

CVRRICVLVM VITÆ

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 of the HAS
- 2012–2019 Senior research fellow, Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre for Humanities of the HAS
- 2019–2024 Senior research fellow, Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre for Humanities of the ELKH
- 2024– Senior research fellow, Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre for Humanities of the HUN-REN

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- 2006– Member of the Board of Hungarian Philosophical Society
- 2010–2018 Vice-president of the Hungarian Philosophical Society
- 2016– Domus Hungarica Scientiarum et Artium, member of board of trustees

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
- 2010– “Ad Marginem” (a book-series for the history of philosophy of Central and East Europe, edited with Gábor Gángó and Lajos András Kiss; L’Harmattan)
- 2016– “ergo” (a book-series for the history of the Hungarian philosophy; Gondolat)

PREVIOUS AND ONGOING PROJECTS

- 1996–1998 OTKA, (Hungarian Scientific Research Found) history of philosophy (principal investigator)
- 2001–2003 NKFP, (National Research and Development Plan) head of a research group within a large research program; (PI: Gábor Palló); task: 19th-century Hungarian philosophy
- 2007–2012 OTKA, on the history of philosophy of the early Enlightenment of the 17–18th centuries, senior researcher (principal investigator: Professor Gábor Boros)
- 2010–2011 International Visegrad Found, Central-European Ethos or Local Traditions, (participant, (coordinator: University of Katowice)
- 2011–2012 International Visegrad Fund, Affectivity and its Vicissitudes in Contemporary Humanities and (participant, coordinator: Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences)
- 2009–2010 VEGA (Slovakian scientific research found) history of philosophy of the 19–20th centuries, (University of Nitra)
- 2009–2010 NKA (National Cultural Fund), personal grant: Political Community from John Calvin to John Locke
- 2011–2012 NKA (National Cultural Fund), personal grant: After the “Hegelian Trial”: a turning point of the Hungarian philosophy
- 2012–2017 OTKA, Narratives of the History of Hungarian Philosophy (1792–1947), principal investigator
- 2013–2018 OTKA, *Arts and Scholarship in the Service of the Nation-building in the Nineteenth-Century Hungary*, senior researcher (principal investigator: Professor Gábor Gyáni)
- 2014–2016 *The Impact of Noble Legacy in Shaping Citizenship in Central Europe*, Polish–Hungarian bilateral project, researcher (principal investigator: Gábor Gángó)
- 2016–2018 *Conception of Creative City within Central Europe. Historical Images and Empirical Indices*, Lithuanian–Hungarian bilateral project, researcher (principal investigator: Gábor Kovács)
- 2017–2019 *The role of intelligentsia in shaping collective identities of Poles and Hungarians in 19th and 20th centuries*, Polish–Hungarian bilateral project, principal investigator
- 2018–2020 *Mohács 1526–2026 Reconstruction and Historical Recollection*, Research Centre for the Humanities of the HAS – University of Pécs; principal investigator: Pál Fodor – Norbert Pap

- 2020–2024 The tradition of “sensus communis” in the Hungarian thought: Philosophy and the public realm; public philosophy, national philosophy, national characterology, principal investigator
- 2020–2023 Westernisers and “Narodniks”. Dichotomous Identity-Generating Narratives in the 19th–20th-century Polish and Hungarian Intellectual History, principal investigator
- 2020–2024 The migration of ideas and the formation of national philosophical traditions: dialogues across the borders / Миграция идей и формирование национальных философских традиций: диалоги поверх границ, principal investigator

RESEARCH FIELDS

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

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