Programme, 150M HUF (cca. 0,6M EUR at the time of award, <https://lendulet.fi.btk.mta.hu/en/>)
 2017-2018 The Vocation of the Social Sciences, University of Pécs, 7.5M HUF
 2009-2012 Interpreting Hume, Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), 2.5M HUF

Post-doctoral research supervisees

- 2015-2016 Dr. Ádám Tuboly, research on sociological theories of knowledge, Institute of Philosophy, HAS
 2014-2016 Dr. Deodáth Zuh, research on sociological theories of knowledge, Institute of Philosophy, HAS
 2012-2015 Dr. Ákos Sivadó, research on the history and philosophy of the social sciences, Institute of Philosophy, HAS

Doctoral theses supervised

- 2013 Éva Kiss-Koczka, thesis on David Hume's moral psychology, University of Pécs, Hungary
 2012 Ákos Sivadó, thesis on interpretive social science, University of Pécs, Hungary

Editorial board memberships

international:

- 2024- *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* (Edinburgh University Press)
 2013-2015 *Scientia Universalis: Studien zur Wissenschaftsgeschichte der Vormoderne* (LIT Verlag)
 2008- *Studies in East European Thought* (Springer)

in Hungary:

- 2009-2018 *Századvég* (Fin de Siècle)
 2005- *Információs társadalom* (Information Society)

Refereeing

Archive für die Geschichte der Philosophie, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Synthese, Erkenntnis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, HOPOS, Philosophers' Imprint, Ergo, Hume Studies, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Monist, International Studies in the Philosophy of Science, Centaurus, Journal for the History of Economic Thought, Philosophia, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Scottish Philosophy, Journal for General Philosophy of Science, Argumentation, Res Philosophica, Studies in East European Thought, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Estudos e Pesquisas em Psicologia, Society and Politics, Journal of Early Modern Studies, Élet és tudomány, Brill Academic Publishers, Springer, FWF (Austria), OTKA (Hungary), ERC Advanced Grant (Brussels), FWO (Belgium)

Major events organised

- 2025 *The Prevalence of General Rules in Hume's Philosophy*, with James Chamberlain, Corvinus University of Budapest
 2022 *Metaphilosophy in History*, with Catherine Dromelet, Wim Lemmens, University of Antwerp

2017-2024	<i>Recasting the Treatise I-IV</i> , with Peter Millican, HAS, Budapest and Hertford College, Oxford
2019	<i>Mental Fictionalism</i> , with Adam Toon, Ted Parent, HAS, Budapest
2018	<i>Enlightenment Vitalism and Its Futures</i> , with Charles Wolfe, CEU-HAS, Budapest
2017	<i>Humeanisms</i> , with László Kocsis, Iulian Toader, HAS, Budapest
2017	<i>45th International Hume Society Conference</i> , with Miren Boehm, Mark Spencer, Margaret Watkins, HAS, Budapest
2015	<i>The Uses and Abuses of Mathematics in Early Modern Philosophy</i> , HAS, Budapest
2014	<i>Social and Historical Epistemology Summer School</i> , University of Pécs, Hungary
2014	<i>Fictionalism</i> , with Iulian Toader, CEU-HAS, Budapest
2012	<i>Historical Philosophy of Science Summer School</i> , University of Pécs, Hungary
2010	<i>Conflicting Values of Inquiry</i> , MPIWG, Berlin
2010	HOPOS 2010, member of the Local Organising Committee, CEU, Budapest

Committees

2025-	Member, Executive Committee, International Hume Society
2024-	Member, Senate, Corvinus University of Budapest
2008-2010	Board of Young Researchers, HAS
2007-2009	Elected Member, Faculty Board, Faculty of Arts, University of Miskolc

Membership in professional societies

2023-	American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies
2023-	Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society
2023-	European Society of Early Modern Philosophy
2010-	British Society for the History of Philosophy
2009-	International Society for Scottish Philosophy
2009-	International Hume Society

Representative publications in English

Book:

- *David Hume and the Culture of Scottish Newtonianism: Methodology and Ideology in Enlightenment Inquiry*, Leiden–Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2016, xi+221 p.
(Reviewed in *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Isis*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Metascience*, *Hume Studies*, *Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Newsletter*, *Journal of Early Modern Studies*, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*.)

Books edited:

- *Conflicting Values of Inquiry: Ideologies and Epistemology in Early Modern Europe*, Leiden: Brill, 2015, with Kathryn Murphy and Claus Zittel.
- *Mental Fictionalism: Philosophical Explorations*, London: Routledge, 2022, with Ted Parent and Adam Toon.
- *The Sociological Heritage of the Scottish Enlightenment*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2024.
- *Hume's Recasting the Treatise*, Oxford: OUP, with Peter Millican, in preparation.

Special issues edited:

- Symposium on Martin Lenz, *Socializing Minds* (OUP, 2022), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 32, 2024/6, 1438-1494.
- Humeanisms, special issue, *Synthese*, 2022, with László Kocsis and Iulian Toader.
https://link.springer.com/journal/11229/topicalCollection/AC_gd20e4edo6f82f31ddb2d12a31efe43

- The Uses and Abuses of Mathematics in Early Modern Philosophy, special issue, *Synthese* 197, 2019/9, 3461-3654, with Eric Schliesser.
- Symposium on Eric Schliesser, *Adam Smith: Systematic Philosopher and Public Thinker* (OUP, 2017), *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 16, 2018/3, 245-282.
- Between Physiology and Ethics: The Science of Man as a Middle-Range Discipline, special issue, *Early Science and Medicine* 21, 2017/2-3, 125-270.
- Hume and Political Realism, special issue, *Society and Politics* 10, 2016/2, 1-75.
- Mental Fictionalism, *Monist* 96, 2013/4, 483-638.
- The Origins of Social Theories of Knowledge, special issue of *Studies in East European Thought* 64, 2012/1-2, pp. 158.

Journal papers:

- “Hume on the Social and the Medical”, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 32, 2024/6, 1438-1447.
- “Philosophy as Lax Science: Humean Constraints on Philosophical Rigour”, *Rivista di filosofia* 104, 2023/3, 467-486.
- “Sympathetic Organizations: Body, Mind, and Society in Robert Whytt and David Hume”, *Notes and Records: The Royal Society Journal for the History of Science* 77, 2023/4, 753-769.
- “A Plea for an Integrated Historiography of Natural and Moral Philosophy in Enlightenment Scotland: A Programmatic Essay”, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 20, 2022/3, 183-202.
- “Fodor’s Guide to the Humean Mind”, *Synthese* 199, 2021, 5355-5375.
- “Towards a Humean Epistemic Ideal: Contested Alternatives and the Ideology of Modern Science”, *Belgrade Philosophical Annual* 34, 2021, 7-25.
- “The Science in Hume’s Science of Man”, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 18, 2020/3, 257-271.
- “Hume on the Social Construction of Mathematical Knowledge”, *Synthese* 197, 2019, 3615-3631.
- “A Chemistry of Human Nature: Chemical Imagery in Hume’s *Treatise*”, *Early Science and Medicine* 22, 2017/2-3, 208-228.
- “Before the Two Cultures: Merging the Canons of the History of Science and Philosophy”, *Metaphilosophy* 46, 2015/3, 344-363.
- “Mental Fictionalism: The Very Idea”, *Monist* 96, 2013/4, 483-504.
- “Post-Mechanical Explanation in the Natural and Moral Sciences: The Language of Nature and Human Nature in David Hume and William Cullen”, *Jahrbuch für Europäische Wissenskulturr* 7, 2012 [2014], 65-85.
- “Liberty, Necessity and the Foundations of Hume’s Science of Man”, *History of the Human Sciences* 25, 2012/1, 15-31.
- “Hume’s Experimental Method”, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 20, 2012/3, 577-599.
- “Being Charitable to Scientific Controversies: On the Demonstrativity of Newton’s *Experimentum crucis*”, *Monist* 93, 2010/4, 640-656, with Gábor Zemplén.
- “Folk Psychology Is Not a Metarepresentational Device”, *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 5, 2009/2, 19-38.
- “Two Kinds of Mental Realism”, *Journal for General Philosophy of Science* 40, 2009/1, 59-71.

Book chapters

- “Philosophical Methods” in A. Garrett, J. Harris (eds.), *Scottish Philosophy in the Eighteenth Century. Vol. 2: Mind, Matter, Metaphysics and Method*, Oxford: OUP, 53-107.
- “The Foundational Document of the Sociology of Knowledge” in T. Demeter (ed.), *The Sociological Heritage of the Scottish Enlightenment*, Edinburgh: EUP, 381-409.
- “Hume’s Science of Mind and Newtonianism” in E. Schliesser, C. Smeenk (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Isaac Newton*, Oxford: OUP, DOI:10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199930418.013.19.

- “A Mental Fictionalism Worthy of Its Name” in T. Demeter, T. Parent, A. Toon (eds.) *Mental Fictionalism: Philosophical Explorations*, London: Routledge, 2022, 86-103.
- “Sympathies for Common Ends: The Principles of Organization in Hume’s Psychology and Political Economy” in G. Bíró (ed.), *Humanity and Nature in the Economic Thought*, London: Routledge, 2022, 3-23.
- “Hume on Moral Responsibility and Free Will” in A. Coventry, A. Sager (eds.), *The Humean Mind*, London: Routledge, 2019, 223-235.
- “Discourses of Anger and the Unity of Philosophy in Enlightenment Scotland” in Karl Enenkel, Anita Traninger (eds.), *Discourses of Anger in the Early Modern Period*, Leiden: Brill, 2015, 238-258.
- “Natural Theology as Superstition: Hume and the Changing Ideology of Natural Inquiry” in Tamás Demeter et al. (eds.), *Conflicting Values of Inquiry: Ideologies of Epistemology in Early Modern Europe*, Leiden: Brill, 2015, 176-199.
- “Hume’s Copernican Turn” in Thomas Rahm, Wolfgang Neuber, Claus Zittel (eds.), *Copernicus and His International Reception*, Leiden: Brill, 2015, 88-109.
- “Morals before Objectivity: Hume’s Case for Separating Moral Evaluation and Moral Philosophy” in Anita Traninger, Kathryn Murphy (eds.), *The Emergence of Impartiality: Towards a Prehistory of Objectivity*, Leiden: Brill, 2014, 335-359.
- “Enlarging the Bounds of Moral Philosophy: Newton’s Method and Hume’s Science of Man” in Zvi Biener, Eric Schliesser (eds.), *Newton and Empiricism*, New York: OUP, 2014, 171-204.
- “The Anatomy and Physiology of Mind: Hume’s Vitalistic Account” in H.F.J. Horstmannshoff, H. King, C. Zittel (eds.), *Blood, Sweat and Tears: The Changing Concepts of Physiology from Antiquity into Early Modern Europe*, Leiden: Brill, 2012, 217-240.

Encyclopedia entries:

- “Hume’s Newtonianism and Anti-Newtonianism” in E. Zalta (ed.), *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2020, <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hume-newton/>.
- “Scottish Moral Philosophy” in D. Jalobeanu and C. Wolfe (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, Cham: Springer, DOI:10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_93-1.
- “Physiological and Philosophical Accounts of the Mind in the Scottish Enlightenment” in D. Jalobeanu and C. Wolfe (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, Cham: Springer, DOI:10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_438-1.
- “David Hume” in D. Jalobeanu and C. Wolfe (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Philosophy and the Sciences*, Cham: Springer, DOI:10.1007/978-3-319-20791-9_440-1
- “Scientia” in Marco Sgarbi (eds.), *The Encyclopaedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Cham: Springer, 2015, with Benedek Láng and Dániel Schmal, DOI:10.1007/978-3-319-02848-4_266-1.
- “József Balogh” in Karla Pollman and Willemien Otten (eds.), *Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine*, vol. 3., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013, 128-130.