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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### I. Personal Data

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### II. Researcher Profile

#### Academic positions

2024 July – 2025 Dec.	Director of Institute, HUN-REN RCH, Institute of Philosophy
2024 July–	Senior Research Fellow, HUN-REN RCH, Institute of Philosophy
2019 March–	Head of the PhD Programme in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Doctoral School of Philosophy
2001 October –	Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Institute of Philosophy, Department of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Assistant Professor, later Associate Professor (2008); Lecturer at the Doctoral School of Philosophy; Head of Department 2013 July –; Deputy Director of Institute 2018 Sept. – 2019 De.; Director of Institute 2020 Jan. – 2023 Dec.
1995 okt.–2001 szept.	Assistant Professor, University of Debrecen, Faculty of Humanities, Department of History of Philosophy

#### Education, academic degrees

2008 November	habilitation in philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities (thesis: Language, knowledge and reality in Plato's <i>Sophist</i> )
1998 November	Candidatus Scientiarum (C.Sc., roughly equivalent to PhD) in philosophy from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (thesis:

1993 Sept.–1996 Sept.	The structure of time in Plotinus' metaphysics, supervisor: Kornél Steiger) doctoral studies in philosophy, Hungarian Academy of Sciences/Eötvös Loránd University, Department of Metaphysics
1994 July	MA in Ancient Greek Language and Literature from Eötvös Loránd University
1993 July	MA in Latin Language and Literature from Eötvös Loránd University
1987 Sept.–1993 June	BA and MA studies at Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities; Member of Eötvös Collegium

### Scholarships and Awards

2020	Babeş-Bolyai University, UBB-Star External Advanced Fellowship, 1 month
2013–2016	János Bolyai Research Scholarship
2009	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Topoi Excellence Cluster, Junior Fellowship, 6 months
2004–2005	Eötvös Scholarship of the Hungarian State, Université de Fribourg (Freedom and Moral Responsibility in the Philosophy of Late Antiquity, advisor: Prof. Dominic O'Meara), 3 months
2003–2006	György Békésy Postdoctoral Fellowship
2000	Junior Fellowship, Collegium Budapest, 5 months
2000	Andrew Mellon Fellowship, Warburg Institute, London (Soul and Self in Plotinus and in Ficino, advisor: Jill Kraye), 3 months
1999–2002	János Bolyai Research Scholarship, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
1995–1996	DAAD Jahresstipendium, Tübingen (Kosmologie und Metaphysik in Platons Timaios; advisor: Prof. Thomas Alexander Szlezák)
1992	TEMPUS, Universiteit van Amsterdam, 6 months

## III. Research Activities

### Research Interests

Ancient philosophy: Plato, Aristotle, Hellenistic philosophy, Neoplatonism  
The reception of ancient philosophy (Church Fathers, Byzantine, Renaissance and modern thinkers)  
Philosophy of language, metaphysics, ethics, natural philosophy in antiquity  
Philosophical methodology, metaphilosophical problems

## Participation in Group Research Grants

Forgotten virtue ethics: Aristotle's *Protrepticus* and the Aristotelic *Magna Moralia*, a cooperative project of the Institutes of Philosophy of Charles University, Prague, the University of Vienna and Eötvös Loránd University, Central European Network for Teaching and Research in Academic Liaison, 2021–2022; principal investigator: Jakub Jirsa – participant

Conceptions of Self in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, <http://nyilvanos.otka-palyazat.hu/index.php?menuid=930&num=112253>, OTKA/NKFI (National Research, Development and Innovation Office), K-112253, 2015–2019, principal investigator: László Bene

Platonic theories of the soul in late antiquity and their influence on the early modern age, OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund), <http://nyilvanos.otka-palyazat.hu/index.php?menuid=930&num=104574&lang=EN>, K-104574, 2013–2017, principal investigator: Péter Lautner – senior researcher

The Hellenistic Philosophers (editing the Hungarian version of the sourcebook by A. Long and D. Sedley), OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund), <http://nyilvanos.otka-palyazat.hu/index.php?menuid=930&num=103317>, 2013–2014, principal investigator: László Bene

Plato and the Sophists, SCIEX, Université de Fribourg 2011–12, project leader: Filip Karfik – participant

Moral Psychology and Ethics in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, <http://nyilvanos.otka-palyazat.hu/index.php?menuid=930&num=75550&lang=EN>, OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund), K-75550, 2009–2011, témavezető Steiger Kornél – senior researcher

Frontiers: Philosophy and Science in Antiquity, Hungarian National Office for Research and Technology, NKFP 5/117/2004, 2005–2007, principal investigator: Kornél Steiger – researcher

Electronic processing of Sanskrit, Greek and Latin philosophical works in Hungarian translation, <http://nyilvanos.otka-palyazat.hu/index.php?menuid=930&num=43629&lang=EN>, OTKA, 2003–2006, principal investigator: Kornél Steiger – researcher

The late Plato and the Platonic tradition, OTKA (Hungarian Scientific Research Fund), F 032471, 2000–2003, principal investigator: László Bene

Philosophy and Religion in the Hellenistic Period and in Late Antiquity, cooperative research and teaching project between the Department of the History of Philosophy, Debrecen, the Centre for Patristic Studies, Pécs, the Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University and the Faculty of Classics, Cambridge, supported by the Soros Foundation, 1999–2002, coordinator of the programme: László Bene

Nietzsche, Thus spoke Zarathustra (Hungarian translation and commentary), K+F, 1998–1999, principal investigator: Ottó Hévízi – researcher

## Editorial membership

Member of the Editorial Board of *Elpis* (a Hungarian philosophical periodical) since 2016.

Peer review: *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle* [Hungarian Philosophical Review], *Ókor* [Antiquity], *Acta Antiqua*, *Apeiron* and *Rhizomata*.

## Scientific society membership

Hungarian Philosophical Society

Hungarian Society of Ancient Studies

Academia Platonica Septima Monasteriensis (member since 2006, 2015–17 vice president)

Southeast-European Association for Ancient Philosophy (member since 2006)

Society for the European History of Ideas (member since 2021)

## Committee membership

Philosophical Committee, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, member 2002–2005 (secretary), 2009–2011, 2014–2017, 2018–2023, 2024–

## Conference organisation (selected)

- 2022 October      Tudás, tekintély és tekintélyrombolás. Az episztemikus autoritás problémája a filozófiában [Knowledge, authority and subversion of authority. Epistemic authority in philosophy], Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Institute of Philosophy, organisers: László Bene, Gábor Borbély, Judit Szalai
- 2022 November      Motion, activity and time in Neoplatonism (international workshop with the participation of Eyjólfur Kjalar Emilsson, George Karamanolis, and doctoral students from the Universität Wien and Eötvös University) and Eötvös University, co-organised by the Ancient and Medieval Philosophy Doctoral Programme of Eötvös Loránd University and the Moravcsik Institute of the Eötvös Loránd Research Network, organisers: László Bene, Ágoston Guba
- 2019 December      Szelf-koncepciók az ókori és középkori filozófiában [Conceptions of self in ancient and medieval philosophy], Eötvös Loránd University, Institute of Philosophy, organiser: László Bene
- 2018 September      Teológia és antropológia. Konferencia Vidrányi Katalin emlékére [Theology and anthropology. Conference in memory of Katalin Vidrányi], Eötvös Loránd University, Institute of Philosophy, organisers: László Bene, Péter Molnár
- 2017 March      1st Central European Graduate Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, co-organised by the Department of Philosophy, CEU and Department of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, organisers: Robert Roreitner, Georgina White, Máté Veres, István Bodnár, László Bene

2016 December Alexander of Aphrodisias on the Soul's Capacities for Desiring and Understanding, Southeast-European Association for Ancient Philosophy, CEU, organisers: István Bodnár and László Bene

### Organisation of lecture series and research seminars

2022 Autumn Alexander of Aphrodisias and Plotinus on the soul – research seminar co-organised by the Institute of Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University and the Institute of Philosophy, RCH, Eötvös Loránd Research Network, with the participation of doctoral students from the University of Vienna and Eötvös Loránd University, organisers: László Bene, Attila Hangai

2021–2022 Cambridge Neoplatonism– research seminar co-organised by the Institute of Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University and the Institute of Philosophy, RCH, Eötvös Loránd Research Network, organisers: László Bene, Dániel Schmal

2020–2023 Colloquium Philosophicum – lecture series organised by the Institute of Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, organiser: László Bene

2014–2020 History of Philosophy Forum – lecture series organised by the Department of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and the Department of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, Institute of Philosophy, organisers: László Bene and Csaba Olay

### Conference participation & Invited Talks (selected)

2024 November Az újplatonikus metafizika és a feminizmus találkozása a filozófiatörténet boncasztalán [The encounter between Neoplatonic metaphysics and feminism on the dissecting table of the history of philosophy] – Filozófiatörténet a 21. században [History of philosophy in the 21st century], HUN-REN RCH, Institute of Philosophy, organisers: Dániel Schmal, Attila Hangai

2024 June Intuitive Elements in Plotinus' Philosophical Method (*Enn.* VI.2. 1–8) and Their Background in Plato's *Sophist* – International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 21th Annual Conference, Dublin, Ireland

2024 May A metafizikai érvelés alapjai: a kései Platón és Plótinos [The fundamentals of metaphysical reasoning: the late Plato and Plotinus] – XV. Magyar Ókortudományi Konferencia [XV. Conference of the Hungarian Society of Ancient Studies], Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Esztergom

2024 April Fátum és felelősség az antik filozófiában [Fate and responsibility in ancient philosophy] – Babeş-Bolyai University, Hungarian Institute of Philosophy, Romania, Cluj

2023 November Between psychology and cosmology: Plotinus' theory of time (*Ennead* III.7) – From Plato to Plotinus. A Conference in Honour of Eyjólfur Kjalar Emilsson, University of Oslo, Norway

2023 September Soul-body relationship, Plotinus, IV.3.19-20 – 15th Conference of the Southeast-European Association for Ancient Philosophy (SEEAP), Charles University, Czech Republic, Prague

- 2023 June Plato's Timaeus as an authoritative text in Plotinus' treatise On Eternity and Time (III.7 [45] – International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 20th Annual Conference, Italy, Catania
- 2023 May The unity of perceptual experience and incorporeality in Alexander's De anima and Quaestiones III.9 – Aristotle On Self-Awareness And His Influence. Topics from Aristotle, De Anima III.2, Eötvös Loránd Research Network, RCH, Institute of Philosophy, organisers: Attila Németh, Attila Hangai
- 2022 November Time as the measure of motion: Plotinus' treatment of an Aristotelian idea in Ennead VI.1–3 and in Ennead III.7 – Motion, Activity and Time in Neoplatonism, workshop with the participation of Eyjólfur Kjalar Emilsson és George Karamanolis, organised by the Institute of Philosophy of Eötvös Loránd University
- 2022 August Plotinus and the Platonic principle of the possibility of knowledge – First Principles, 2nd Conference of the Society of the European History of Ideas, organisers: Gyula Klima and Filipa Afonso, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- 2022 May Introducing the First Kinds of Intelligible Reality: Plotinus on the Categorical Analysis of Soul and Intellect (VI.2.4, 1–7, 24) – Reading Plato's Sophist 248a4–255d7 and Plotinus' "On the Kinds of Being", organiser: Eyjólfur Kjalar Emilsson, Iceland, Reykjavík
- 2022 March Teória és praxis Platónnál és a platonikus hagyományban [*Theoria* and *praxis* in Plato and in the Platonic tradition] – Eötvös Loránd Research Network RCH, Institute of Philosophy
- 2021 November Iamblichus' Protrepticus IX,49.3-52.16 – Aristotle's Protrepticus. Workshop organized by the CENTRAL Network project „Forgotten virtue ethics: Aristotle's *Protrepticus* and the Aristotelic *Magna Moralia*”, organisers: Jakub Jirsa, George Karamanolis
- 2021 October Platón a megismerésről és a cselekvésről [Plato on knowledge and action] – Teória, szemlélődés, misztika [*Theoria*, contemplation, mysticism]: a conference organised by the Catholic Mysticism Research Group, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Theological Faculty, organiser: Zsolt Szeiler
- 2021 June Plotinus' account of time in the treatise On the Genera of Being VI.1–3 – International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, 18th Annual Conference, Greece, Athens (online)
- 2020 November Metaphysics and myth in Plotinus' account of time – Babeş-Bolyai University, Star Institute External Advanced Fellowship
- 2019 December Emberi és isteni szelf Plótinoszánál [Human and divine self in Plotinus] – Conceptions of self in ancient and medieval philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, Institute of Philosophy
- 2018 September Nüsszai Gergely az emóciókról [Gregory of Nyssa on emotions] – Theology and anthropology. Conference in memory of Katalin Vidrányi, Eötvös Loránd University, Institute of Philosophy
- 2017 October Gregory of Nyssa on emotions – Academia Platonica Septima Monasteriensis, 12th Meeting, Switzerland, Münchenwiler

## IV. Educational Activities

### University / higher education

- 2001– Assistant Professor, later Associate Professor at the Department of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, Institute of Philosophy
- 1995–2001 Assistant Professor at the Department of History of Philosophy, University of Debrecen

### Invited teaching

- 2024 November University of Pécs, Education and Society Doctoral School of Education, History of Education and Philosophy of Education Programme – Human nature and education in Epicureanism and in Stoicism
- 2024 April Babeş-Bolyai University, Hungarian Institute of Philosophy, Romania, Cluj – Arisztotelész a morális felelősségről [Aristotle on moral responsibility]
- 2023 szept.–dec. Saint Ignatius Jesuit Student College for Advanced Studies, Budapest – Platón és a filozófia alapkérdései [Plato and the fundamental questions of philosophy]
- 2019 October Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Benda Kálmán Student College for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences – A platóni Lakoma újplatonikus értelmezése [The Neoplatonic interpretation of Plato's Symposium] – Heavenly and earthly love from a philosophical and religious perspective. A lecture series organized by Prof. Gábor Boros
- 2018 April Károli Gáspár University, Benda Kálmán Student College for Advanced Studies – Hans Blumenberg a gnóziról és az atomista hagyományról [Hans Blumenberg on Gnosis and on the atomist tradition]. Szekularizáció [Secularisation.] A lecture series organised by Prof. Gábor Boros
- 2020 November Babeş-Bolyai University, Hungarian Institute of Philosophy, Romania, Cluj – Tudás és vélekedés Platón *Államában* [Knowledge and belief in Plato's Republic]
- 2018–2020 BA and MA courses at Károli Gáspár University, Faculty of Humanities – Vallás és filozófia párbeszéde az antikvitásban [The dialogue between religion and philosophy in antiquity]; Ókori filozófia [Ancient philosophy]; Bevezetés a filozófiába [Introduction to philosophy]; Filozófiatörténet [History of philosophy]
- 2018 March Université de Fribourg, Département de Philosophie. – Time as the life of the soul: Plotinus – Le temps, A lecture series organised by Prof. Filip Karfik
- 2017 May University of Tel-Aviv, Department of Philosophy – Between psychology and cosmology: Plotinus' theory of time (Erasmus + teaching mobility)

## Doctoral Programmes

Lecturer and supervisor at the PhD Programme in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Doctoral School of Philosophy, Head of the Programme since 2019.

He has served as a PhD thesis opponent on 11 occasions (ELTE, SZTE, DE, CEU), and as a committee member on a 3 further occasions.

## Mentoring, doctoral thesis-supervision

Over the years, 7 students of ELTE BTK have won OTDK [National Student Competition] I-III prizes under his supervision. He has supervised 3 students for several semesters in the tutorial programme of Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities and in ÚNKP (New National Excellence Programme).

So far, 1 PhD student has defended his dissertation under his supervision (2023), 2 other candidates have submitted their dissertations in 2024, and 2 PhD students are working on their dissertations. He is supervising 3 more PhD students.

## V. Publications

Complete list of publications (MTMT, the Hungarian Science Bibliography):

<https://m2.mtmt.hu/api/author/10009975?&labelLang=eng>

### Selected publications

Bene László: Nüsszai Gergely az érzelmekről [Gregory of Nyssa on Emotions], in: Bene László – Molnár Péter (szerk.): *Teológia és antropológia. Tanulmányok Vidrányi Katalin emlékére.*, Gondolat, 2024, 51–74.

Arisztotelész: *Metafizika*. Fordította Bene László, Lautner Péter és Steiger Kornél [Aristotle: *Metaphysics*, Hungarian translation]. Budapest, Atlantisz Kiadó, 2024, 448 o.

László Bene: Ideen. In Christian Tornau (Hg.): *Plotin-Handbuch. Leben – Werk – Wirkung*. Stuttgart, J. B. Metzler Verlag, 2024, 249–258.

László Bene: Hellenistische Philosophie: Stoa, Epikureismus, Skeptizismus. In Christian Tornau (Hg.): *Plotin-Handbuch. Leben – Werk – Wirkung*. Stuttgart, J. B. Metzler Verlag, 2024, 141–153.

Bene László: Platón és Arisztotelész mint episztemikus tekintély Plótinosz filozófiájában [Plato and Aristotle as epistemic authorities in the philosophy of Plotinus]. *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle* 67, 2023, 26–49.

László Bene: Self-Constitution, Contemplation, and Rational Agency. Ursula Coope: Freedom and Responsibility in Neoplatonist Thought. *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 17, 2023, 279–287.



László Bene: Constructing Pagan Platonism: Plethon's Theory of Fate and the Ancient Philosophical Tradition, in: Jozef Matula / Paul Richard Blum (ed.): Georgios Gemistos Plethon: The Byzantine and the Latin Renaissance. Palacky University Press, 2014, 41–71.

László Bene: Ethics and Metaphysics in Plotinus. In: F. Karfík – E. Song (eds.): *Plato Revived. Essays in Honour of Dominic J. O'Meara*. Walter de Gruyter, Berlin/New York, 2013, 141-161.

Bene László: Görög-római filozófia [Greco-Roman philosophy]. In: *Filozófia*, főszerk. Boros Gábor, Akadémiai Kiadó, 2007, 23–253.

Bene László: *Megismerés, nyelv és valóság A szofistában* [Knowledge, language and reality in Plato's Sophist], in: *Platón: A szofista*. Kövendi Dénes fordítását átdolgozta, a jegyzetet és az utószót írta Bene László. Atlantisz 2006, 133-333.

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