

# Curriculum Vitae

## Viktória Szirmai

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### Personal Data

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Place of Birth Budapest  
Nationality: Hungarian

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### Academic Background

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University Professor (Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences)  
2005  
Doctor of Sociological Sciences 1998 (DSc),  
"Habil" title 1998  
Ph.D. degree in 1985  
University doctorate in 1976  
Graduate in philosophy and history 1969

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### Career History

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2005- Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences, University  
Professor, Head of the European Urban and Regional Department  
2000- Central Trans-Danubian Research Department, Centre for Regional  
Studies of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, (Head of Department))  
1988- Institute of Sociology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
( Head of the Environmental and Urban Sociology Department)

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### Career-related Activities

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Member of the Advisory Board of the Sixth Framework Programme. Governance for Sustainability (G-FORS)  
Member of the Scientific Council for Global Climate Change programme „VAHAVA“ organised by HAS  
Member of the European Urban Research Association (EURA)  
International expert of European Sciences Foundation (ESF)

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### Awards

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2008 Széchenyi Price awarded by the Hungarian President of Republic

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### Memberships

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Member of the Regional Scientific Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences since 1990, its vice-president since 2008  
Member of the Settlement Science Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences since 1994, its president since 2002  
Member of the Doctoral Council of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and of the Sociological and Demographic Expert Committee since 1995  
Member of the Hungarian Sociological Society since 1997, vice-president in 1999, president in 2001, and vice-president in 2002.  
President of the Environment-Sociological Department of the Hungarian Sociological Society since 1997  
Member of the Hungarian UNESCO Committee (MOST) since 2004

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### The most important publications in foreign languages

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*Books*

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- Haumont, N. – Jalowiecki, B. – Munro, M. – Szirmai, V.: Villes nouvelles et villes traditionnelles. Une comparaison internationale. Edition l'Harmattan, Paris, 1999. p. 342
- Szirmai, V. – A. Gergely, A. – Baráth, G. – Molnár, B. – Szépvölgyi, Á.: The City and its Environment: Competition and/or Co-operation? (A Hungarian Case Study.) Centre for Regional Studies of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, 2003. p. 33 (Discussion Papers, 41.)
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- Enyedi, Gy. – Szirmai, V.: Environmental Movements and Civil Society in Hungary. In: Environment and Society in Eastern Europe. Eds. A. Tickle, I. Welsh, Longman, Harlow, 1998. pp. 146–156.
- Szirmai, V. – Baráth, G.: Globalizzazione e urbanistica, la cultura cittadina a Budapest. In: C. Stroppa: La cultura urbana tra passato e futuro, Una ricerca sociologica a Milano, Budapest e Praga. Franco Angeli, Milano, 2003. pp. 222–239.
- Szirmai, V.: Desigualdades en las grandes ciudades y sociales en Hungría – In: IV. Seminario Hispano-Hungaro: Nuevos problemas regionales y retos para el siglo XXI. Szerk. J. Sánchez, Szörényiné Kukorelli I. UNED, MTA Regionális Kutatások
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- Központja, Madrid–Pécs, 2005. pp. 47–58.
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- Szirmai V.: Introduction to the State of the Hungarian Urban Research. EUROPEAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION Forward Look on Urban Science – Final Conference. Helsinki, Finland. 2005. [www.esf.org](http://www.esf.org).
- Szirmai, V.: Evaluation of the conceptual framework. – G-FORS Working Paper, 2006. 5. pp. 1–6. [www.g-fors.eu](http://www.g-fors.eu)
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### **Fields of Research**

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Transition in the post socialist cities

The impacts of globalisation on the urban regions

Urban and social inequalities

Social and environmental conflicts

Social consequences of the climate change

Social determining factors of urban competitiveness

Environmental sociology

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