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Short Overview

Thematical expertise:

Conflicts analysis, programme design and evaluation, strategic & systemic peacebuilding, general violence prevention (electoral violence prevention in particular), scenario building, organisational development and management, and knowledge management.

Geographic experience:

Cambodia, Egypt, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Liberia, Mexico (Oaxaca), Moldova-Transdnistria, Nepal, Northern Ireland, Romania, Singapore, UK, Ukraine

Formal Education

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| 2009-2013 | PhD – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN STUDIES
Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
<i>“Security Governance and Civilian Conflict Management: Assessing Scenario Building in Elections-Related Structural Violence Prevention (Case Study: Nepal)”</i> |
| 06-07. 2011 | Professional Development Programme: CONFLICT PREVENTION, RESOLUTION & RECONCILIATION
Johns Hopkins University - SAIS and International Peace and Security Institute, Bologna, Italy |
| 2006-2007 | MASTERS Degree – THE MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
<i>“Future Planning: Scenario Building as Conflict Engagement Mechanism”</i> |
| 2005-2006 | MASTERS Degree – FOREIGN TRADE
Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Economic Science and Business Management, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
<i>“Economic Security in the European Way”</i> |
| 2001-2005 | BACHELORS Degree – EUROPEAN STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of European Studies, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
<i>“The NATO – CFSP Relationship: Confrontation for Collective Security?”</i> |
| 1997-2001 | High School - MATHEMATICS – PHYSICS
„O.C.Tăslăuanu” Highschool, Toplița, Romania |

International Consultancies/ Engagements

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| 12. 2013 | Evaluator and Trainer with Intercultural Youth Dialogue Association (IYDA) - Cairo and Faiyum, Egypt
Peacebuilding trainer and programme evaluation within the project <i>Volunteering in Peace</i> . |
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- 05-12. 2013** **Consultant for IKV Pax Christi** - Netherlands and Turkey
Member of the evaluation and consultancy team tasked with the assessment, development and testing of an integrated *"Methodology for Peacebuilding Strategy Development."*
- 09.2011 –** **Consultant for Alliance for Peace (AfP)** - Kathmandu, Nepal
02. 2012 Member of international facilitation team for *"Preventing Electoral Violence"* and *"Multi-stakeholder Strategic Process, Community Based Dialogue and Local Peacebuilding"* programmes
- 11. 2008 –** **Consultant for the Commonwealth Secretariat** - London, UK
12. 2011 Member of the international evaluation and consultancy team for the Institutional Needs Assessment and Development programme: *"Enhancing Commonwealth Good Offices and Violence Prevention Capacities: Organisational Strengthening and Institutional Development Consultancy"*
- 04. 2009 –** **Consultant for Mediation Northern Ireland** - Belfast, Northern Ireland
01. 2010 Part of International Facilitator Group for *"Systemic Peacebuilding NI"* programme
- 05. 2010** **Invited expert at the 7th Asian Roundtable Experts Meeting** - Singapore
Peacebuilding and early warning expert for the *"7th Asia-Europe Roundtable Experts Meeting: Early Warning Systems in Minority Conflicts"*
- 06. 2010 –** **Consultant for the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)** - Monrovia, Liberia
01. 2011 Member of the international facilitation/ training team for *"Early Warning and Prevention"* workshop series

Organizational Work Experience

- 10.2014–** **Associate Professor – Analysis of International Conflicts**
present Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of History and Philosophy – Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 12. 2013 –** **Lead evaluator and researcher - "Achieving the MDGs through Peacebuilding: Capacity building in transition to democracy, community based-dialogue and peacekeeping operations for international, national and local actors in Afghanistan"**
Present Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) – Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 07. 2008 –** **Director, International Peace and Development Training Center (IPDTC)**
Present Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) –Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 07. 2007 –** **Peacebuilding and Violence Prevention Consultant & Evaluator, Department of Peace Operations (DPO)**
Present Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) – Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 05. 2008 –** **Member of Council of Directors PATRIR**
01. 2012 Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) – Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 08. 2007 –** **Lead Coordinator – Project IMPACT – Moldova Country programme**
07. 2008 Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) –Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 09. 2006 –** **Assistant to the Director PATRIR**
10. 2007 Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) –Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 11. 2005 –** **Volunteer**
07. 2006 CIVITAS Foundation for Civil Society – Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 09. 2003** **Intern**
The Democratic Union of Hungarians from Romania (UDMR) – București, Romania

Conferences and expert round tables

08–09. 07. 2014	Regional Review Conference on the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development - Geneva, Switzerland
03–04. 10. 2013	6 th International Congress on Conflictology and Peace - Barcelona, Spain
04–09. 10. 2011	Prevention of Violent Conflicts and Peace Education in Multicultural Societies & meetings of the Peace Education Working Group, GPPAC - Simferopol and Sevastopol, AR Crimea
03-04. 11. 2010	Early Warning for Protection Conference - Phnom Penh, Cambodia
18–24. 06. 2009	OSINT – Budapest Club Meeting – Hungary Conference on Energy issues linked with Early Warning Systems in Conflict Affected - Budapest, Areas
03-06. 11. 2007	Euro-Burma Network (EBN) Meeting - Prague, The Czech Republic

Research outputs and editorial work

Author	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kacsó, Zsuzsanna, <i>Civilian Conflict Management: The Role of Scenario Building in the Structural Prevention of Electoral Violence</i>, accepted towards publishing in 2014 by Cambridge Scholars Publishing.2. Kacsó, Zsuzsanna, <i>Între economie și conflict. Asigurarea bunăstării și siguranței pe viitor</i> (Between Economy and Conflict. The assurance and Welfare for the Future), LUMEN, Iași, Romania, 20073. Kacsó, Zsuzsanna, <i>Relația NATO-PESC. Confruntare pentru securitatea colectivă?</i> (The Relationship between NATO and CFSP. Confrontation for collective security?), LUMEN, Iași, Romania, 2006
Co-Author	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kacsó, Zsuzsanna, Adelina Decean, Samiullah Sabawoon, Tamim Sharizfai, Dr. Marshall Conley, <i>Contributing to Peace Consolidation in Afghanistan. Needs Assessment Country Report</i>, PATRIR and CPAU, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2014.2. Brand-Jacobsen, Kai Frithjof, Zsuzsanna Kacsó, <i>Preventing Electoral Violence – Operational Guidance Note</i>, The Commonwealth Secretariat, London, UK, 20113. Brand-Jacobsen, Kai Frithjof, Zsuzsanna Kacsó, Corina Simon, <i>Good Offices and Prevention – Operational Guidance Note</i>, The Commonwealth Secretariat, London, UK, 20104. Brand-Jacobsen, Kai Frithjof, Denis V. Matveev, Zsuzsanna Kacsó, <i>ComSec: Working Together for Prevention of Good Offices – Operational Guidance Note</i>, The Commonwealth Secretariat, London, UK, 20095. Kacsó Zsuzsanna, „Instituția președinției. Baze ale puterii prezidențiale americane” (The Institution of Presidency. The Bases of Power of the American President), in Corneliu Nicolescu (coord.), <i>Președinția americană 1986-2007</i> (The American Presidency 1986-2007), Cluj-Napoca, Institutul de Studii Internaționale, Editura Pro Vita, 2007
Research Assistance	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Brand-Jacobsen, Kai Frithjof, <i>Palestine and Israel - Improving Civil Society Peacebuilding, Strategies, Design, and Impact</i>, DPO–PATRIR/NOVA, Cluj Napoca, Romania, 2010
Translations RO → HU	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>A közigazgatás elemei. Összefoglaló dolgozatok szakvizsgára</i> (Elements of Public Administration. Synthesis for the Bachelor Degree Exam), Fundația Civitas pentru Societate Civilă, Cluj-Napoca, 2006
Proof-reading	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rețeaua de Organizații Neguvernamentale în Dezvoltare Comunitară – RuralNet (The Network of NGOs in Community Development - RuralNet), <i>Ghidul Dezvoltării Comunitare</i> (Community Development Guide), Cluj-Napoca, 20062. Balogh Márton, <i>Közpolitika</i> (Public Policy), Fundația Civitas pentru Societatea Civilă, Cluj-Napoca, 20063. Suta István, <i>Szervezési elméletek</i> (Organisational Theory), Fundația Civitas pentru Societatea Civilă, Cluj-Napoca, 2006

Informal education

- 05–09. 05. 2014** **“Training of Trainers in Collaborative Approaches to Diversity in Conflict Settings”** (Advanced Certificate International training programme) – PATRIR, Cluj-Napoca Romania
- 15-19. 09. 2008** **“Designing Peacebuilding Programmes (DPP)”** (Advanced Certificate International training programme) – PATRIR, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 09 – 12. 04. 2008** **“Multipliers in Peacebuilding”** (Training Programme) – CREDO, World Window, Joint Committee for Democratization and Conciliation (JCDC) – Odessa, Ukraine
- 24-29. 03. 2008** **„Community Mediation”** (Training Programme) – PATRIR, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 18-22. 02. 2008** **„From Conflicts to Peace Processes: Enhancing Effectiveness and Impact in Peacebuilding (CPP)”** (Advanced Certificate International training programme) – PATRIR, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 30. 03 - 04.04. 2007** **“Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation & Post - War Rebuilding, Reconciliation and Resolution (PCTR)”** (Advanced Certificate International training programme) – PATRIR, Cluj-Napoca
- 05-09. 03. 2007** **„Peacebuilding and Development: from Lessons Learned to Program Design and Field Implementation (PAD)”** (Advanced Certificate International training programme) – PATRIR, Cluj-Napoca

Professional and Personal aptitudes

Linguistic knowledge

Language	Spoken	Written	Read	Certificates
Romanian	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	National Language
Hungarian	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Mother Tongue
English	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	Cambridge Proficiency Certificate
French	Beginner	Beginner	Medium	Learned at University Level
Arabic	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Private studies
Spanish	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Private studies
German	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Certificate: BRIDGE Language Study House

- PC knowledge**
1. Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Front Page
 2. Photoshop, Corell, ACDSee Photo Manager
 3. Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Outlook Express, Firefox
 4. Joomla
 5. CPanel
 6. Moodle
- Driving License** B category
- Social skills** Team player, leadership and management, cooperation and negotiation, ambition, punctuality, coordination, professional conduct, adaptability, accustomed to working in multi-cultural and international environments.
- Hobby** Archery, tae-bo, traveling, reading, cooking, graphic design, spending time with friends, writing.
- References** Available upon request.