

Balázs Váradi

Personal

Born in 1969
Hungarian citizen

Current status

2001- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Central European University
1999- Instructor, Department of Political Science, Central European University
1999- Research Fellow, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Science
1998- Partner, Company for Economic Strategy and Analysis

Education

2001 Ph.D. in Economics, Yale University
1996-98 M.Phil. (candidate for Ph.D.) in Economics, Yale University
1993-95 M.A. in Economics (en route to the Ph.D.), Yale University
1987-92 B.A. in Mathematical Economics, Budapest University of Economics, Budapest, Hungary

Fields of Interest

Public Policy
Rational Choice Theory

Experience

1992- Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Science
1995-96 Civic Education Project Eastern Scholar, Kossuth Lajos University, Debrecen, Hungary and L. Rajk College for Advanced Studies, Budapest
1993 Lecturer, International Business School, Budapest University of Economics, Budapest, Hungary

Publications, Unpublished and Forthcoming Works

(February 2002) "Elöl-hátul doktor" (Study on the transformation of the system of scientific degrees in Hungary, 1988-1995 [in Hungarian]) (with Petra Reszketó) (submitted to: 2000)

(September 2001) "Review of Shapiro-Varian: Information Rules" [in Hungarian] in Budapesti Könyvszemle, Fall 2001

(April 2001) "Diagnosis and a Proposal: How to Improve the System of Higher Education in Hungary" (with Peter Mazsa) (submitted to: Education Policy Analysis Archives)

(February 2001) "Essays in the Economics of Education and Non-Profits" (Ph.D. thesis at Yale University)

(February 2001) "Tax exemption as a Screening Device" (working paper presented at the Institute Seminar of the Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Science)

(June 2000) "The Expected Effects of Globalization on the Hungarian Higher Education Sector" Paper ordered by and submitted to the Cultural Globalization Project of the Institute for the Study of Economic Culture, Boston University

(November 1999) "Beyond Manichean Economics: Foreign Direct Investment and Growth in the Transition from Socialism to Capitalism" (w. Lawrence King (Yale University)), forthcoming in East European Politics and Societies, 2002

(August 1993) "On the Credibility of Government Pledges" (w. Attila Rátfai), paper presented at the Helsinki Congress of the European Economic Association

Policy Papers

(November 1999) "On the 2000 Budget" expert study for the Institute of Public Policy (Hungarian Party of Liberal Democrats)

(August 1998) "The Optimal System Eliminating Hindrances to the Emergence of Small and Medium Sized Companies" (with Peter Mazsa) expert study and policy recommendations for the Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Economics

(September 1997) "Improvement Opportunities for the System of Higher Education" and "An Analytical Model of the Present System of Higher Education" (with Peter Mazsa) extensive expert studies for the Minister of Education, Hungary

Awards and Fellowships

1993-1995 Alexander Hamilton Fellowship, Fulbright Committee

1992 Award for Exceptional Academic Achievement, Budapest University of Economics

Languages

Native Hungarian, fluent German, fair French, some Spanish