

## CURRICULUM VITÆ

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### **Education:**

Post-graduate (Ph.D.) – Study of Religions, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovak Republic  
2004, Ph.D. Thesis: *Authority in Islam: Religious and Political Leadership  
in the Sunni Arab Middle East*  
Undergraduate (M. A./Mgr.) – History - Hungarian language and literature, Masaryk University,  
Brno, Czech Republic – 1998, M. A. Thesis: *The Palestinians and the Hashemite  
Kingdom of Jordan 1949-1970*  
Graduate (B.C.) – Study of Religions, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic – 1999

### **Studying abroad:**

September-December 1999 - Research trip to Israel and Palestinian National Authority  
1997-1998 academic year – University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan  
August 1995 – International summer school of social sciences, Janus Pannonius University,  
Pécs, Hungary  
1994-1995 academic year – Eötvös Lóránt University, Budapest, Hungary  
April 1993 – European Institute, Budapest, Hungary

### **Employment record:**

Assistant professor, Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University, Bratislava,  
since February 2002  
Internal postgraduate student and research assistant – Department of Ethnology and Cultural  
Anthropology – Detachment of the Study of Religions, Comenius University, Bratislava.  
February 2001- January 2002  
External lecturer and postgraduate student – Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology  
Detachment of the Study of Religions, Comenius University, Bratislava, summer term,  
academic years 1999-2000, 2000-2001  
Teacher of Arabic – Institute for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, Brno,  
Summer term, academic year 1998-1999

### **Teaching abroad:**

Summer term 2005-2006 - Department of the Study of Religions, University of Vienna, Austria  
(course: Islamic Radicalism and Visual Propaganda)  
Winter term 2005-2006 - Department of the Study of Religions, University of Szeged, Hungary  
(course: Islam. An introduction)  
August 2005 – Religious Studies International Summer School, Szeged, Hungary  
(lecture: Islamic Radicalism and Visual Propaganda. The Case of Palestine)  
Summer term 2004-2005 - Institute for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech  
Republic (course: Islam. An introduction)  
May 2004 – Institute for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic  
November 2003 – Department of the Study of Religions, University of Szeged, Hungary

**Languages:** Hungarian, Slovak, Czech, German, English, and Arabic

### **Editorial boards:**

since 1999 – associated and managing editor: *Hieron - Journal for the Study of Religions*, Bratislava, Slovak Republic  
since 2004 – member of editorial board: Central European Religious Studies (CERES)  
since 2005 – member of editorial board: *Phanteon – A Yearbook for the Religious Studies*, Pardubice, Czech Republic

**Main works published:**

- „Delegation of Authority and Models of the Islamic State – An Introduction to the Islamic Political Theory”, *Hieron*, vol. 4/5, (Fall 1999/2000), pp. 45-57. (in Slovak, English summary - p. 57)
- „Virtually *Ummah*: Islam, and Islamic Radicalism in the Cyberspace”, *Religio – revue pro religionistiku*, vol. 9 no. 2 (November 2001), pp. 181-195. (in Czech, English summary - p. 195)
- „Between Nationalism and Islamic Fundamentalism: Some Aspects of Hamas Movement”, *Medzinárodné otázky / International Relations*, vol. 11 no. 1 (2002), pp. 65-79. (in Slovak and English)
- „‘We’ and the Islam, the Islam and ‘We’.”, *Pont*, vol. 1 no. 1 (Summer 2002), pp. 43-48. (in Hungarian, English summary - p. 48)
- “Ayatullah, Assassins, Calligraphy, Fatwa, Fuqaha, Hamas, Hasan Hanafi, Hizb at-Tahrir, Hizbullah, Hudjjat al-Islam, Husayn, Ibn Khaldun, Idjtihad, Imam, Karmatis, R. M. Khomeyni, Kharidja, Khutba, Madrasa, Mardjaa, Maula, Masdjid, Mudjtahid, Mufti, Musa as-Sadr, M. Baqir as-Sadr, Shaykh al-Islam, Mahmud Shaltut, Ali Shariati, M. K. Shariatmadari, Hasan at-Turabi, Ulama, Velajat-e Faqih” in PAVLINCOVÁ, Helena & HORYNA, Břetislav (eds.), *Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, Olomouc, Nakladatelství Olomouc, 2003. (Entries in an encyclopaedia, in Czech)
- „World-Wide Koran: The Sacred Book of Islam and the Communicational Revolution“, In: *The Role of Sacred Texts in the Living Religions*, Bratislava, Ústav pre vzťahy štátu a cirkví, 2004, s. 109-118. (in Slovak, English summary pp. 109-110.)
- „Islamic Radicals in the Cyberspace“, *Nový Orient*, vol. 59 no. 1. (2004), pp. 8-11. (in Czech)
- “Catastrophe and the Islamic Alternatives of Return. Palestinians in Jordan“, *Sociální studia*, Special Issue: Displacement, vol. 2 (2004), pp. 171-181, English summary p. 247)
- “Orientalists and Fundamentalists. The Case of Azzam Tamimi”, In: DOBROVITS, Mihály (ed.), *The Experiment Continued.*, Duszterdahely, Lilium Aurum, 2005, pp. 98-109. (in Hungarian).
- “Heroes from the Graffiti and Posters”, *Anthropos - Časopis pre humánne a sociálne poznanie*, vol. 3 (2005), pp. 21-24. (in Slovak)
- „Fasting, Islamic Activism and the Reinterpretation of Ramadan”, In: BUBÍK, Tomáš & FÁREK, Martin (eds.), *Religion and Food*, Pardubice, Central European Religious Studies (CERES), 2005, s. 75-83. (in Czech)
- „*Shuhada*’. The Roads of Palestinian ‘Martyrs’ to the Otherworld”, In: KOVÁČ, Milan & KOVÁCS, Attila & PODOLÍNSKA, Tatiana (eds.), *Roads to the Otherworld. Dead and Burial in the Religions of the World*, Bratislava, Central European Religious Studies (CERES), 2005, pp. 22-38. (in Slovak, English summary p. 301-302)
- “ ‘Hashemite Entity’ and Islamic Activism: The State and the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan”, In: KOVÁCS, Attila & SLOBODNÍK, Martin (eds.), *State and Religion in Asia*, Bratislava, Chronos, 2006. (in Slovak, English summary, forthcoming)

**Other professional activities:**

Organization of international scientific conferences and seminars in Slovakia and Czech Republic.  
Several lectures at international conferences and public lectures in various Central European countries.  
Studies, articles, review-articles, commentaries, analyses, and interviews in some Czech, Slovakian and Hungarian journals, newspapers, printed and electronic media about Palestinian (for example commentaries and analysis in Slovak national TV and radio on the assassinations of Hamas leaders Ahmad Yasin and Abd al-Aziz ar-Rantisi, Yassir Arafat’s burial, Palestinian elections), Middle Eastern and Islamic issues.