

Dr. Metz Rudolf Tamás

Associate Professor
Politikatudományi Tanszék
Year of birth: 1989

Qualifications, scientific degrees

Higher education qualifications

- 2008 - 2011
  Pázmány Péter Chatolic University, Faculty of Humanities, Political Science (BSc/BA)
- 2011 - 2013
  Corvinus University of Budapest, Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations, Political Science (MSc/MA)
- 2013 - 2019
  Corvinus University of Budapest, Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations, Doctoral School of Political Science, Political Science (PhD/DLA képzés)
- 2018 - 2020
  Corvinus University of Budapest, School of Economics, Public Policy and Management (MSc/MA)

Scientific degrees and awards

- 2019, PhD
  Corvinus University of Budapest

Career

Workplaces

- 2013 - 2016
  Pázmány Péter Chatolic University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Political Science, Guest Lecturer
- 2019 - 2019
  Leopold-Franzens-Universität, Innsbruck , Guest Lecturer
- 2013 -
  HUN-REN, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Political Science, Senior Research Fellow

Public activities in the university (memberships in university bodies)

- 2023 -
  Director of Political Science Doctoral Program, Doctoral School of International Relations and Political Science

Membership in board of supervision and directors

- 2017 - 2020
  , Supervisory Board Member

Awards, titles, honors

- 2015, 2nd place
  Conference of Student Research Societies
- 2020, Youth Award
  Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2020, New National Excellence Programme Fellowship
  National Research, Development and Innovation Office
- 2021, New National Excellence Programme Fellowship
  National Research, Development and Innovation Office
- 2022, János Bolyai Research Fellowship
  Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 2022, Bolyai + New National Excellence Programme Fellowship
  National Research, Development and Innovation Office
- 2022, Corvinus Research Excellence Award (Early/Mid-career non-research track faculty)
  Corvinus University of Budapest
- 2022, Researcher of the Year,
  HUN-REN Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences
- 2023, Bolyai + New National Excellence Programme Fellowship
  National Research, Development and Innovation Office

Language skills

Language	Speaking	Writing	Reading	Media appearance
English	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	
German	Basic	Intermediate	Intermediate	

Research, professional activity

Major taught courses or fields of education:

Political Leadership, Political Movements and Parties, Democratic Theories

Field of science and discipline:

political sciences

Current fields of research:

Political Leadership (Charismatic Leadership, Populist Leaders and Followers)

Major research projects

- 2024 - 2024, What makes political leaders strong? Impression formation, impression management,

and identity politics (01. 01. 2024 - 31. 12. 2027)
Form of participation: leader of the research team
Moneylender: National Research, Development and Innovation Office (FK 146569)
Further info about research: Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences

- 2020 - 2023, Populist Leaders in the Eyes of their Followers. Follower-Centric Explanation and Examination of Contemporary Populist Politics
Form of participation: leader of the research team
Moneylender: National Research, Development and Innovation Office (PD 134685)
Further info about research: Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences

- 2025 - , What makes political leaders strong? Impression formation, impression management, and identity politics
Form of participation: leader of the research team
Moneylender: National Research, Development and Innovation Office (PD 146569)
Further info about research: Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences

Membership in scientific or professional bodies/organizations

- 2020 - , Member of Presidential Board, leadership position (president, director etc)
Hungarian Political Science Association, national
- 2020 - , Member of Executive Board, leadership position (president, director etc)
PUPOL - Academic Network Public and Political Leadership, international
- 2015 - , Member, member
Standing Group on Elites and Political Leadership, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), international

Board memberships and positions

- 2023 - , Member of Editorial Board of International Journal of Public Leadership, other position (e.g. member of the advisory board)
Foreign language

Expert consultancy activities

- 2019 -
Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem), Country Expert

Publications

- Illés G, Körösényi A and Metz R (2018) Broadening the limits of reconstructive leadership: Constructivist elements of Viktor Orbán's regime-building politics. The British Journal of Politics and International Relations 20(4): 790–808.
- Körösényi A, Illés G and Metz R (2016) Contingency and Political Action: The Role of Leadership in Endogenously Created Crises. Politics and Governance 4(2): 91–103.
- Metz R (2015) Movement Entrepreneurship of an Incumbent Party. The Story of the Hungarian Incumbent Party Fidesz and the Civil Cooperation Forum. Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics 1(3): 81-100.;
- Metz R (2021) Democratic leadership as a political weapon: competition between fictions and practices. International Journal of Public Leadership 17(4): 313–324.
- Metz R (2021) The missing link: Studying political leadership from the followers' perspective. Politics online first.
- Metz R and Oross D (2020) Strong Personalities' Impact on Hungarian Party Politics: Viktor Orbán

and Gábor Vona. In: Gherghina S (ed.) Party Leaders in Eastern Europe: Personality, Behavior, and Consequences Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 145–170.
- Metz R and Kövesdi V (2023) 'Whoever is not against us is for us' sectarianization of politics in Hungary. Politics, Religion & Ideology 24(4). Routledge: 521–542.
- Metz R and Plesz B (2023) An insatiable hunger for charisma? A follower-centric analysis of populism and charismatic leadership. Leadership 4(19): 318-338.
- Metz R and Várnagy R (2021) "Mass," "Movement," "Personal," or "Cartel" Party? Fidesz's Hybrid Organisational Strategy. Politics and Governance 9(4). 4: 317–328.
- Wineroither DM and Metz R (2021) A Tale of Odds and Ratios: Political Preference Formation in Postindustrial Democracies. Politische Vierteljahresschrift 62(3): 519–541.
- Metz R (2024) 'Sympathy for the devil' : The strategic use of the populist repertoire in Viktor Orbán's politics. Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics 10(2). 2: 95–113.
- Metz R (2025) In the age of populist leaders: insights from ideational, strategic and discursive–performative perspectives. International Journal of Public Leadership: 1–16.
- Metz R and Kövesdi V (2025) A Magyar Péter-Jelenség. Egy Politikai Felemelkedés Anatómiája. Budapest: HVG Kiadó.
- Metz R and Plesz B (2025) The Irresistible Allure of Charismatic Leaders? Populism, Social Identity, and Polarisation. Politics and Governance 13(0).
- Van Esch F and Metz R (2025) Followers First: Rethinking the Legitimacy of Political Leadership. Politics and Governance 13: 10412.
- Metz R and Kövesdi V (2026) Teflon leadership: crossing moral boundaries with impunity. Frontiers in Political Science 7. Frontiers.

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Other professional profiles

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Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=ieCVVdQAAAAJ&hl=en

Other professional profile 1: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rudolf_Metz

Other professional profile 2: https://www.facebook.com/Metzrudolfvezeteskutato