



February 2022 Newsletter

President's Corner

Dear AHEA Friends and Colleagues,

I hope you are enjoying this Winter of 2022! We have a few important announcements this month.

AHEA22: The 2022 AHEA Conference [April 7-9, 2022] is on Zoom instead.

- **Registration** is without charge, i.e., attendance is free. I hope you found last year's conference informative and engaging and will register again for this year's! Registration is open [at this link](#).
- **Awards and Scholarships:** The deadline for awards and scholarships is just around the corner (Feb. 15th). Please consider nominating someone (or yourself) for the [one of the awards](#): the Helena History Press Scholarship, Várdy Béla Legacy Scholarship, and the Peter Basa Award.

Hungarian Cultural Studies (HCS): AHEA's Board is seeking applications for our Editor-in-Chief position. The editor-in-chief role is characterized by:

- Working closely with the associate editors and technical staff on matters related to manuscript review and decision-making
- Strengthening experience and skills related to writing, reviewing, and editing content for scholarly publication

The successful candidate will have experience in scholarly publication and demonstrate a strong interest in Hungarian Studies publishing. The role is a four-year, twice renewable, appointment.

To apply, please submit a CV, a letter of interest, and three scholarly articles to

info@ahea.net (Attn: Helga Lénart-Cheng, Vice President of AHEA) by March 1; applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.
For more information, please see the [full position description](#) (and below) or [contact Dr. Lénart-Cheng by email](#).

AHEA is Rebuilding its [Website](#): Our Board is seeking your feedback and input on how our members wish to use our website and what content they would like to see it contain. If you have ideas, great examples of websites that you like, we'd like to hear from you. Please send tell us what you like and suggest improvements by completing this [short survey](#).

Of interest: Colleagues in the School of Management and Business at the University of Pecs are hosting the [Ferenc Farkas International Conference "Management Revolutions"](#) in June 3-4 this year. Abstracts are due on February 28.

Please reach out if you have comments or suggestions on how AHEA might further support your scholarly pursuits. With best wishes,
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Member Spotlight

AHEA is a scholarly organization connecting a diverse set of educators, researchers, professionals, independent scholars and academics who come from many walks of life. Each month we highlight the academic and professional career of a different AHEA member.



This month's featured member is **Ákos Jarjabka**

Your professional work has placed you at what seems like a unique intersection of many fields and interests. Please tell us a little bit about your career arc!

I read Hungarian myths as a child and wanted to be an archaeologist. However, from the birthplace of Sándor Petőfi, Kiskőrös, in 1990, during the period of regime change, I applied to the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Pécs. There I obtained a degree in economics and then a PhD. I never regretted my decision, because as an economist, due to the effects of globalization, the focus has become on the management of national-organizational culture, which has been one of my fields ever since. I became a lecturer in the Faculty alongside my studies, so I have been studying and working in the same job for 32 years. I have held several positions during this time, e.g. as a Deputy Dean, and since 2013 I have been the Head of the Institute for Leadership and Organizational Studies. In addition, I undertook the professional management of the Jubilee Project, which is connected to the 650th anniversary of the University of Pécs, founded in 1367, as project management is my other field. This university term lasted for three years and ended in 2017. In the course of my professional work, in the research of the uniqueness of national-organizational cultures, it was natural for me that the benchmark was always Hungarian culture, and around 2014 I came up with the idea of organizing a network within our University specifically for Hungarian students, as a way of bringing them together and help them in their motherland and their alma mater. We have been organizing thematic diaspora forums since 2015. In 2017 the Diaspora Project Network of the University of Pécs (www.diaszporaprojekt.org) was established, of which I am the founder and rector's trustee.

How did you find out about AHEA, and what led you to join?

During my conference trips abroad in the 2010s, I was constantly connected with a colleague of Hungarian origin or a person who had been to Hungary and sympathized with our culture. This was just as true in the neighboring countries of the Carpathian Basin, where many native Hungarians live outside the Trianon borders: England, China, India, Jordan, Brazil, as well as the in the United States, particularly Cleveland. I think I heard about AHEA and President Klára Papp there for the first time— although interestingly we did not meet there first, but in Pécs, a little later. I inquired about the organization, learned about its traditions, and that it helped Hungarian scholars keep in touch through annual conferences. That's how I got to Pittsburgh, where they were very kindly received. That's when the idea of an AHEA conference in Pécs came up. This, unfortunately, was first thwarted by the pandemic in 2020, and then our university could only organize it online as a co-organizer. Since then, our organizations have respected each other as strategic partners.

What impact has your involvement with AHEA made on your career and/or your work?

I really enjoy learning, applying benchmarks and best practices, and thereby developing and enhancing our Network. AHEA's leadership was professional, even

then, especially compared to the organization of our community at the time. I was surprised at the close human relationship that members cherished, which went beyond the common scientific interest. Perhaps this was the most important message that I then tried to take root in the organizational culture of our Network. The personal relationships, the interest in each other, which is nourished by our Hungarian identity, connect us and all obstacles can be overcome with it. A very good example of this was the 2021 conference, which I heard brought the greatest participation of all time right in the middle of the COVID epidemic. Thanks again to the management of AHEA for thinking of us and me as a cooperating partner, for me I have been thinking of AHEA as one of the safest points of our Network ever since, and I hope that we will be able to work together so successfully in the future as well.

Tell us, please, about your current project.

We are constantly working to expand our Network to a level that the deservedly world-famous Hungarian diaspora member Albert-László Barabási calls a scale-free network, especially a self-sustaining, self-sustaining network. This activity could not stop during the pandemic either, and then my colleague Edit Dukai came up with the idea to create an online program about the diaspora Hungarian communities on a monthly basis. This became our Diaspora Everyday online show, which has since received more than 10 broadcasts. The vibration of these programs is so good that we will continue to perform with the new Hungarian communities of new countries in 2022 as well. In addition, it is important to mention that we are striving to make the common goal of our University to think together with Hungarians abroad and diaspora, and to make the University of Pécs the “Hungarian University.” In connection with this project, we have many concepts to be implemented, such as how to help develop the professional development of Hungarian-language universities in the Carpathian Basin, how to establish a Hungarian Science Club, an interdisciplinary world conference with Hungarian diaspora researchers every two years, and how to establish the Hungarian World School of the UP in a presence and online way, it can be a learning opportunity for the Hungarians from the children to the elderly, and it forges the Hungarians together as an identity-retaining force. The task is not easy, but we want to do it all with partners like AHEA. Per aspera ad astra!

Member Publications

The listing of publications is for our members' information and does not signify endorsement by the AHEA.

Helena History Press

"I've been waiting thirty years for someone to call me about this. So, yes, I'm glad to talk with you."

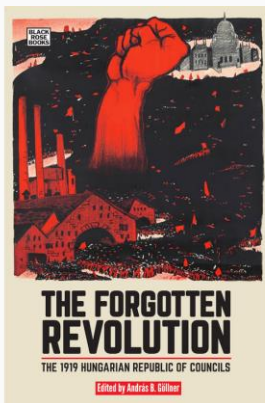
Francis Bator, 2010, responding to author Carl Leafstedt

A Thorn in the Rosebush
The American Bartók Estate and Archives
During the Cold War, 1946-67
CARL LEAFSTEDT

OUT NOW

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András B. Göllner, ed. *The Forgotten Revolution: The 1919 Hungarian Republic of Councils* (Black Rose Books/The University of Chicago Press, 2022)



Text submitted by the volume's editor:

"*The Forgotten Revolution* exposes one of the greatest cover-ups of the past century in world history about the struggle of the oppressed for justice, constitutionally guaranteed equal rights and ecologically sustainable communal well-being. According to Valério Arcary, a leading voice of the Brazilian labour movement, Emeritus Professor of History at the Federal Institute of São Paulo (FSP) it 'should be required reading for anyone engaged in the struggle against the fortune hunters who derive their profits by destroying the ability of working men and women to distinguish illusion from reality.' To learn more,

see what the critics are saying worldwide and find out how you can get your hands on the book, [visit the publisher's website.](#)"

***Hungarian Cultural Studies* Seeks a New
Editor-in-Chief**

Hungarian Cultural Studies, e-Journal of the American Hungarian Educators Association, is a peer-reviewed, open access, no-fee scholarly journal, covering all aspects of Hungarian culture across the humanities and social sciences. Under the dynamic leadership of the founding Editor-in-Chief, Louise O. Vasvari, the journal has developed an excellent international reputation for publishing theoretically sophisticated and empirically grounded original research. In addition to full-length articles, the journal regularly publishes book reviews and bibliographies, and it supports emerging scholars from Hungary and neighboring states in helping them publish in English. The current Editor-in-Chief will step down following publication of the journal in August 2022. The Board of AHEA invites applications from scholars interested in taking on the role.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for upholding the mission and scope of the journal and for selecting papers that provide original and important contributions to knowledge. The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for the overall quality of the intellectual content of the journal and for overseeing the review process to ensure it is thorough, fair, and timely. The Editor-in-Chief works with associate editors, editorial board members, reviewers, and any other editorial staff in developing content for the journal. The Editor-in-Chief serves as Chair of the editorial board and oversees its work. The Editor-in-Chief seeks opportunities to hold an annual editorial board meeting and prepares an annual report for the Board. As prescribed by the governance documents of the AHEA as a 501 c-3, the position of Editor-in-Chief of the journal reports directly to the President of AHEA. Policies of the journal and their oversight are the responsibility of the President and the elected officers of the AHEA.

The role of the Editor-in-Chief is challenging, intellectually rewarding, and opens up new avenues of opportunities for the person in this role. While the position is without financial remuneration, we trust that the learning opportunities will attract scholars in the field willing to serve in this role.

Preferred qualifications:

- Knowledge of Hungarian Studies with demonstrated scholarship in the field
- Openness to different theoretical and methodological perspectives
- English and Hungarian language proficiency, including experience with English-language academic discourse
- Substantial professional experience in reviewing and editing manuscripts, including English-language articles, for publication
- Respect of social and cultural diversity
- Ability to work in a team
- Attention to detail
- Willingness to learn the technical aspects of the editorial management system and adopt its use in manuscript submission, peer review, and publication process

General responsibilities include:

- Contributing to strategic development of the Journal including writing editorials, which will help shape the journal's vision
- Attracting submissions and themed-issue proposals to the Journal to ensure continued relevance and quality of content
- Contributing to the day-to-day running of the Journal, working closely with members of the Editorial Team, including online peer review and editing of articles
- Liaison with the Board of AHEA and the University Library System (ULS), University of Pittsburgh
- The term for the Editor-in-Chief is four years, renewable twice.

Applicants should send a current CV, a letter of interest, three English-language scholarly articles,

as well as the names and contact information of three professional references to info@ahea.net (attn: Helga Lénárt-Cheng, AHEA Vice President). Nominations are also welcome and should be sent to the same email. Applications should explicitly address the applicant's aims and vision for *HCS*, steps to be taken to sustain the pool of high-quality papers and to expand the readership of the journal. Priority candidate review will begin on March 1, 2022, and the position will remain open until filled.

Have a New or Upcoming Publication?

We would love to help share news of the impressive and diverse work that AHEA members are doing! If you have a recent book, article, or other scholarly/artistic work you would like your fellow members to know about, send a brief description/promotional blurb and a link to further information to ahenews@gmail.com. Requests will appear in the order in which they were received and may be edited for space.

External Scholarships



DIASZPÓRA
Felsőoktatási Ösztöndíjprogram

From the Pázmány Péter Catholic University website:

"Decide on your future and reconnect to Hungarian culture by pursuing university studies at Pázmány Péter Catholic University under the newly established Scholarship Programme for the Hungarian Diaspora!

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has everything on offer that might interest you. From archaeology to history, and from political sciences through international relations to two PhD programmes, you can choose from a wide range of studies in English.

Join our Faculty to be part of our vibrant university life, as well as to enjoy the benefits of our truly cohesive Catholic community. With more than 20 research groups, 41 departments offering over 60 programmes, 240 professors and 3500 smiling student faces, Pázmány Péter Catholic University Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences is looking forward to welcoming you to our campuses in the dynamic Budapest and the charming town of Esztergom. We strive to do one thing: create a life-changing experience.

For the full list of available study programs click [here](#).

For available foreign language study programs at PPCU please browse our website [here](#).

For Hungarian study program descriptions click [here](#).

The Hungarian Government has established a new Scholarship Programme for the Hungarian Diaspora to support foreign students with Hungarian identity to pursue their studies in Hungarian higher education institutions. The Programme includes members of the Hungarian diaspora communities in every country in the world, except in the Member States of the European Union, the Republic of Serbia and the Zakarpatska Oblast part of Ukraine. The Program is managed by Tempus Public Foundation. For detailed information on the program please visit the [Study Hungary website](#) or the [Diaspora Scholarship website](#)."

Don't Let Your Membership Benefits Stop!

Renew your 2021 membership to ensure uninterrupted membership today to ensure access to an expanded network of scholars and academics working in multidisciplinary fields of Hungarian Studies.

AHEA's membership dues enable you to access "Members Only" section of the website, participate in the governance of AHEA through your vote on our newly revised Bylaws as well as officers and board members.

We are pleased to announce membership discounts as well as the option of a new **lifetime membership**. Visit <https://ahea.net/members/membership-information>.

Only members in good standing can vote in leadership elections. Please remember to renew yours! **Click here** to access our PayPal link, or to get information on paying by check or bank transfer.
