

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education & academic background

2008-2014 PhD in Psycholinguistics, Department of Cognitive Science, Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), Budapest, Hungary (supervisor: Professor Csaba Pléh) <http://www.cogsci.bme.hu/index.html>

2002-2008 MA in Psychology, Faculty of Education and Psychology, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary <https://www.ppk.elte.hu/en/>

## Grants and postdoc scholarships

2017- Principal Investigator: Young Researcher Grant (125417) of the National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Hungary

2016-2019 Premium Postdoctoral Fellowship of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (462003), Hungary

2014-2016 Fyssen Postdoctoral Fellowship at Université de Paris, France

2012-2014 Postdoctoral Fellowship of the Central European University (CEU), Hungary

## Doctoral scholarships

2011-2012 Fulbright Scholarship, visiting student researcher at the Kutas Lab, University of California, San Diego (UCSD), USA

2010-2011 DAAD Scholarship, visiting student researcher at the Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and at the DINE lab, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

2008-2010 Doctoral scholarship of Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), Hungary

## Research interests

Cognitive neuroscience, language acquisition, social cognition, Theory-of-Mind, conceptual development, metaphor comprehension, neuroscience of figurative language, right hemispherical language, conceptual system, EEG, fNIRS, eye-tracking

## Prominent publication

Forgács, B. (2020). An Electrophysiological Abstractness Effect for Metaphorical Meaning Making. *eNeuro*. <https://doi.org/10.1523/ENEURO.0052-20.2020>

## Research experience

- 2017- Principal Investigator of a Young Researcher Grant (FK-17) of the National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Hungary
- 2017- Lab manager of the EEG lab of the Babylab of ELTE, Budapest, Hungary  
<http://babalabor.hu/?lang=en>
- 2017- Research Fellow at the Social Minds Research Group at the Department of Cognitive Psychology, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)
- 2016-2019 Premium Postdoctoral Fellow of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary (Professor Ildikó Király)
- 2014-2016 Fyssen Postdoctoral Fellow, Laboratoire Psychologie de la Perception (LPP), Université de Paris, France (Judit Gervain, PhD) <http://lpp.psych.univ-paris5.fr>
- 2012-2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Cognitive Development Center (CDC), Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary (Professor György Gergely)  
<https://cdc.ceu.edu>
- 2012 fall Research Assistant, Cognitive Developmental Center (CDC), Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary
- 2011-2012 Fulbright visiting student researcher, Kutas Lab, University of California, San Diego (UCSD), USA (Professor Marta Kutas) <http://kutaslab.ucsd.edu>
- 2010-2011 DAAD visiting student researcher at the Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin & the DINE lab, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (Professor Arthur M. Jacobs) (extended to April 2011 by FU Berlin)  
<http://www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/en/einrichtungen/arbeitsbereiche/allgpsy/index.html>
- Marie Curie fMRI master class by Dr. Marty Sereno and Dr. Fred Dick at Birkbeck/BUCNI, University College London, UK, 4-6 December, 2013
- Experimental pragmatics master class of the Euro XPrag group by Dr. Jesse Snedeker & Dr. Dan Grodner at University College London, UK, 28-29 May, 2013
- Master class of Dr. Dan Sperber “Communication, culture, and cognition” at the Institute Jean Nicod, Paris, France, 10-11 December, 2012

## Teaching & supervision

- 2018- Teaching Cognitive Psychology for Linguists (MA), University Vienna, Austria  
<https://linguistik.univie.ac.at>
- 2017- Teaching various PhD and MA courses at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Hungary, including Introduction to Cognitive Science, Research Methods in Cognitive Neuroscience, Verbal Processes: Brain and Language, Social Cognition; supervision of BA and MA thesis work; supervision of work in the EEG lab at the Babylab of ELTE.
- 2015-2016 Supervision of BA research interns at Université Paris Descartes, France
- 2013-2014 Teaching as a guest lecturer at the PhD program of CEU, Hungary
- 2011-2012 Teaching at a psycholinguistics seminar, supervised by Professor Arthur M. Jacobs, during PhD researcher visit at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

2008-2010 During PhD studies at BME, Hungary: teaching and administering BA courses, supervision of BA theses; regular substitution at courses in English.

### **Academic activities**

- 2018 Conference chair of the X. Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science (DUCOG): *Communication, Pragmatics, and Theory of Mind*, Croatia, May 24-27. ([http://www.cecog.eu/ducog/page\\_home\\_03.php](http://www.cecog.eu/ducog/page_home_03.php))
- 2016-2017 Participant in COST Action IS1404 E-READ: Evolution of Reading in the Age of Digitisation
- 2014 Symposium organization at the XXIII. Annual Meeting of the Hungarian Psychological Association: *Interpreting agency and intentionality in typical and atypical development*, Targu Mures, Romania, May 15-17.
- 2009-2010 Assistant organizer at the Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science (DUCOG I & II), Croatia.

### **Outreach**

- 2018- Speaker and organizer of a yearly public event of infant labs in Budapest, Hungary, aimed at popularizing infant research, disseminating and bringing results closer to the general public and encouraging families to visit our labs. The event is a joint enterprise of 4-5 labs in Budapest, open to the public and to media outlets. Radio, TV and newspaper interview contributions follow the event regularly.
- 2018- Lecturer in psychology and supervisor of introductory research practice for high school students in the MATEHETSZ talent program (<https://matehetsz.hu>)
- 2017 TEDxDanubia talk, Budapest, Hungary: *Do babies know that we know that they know?* <http://www.tedxanubia.com/tedx-videok?performer=2854>

### **Memberships of scientific societies**

2019 – Member, Society for Neuroscience, USA

### **Reviewer for**

Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology  
Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience  
Developmental Science  
Memory & Cognition  
Brain & Language  
Frontiers in Human Neuroscience  
Frontiers in Psychology  
Language, Cognition and Neuroscience  
American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology

**Languages**

Hungarian – native language

English – C2 academic level exam in writing and speaking

German – B1 level exam in writing and speaking

French – B1 level proficiency in writing and speaking

**Coding and software skills**

Matlab, Python, R, JASP, SPSS, JMP, E-Prime