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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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three and four manifolds, contact geometry, knots, tangles, Heegaard Floer homology

## POSITIONS

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Sep, 2014–present	<b>Le Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique CNRS – IRMA, University of Strasbourg</b> Researcher (CR2)
Oct, 2012–Aug, 2014	<b>Le Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique CNRS – Laboratoire Jean Leray, University of Nantes</b> Researcher (CR2)
Aug, 2010–Sep, 2012	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge</b> CLE Moore Instructor
Aug, 2009–May, 2010	<b>The Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley</b> Postdoc
Feb, 2009–Aug, 2009	<b>Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute, Budapest</b> Young Researcher (Postdoc)

## EDUCATION

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Sep, 2005–June, 2009	<b>Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest</b> Ph.D. student in Mathematics <i>Advisors:</i> Prof. András Stipsicz and Prof. Csaba Szabó <i>Thesis title:</i> Legendrian and transverse knots in the light of Heegaard Floer homology
Sep, 2000–May, 2005	<b>Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest</b> Diploma in Mathematics, summa cum laude <i>Advisor:</i> Prof. Csaba Szabó <i>Thesis title:</i> Complexity of Checking Identities in 0-simple Semigroups
Sep, 1996–May, 2000	<b>Fazekas Mihály Secondary School, Budapest</b> Special Program in Mathematics

## PUBLICATIONS

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- A self-pairing theorem for tangle Floer homology** (with I. Petkova)  
*Algebraic & Geometric Topology*, 16:2127–2141, 2016
- Combinatorial tangle Floer homology** (with I. Petkova)  
*Geometry & Topology*, to appear, arXiv:1410.2161
- On the equivalence of Legendrian and transverse invariants in knot Floer homology**  
 (with J. Baldwin, D.S. Vela-Vick) *Geometry & Topology*, 17:905–924, 2013
- Legendrian representations of Twist Knots** (with J. Etnyre and L. Ng)  
*Journal of the European Mathematical Society*, 15:969–995, 2013
- The equivalence problem over finite rings.** (with Cs. Szabó)  
*International Journal of Algebra and Computation*, 21:449–457, 2011
- Knots and smooth 3-manifolds – Heegaard Floer homology.** (in Hungarian)  
*Matematikai Lapok, Új sorozat*, 17:35–73, 2011.
- On invariants for legendrian knots.** (with A. Stipsicz)  
*Pacific Journal of Mathematics*, Vol.239 1:157–177, 2009.
- Transversely nonsimple knots.**  
*Algebraic & Geometric Topology*, 8:1481–1498, 2008.
- Checking identities over finite 0-simple semigroups.** (in Hungarian)  
*Matematikai Lapok, Új sorozat*, 13:54–75, 2008.
- The membership problem in finite flat hypergraph algebras.** (with G. Kun)  
*International Journal of Algebra and Computation*, 17:449–459, 2007.
- The complexity of the identity checking problem in 0-simple semigroups.**  
 (in Russian, with S. Pletseva) *Journal of Ural State University*, 43:72–103, 2006.
- The complexity of checking identities for finite matrix rings.** (with Cs. Szabó)  
*Algebra Universalis*, 51:439–445, 2004.
- The complexity of the word-problem for finite matrix rings.** (with Cs. Szabó)  
*Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society*, 132:3689–3695, 2004.

## Preprints

- Quantum  $gl(1|1)$  and tangle Floer homology** (with A.P. Ellis and I. Petkova)  
 submitted, arXiv:1510.03483
- An introduction to tangle Floer homology** (with I. Petkova)  
 submitted, arXiv:1604.08430
- Legendrian satellites** (with J. Etnyre), submitted, arXiv:1608.05695

## GRANTS

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### Principal Investigator

2011–2015 NSF: Contact manifolds and Heegaard Floer homology (126.256 USD)

### Participant

2016–2020 ANR: Quantum topology and contact geometry (61.000 EUR)  
 2010–2014 OTKA: Topology of Manifolds (33.705.000 HUF)  
 2009–2013 OTKA: Complexity and Algebra (13.200.000 HUF)  
 2007–2010 OTKA: Discrete and Continuous (59.900.000 HUF)  
 2007–2009 OTKA: Singularities and Holomorphic geometry (20.000.000 HUF)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2014 **Prime d'Excellence Scientifique**, 3 year grant of the CNRS
- 2011 **American Women in Mathematics** travel grant
- 2008 **Eötvös Fellowship** of the Hungarian Ministry of Education  
*research fellowship to spend at a foreign research institution*
- 2005 **Pro Scientia Golden Medal Award**, *awarded every two years to 45 "young scientists with exceptional research achievements"*  
**Excellent student Award**, Eötvös Loránd University
- 2004 **Rényi Kató Award** of Bolyai János Mathematical Society  
*"for young mathematicians with extraordinary academic results"*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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### *Graduate*

- 2016 **Lecturer, Legendrian knots**, CEU Summer University, Budapest  
week long program in low dimensional topology
- 2009 **Reading seminar on bordered Floer Homology**  
Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute, Budapest
- 2009 **Seminar on higher dimensional open books**, MSRI, Berkley, CA, USA
- 2009 **Problem session** on Summer Graduate Workshop:  
Symplectic and Contact Geometry and Topology, MSRI, Berkley, CA, USA
- 2008 **Mini course on Heegaard Floer homology**  
Cape Town University, South Africa

### *Undergraduate*

- 2012 **Lecturer, Introduction to Topology**, MIT
- 2011–2012 **Teaching Assistant, Multivariable Calculus with Theory**, MIT
- 2010 **Course Administrator, Linear Algebra**, MIT
- 2009 **Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Topology**  
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
- 2002, 2007 **Teaching Assistant, Linear Algebra and Geometry**  
Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
- 2003–2004 **Teaching Assistant, Galois Theory**, Budapest Semester of Mathematics
- 2003–2004 **Teaching Assistant, Number Theory**, Budapest Semester of Mathematics
- 2001–2005 **Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Computer Science**  
Budapest University of Technology and Economics

### *Children*

- 2014 **Camp Euclid**, online summer research camp for 10-19 years old children
- 2013, 2014 **Fête de la Science**, a day of mathematical activities for 10-16 years old children  
Strasbourg and Nantes
- 2012 **Math Circle** for 8-10 years old children  
Graham Parks and School, Cambridge, MA, USA
- 2011 5 minute video for **Girls' Angle** Women in Mathematics Video Series
- 2009–2010 talks on various **Math circles** in Berkeley, San Francisco and Boston
- 1997–1999 **Problem Solving Seminar**, for 12-14 years old children  
Fazekas Mihály Secondary School, Budapest

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**STUDENT SUPERVISION**


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2016–present    Viktoria Földházi, (unofficial) graduate student, ELTE  
 2012            Raaez Lorgat, undergraduate research opportunity, MIT

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**CONFERENCE ORGANISATION**


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2012    **AMS special session on Symplectic and Contact Geometry**

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**INVITED TALKS AT CONFERENCES**


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Sep, 2016    **1 and half day for 2-categories and 3-manifolds**, Montpellier, France  
 Sep, 2016    **British Topology Meeting**, Glasgow, Scotland  
 Jun, 2016    **SMF 2016 : Premier Congrès de la Société Mathématique de France**  
               Tours, France  
 Sep, 2013    **British Topology Meeting**, Aberdeen, Scotland  
 Dec, 2012    **Symplectic and Low Dimensional Topologies in Interaction**  
               Simons Center, Stony Brook, USA  
 May, 2012    **Georgia Topology Conference**, Athens, USA  
 Sep, 2011    **AWM 40 Years and Counting**, Providence, USA  
 Jul, 2011    **GESTA 2011**, Castro Urdiales, Spain  
 Mar, 2011    **AMS Sectional meeting**, Statesboro, USA  
 Jul, 2010    **7th Bolyai-Lobachevsky-Gauss conference**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
 May, 2010    **Knots, Contact Geometry and Floer Homology**  
               University of Tokyo, Japan  
 Jan, 2010    **Introductory Workshop: Homology Theories of Knots and Links**  
               MSRI, Berkeley, USA  
 Jan, 2010    **Connections for Women: Homology Theories of Knots and Links**  
               MSRI, Berkeley, USA  
 Sep, 2009    **AIM Workshop: Legendrian and transverse knots**, Palo Alto, USA  
 May, 2008    **2008 Program for Women in Mathematics**, IAS, Princeton, USA  
 Jul, 2007    **Conference on Universal Algebra and Lattice Theory**  
               Szeged, Hungary, *plenary speaker*  
 July, 2005    **Conference on Universal Algebra and Lattice Theory**  
               Szeged, Hungary  
 Sep, 2004    **Summer School on General Algebra and Ordered Sets**,  
               Malá Morávka, Czech Republic  
 Jul, 2004    **Logic Colloquium 2004**, Torino, Italy  
 May, 2004    **International Algebraic Conference**, Moscow, Russia  
 Aug, 2003    **Novi Sad Algebraic Conference**, Novi Sad, Serbia  
 Jul, 2002    **Conference on Universal Algebra and Lattice Theory**  
               Szeged, Hungary

**SEMINAR TALKS**

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- 2016 Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris 6), Paris 7, University of Regensburg
- 2015 University of Cambridge, Mittag-Leffler Institute, University of Heidelberg
- 2014 University of Heidelberg, Université de Strasbourg, Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute, Hungarian Academy of Science
- 2013 Symplectix (Université Paris-Sud 11), University of California Santa Barbara, Université Joseph Fourier (Grenoble), Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute
- 2012 IST Austria, Université Catholique de Louvain, Université de Rennes, Université de Nantes
- 2011 Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Harvard University, Université de Nantes, University of Southern California, University of Georgia
- 2010 Boston College, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MIT, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Southern California, Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute
- 2009 Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (Berkeley), Georgia Institute of Technology, Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute
- 2008 Georgia Institute of Technology, Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute, Columbia University, Duke University, University of Georgia, Eötvös Loránd University
- 2007 Eötvös Loránd University
- 2006 Eötvös Loránd University
- 2005 ETH Zürich
- 2004 University of Novi Sad
- 2003 Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute, Attila József University (Szeged)

**ACADEMIC VISITS**

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| Oct–Nov, 2015       | <b>Institute Mittag-Leffler</b> , Djursholm, Sweden                      |
| Apr–May, 2014       | <b>Alfréd Rényi Mathematical Institute</b> , Budapest, Hungary           |
| Feb, 2014           | <b>AIM-SQUARE meeting</b> , Palo Alto, CA, USA                           |
| Jan–Febr, 2014      | <b>University of Santa Barbara</b> , Santa Barbara, CA, USA              |
| Jul–Aug, 2013       | <b>University of Santa Barbara</b> , Santa Barbara, CA, USA              |
| May, 2013           | <b>Simons Center for Geometry and Physics</b> , Stony Brook, NY, USA     |
| Apr, 2013           | <b>University of Santa Barbara</b> , Santa Barbara, CA, USA              |
| Jan–Feb, 2013       | <b>University of Santa Barbara</b> , Santa Barbara, CA, USA              |
| Jul, 2012           | <b>Rényi Institute</b> , Budapest, Hungary                               |
| Sep–Dec, 2011       | <b>Institute for Advanced Studies</b> , Princeton, NJ, USA               |
| May, 2009           | <b>University of Cape Town</b> , Cape Town, South Africa                 |
| Sep–Oct, 2008       | <b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b> , Atlanta, GA, USA                |
| Oct, 2007–May, 2008 | <b>Columbia University</b> , New York, NY, USA                           |
| Sep–Oct, 2007       | <b>University of Cape Town</b> , Cape Town, South Africa                 |
| Oct 2005–Mar, 2006  | <b>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH)</b> , Zurich, Switzerland |
| Oct–Nov, 2004       | <b>CEEPUS Scholarship</b> , Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania       |

**PERSONAL**

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I was born on 13 April 1982, Budapest, Hungary. I am married. My daughter, Sophie, was born in March 2015. I love biking, hiking and snowboarding.

October, 2016