

Academic Staff of the Kindergarten Education Programme

Department of Music and Singing



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After graduating with an MA degree (excellent) in Music Education and Choral Conducting from the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music in Budapest (Liszt Academy), Katalin Kovács became a scholarship doctoral student at the Early Childhood Education Programme of the Doctoral School of Education, Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology, ELTE. She is currently a lecturer at the Department of Singing and Music, Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education, ELTE TÓK. Her main research interests include the development of singing skills in children aged 6-13 and group voice training for children. In the International Kindergarten Education BA Programme, she teaches the Methodology of Singing and Music.



Adrienn Dévai

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Adrienn Dévai joined the University of ELTE TÓK as an Assistant Lecturer in 2007. She teaches various courses at the Department of Music and Singing (ELTE TÓK) in both

Hungarian and English. In the International Kindergarten Education BA Programme, I teach the Methodology of Singing and Music. Her four degrees are from ELTE, the Janus Pannonius University of Pécs and the Budapest Music Academy; Adrienn Dévai is qualified in the fields of Teacher of Music (two different types), Teacher of Piano and Teacher of Solfeggio. She has been teaching for 23 years now and really enjoys it! She is completing her doctoral degree at the University of ELTE PPK and writing her dissertation on the historical background of Békéstarhos Music School and its impact upon life-reform. Her other research interests include the Kodály method and many other music-related topics.

Department of Foreign Languages and Literature



Éva Benkő Trentinné, PhD

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Éva Benkő Trentinné, Ph.D., is Associate Professor at Eötvös Loránd University's Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education, Budapest. She holds an MEd in TESOL (UK, Leeds) and a doctoral degree (ELTE PPK). Her PhD dissertation topic was teacher training supporting early CLIL. Her taught courses include TEYL, Children's Literature and CLIL methodologies. She also has ten years of experience in primary EFL teaching and mentoring. She co-authored EFL coursebooks and *World at Their Feet: Children's Early Competence in Two Languages Through Education*. Her research interests include TEYL, CLIL, teacher development, and qualitative research methods. She is currently a member of the European Project 'Writing for Inclusion' and the MTA-ELTE research group focusing on primary digital language education.



Andrea Fenyődi

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Courses:

The Methodology of Bilingual Pre-School Education: Science and Physical Education; The Methodology of Environmental Studies III.

Andrea Fenyődi is a teacher of English Language and a lower primary teacher specialized in science, an author and editor of numerous ethics coursebooks, and a PhD student. Her research field includes teachers' beliefs, learning and teaching strategies, and learning theory.

She works as an assistant lecturer at Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education, Budapest. The courses she teaches include English Language Teaching Methodology, English Grammar, English Language Development, Early Language Development for Early Childhood Educators, Children's Literature The Methodology of Bilingual Pre-School and Primary Education.



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Maya J. Lo Bello, PhD, is an Adjunct Professor of English Language and Literature at Eötvös Loránd University's Faculty of Primary and Preschool Education, Budapest, Hungary. In the field of education, her main research interests include intercultural communication and fostering critical language awareness and cultural sensitivity via English Literature. In both English and Hungarian, she has published a range of studies in the subject of periodical studies and the *oeuvre* of the Hungarian critic, Miksa Fenyő. Her

academic and literary translations have appeared internationally. She is currently Technical Editor of the academic e-journal, *Hungarian Cultural Studies*. In the International Kindergarten BA Programme, she teaches English Language and Communication. Maya Lo Bello is Director of the International BA Programme.



Dr. habil. Judit Kovács

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Dr. Judit Kovács is based at ELTE Faculty of Primary Education as Associate Professor. She gained her Masters at ELTE and at the University of Leeds, U.K. She received her PhD in Applied Linguistics and completed her habilitation in Young Learners' Education. Her main fields of research are early second language acquisition, early CLIL (content and language integrated learning), and the teacher education essential for these fields. Both her publications and teaching activity are known in Hungary and beyond. In the International Kindergarten Education BA Programme she teaches the Methodology of Native Language Development, I-II, Bilingual Education and Children's Literature.



Andrea Poros

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Andrea Poros joined Eötvös Loránd University's Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education (ELTE TÓK) in 2008 as a Lecturer and continued her career here as an Assistant Professor in 2018. She has a BA degree in Primary English and History Teaching (ELTE

Teacher Training College), an MA in English Language and Literature Teaching (Janus Pannonius University, Pécs) and an MEd in Primary TESOL Teacher Training, University of Leeds, School of Education. At the moment she is writing her PhD dissertation in Scandinavian Studies (ELTE, Faculty of Arts). Prior to joining ELTE TÓK, she held the post of Assistant Professor in Methodology and Children's Literature at Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Esztergom for 26 years. Andrea Poros has practical experience in pre-school, primary and secondary education. She is also a regular lecturer at the Catholic Pedagogical Institute (Katolikus Pedagógiai Intézet) where she has held workshops since 2008.

Andrea Poros has taught in the ELTE TÓK International Kindergarten Education BA Programme since it was launched. She teaches Children's Literature and Its Methodology I-III., Phonetics, Pronunciation Development, The Methodology of Bilingual Pre-School Education: Music and The Methodology of Bilingual Pre-School Education: Visual Arts courses.

Department of Natural Sciences



Gábor Áron Vitályos

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Gábor Áron Vitályos is the Head of the Department of Natural Sciences and Associate Professor at ELTE's Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education. He is a member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Deputy Secretary of the Hungarian Biology Society, a member of the Anthropology Institute of the Hungarian Biology Society and a member of the European Anthropological Association (EAA). His main research fields include kinanthropometry (the study of the human proportion and body composition of children from different age groups), body composition and somatotyping. He teaches the course in Functional Anatomy for the International Kindergarten Education BA Programme.



Dr. Erzsébet Piroska Szurdoki

senior lecturer

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Dr. Erzsébet Piroska Szurdoki has been a senior lecturer of the Department of Natural Sciences of ELTE (Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education) since 2021. Earlier she worked at the Hungarian Natural History Museum as a museologist and from 2017 to 2020 she was the Head of the Botanical Department of the Hungarian Natural History Museum.

Dr. Szurdoki gained her Master's as a teacher of Biology and Chemistry at ELTE Faculty of Science and attained her PhD in Ecology. She has investigated the distribution, ecology and genetics of peatmosses and bryophyte biodiversity. More recently, her main fields of research are teaching Environmental Studies in the first years of primary school and Education for Sustainable Development.

Courses (in English)

- Study of Hygiene
- Ecology; Nature and Environment Protection
- Environmental Studies II

Department of Education



Szilvia Golyán, PhD

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Szilvia Golyán holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Education and a B.A. in Primary Education. These degrees were obtained at Eötvös Loránd University. She taught in public education from

1999 to 2006 and has been teaching in higher education since 2006. Her main research areas include the issues related to the transition from kindergarten to general education; hospital education; the history of preschool education and the history of preschool teacher training. In the International Kindergarten BA Programme, Szilvia Golyán holds courses in Pedagogy of Kindergarten I-II; History of Education; Issues in the History of Education; The Family and the Kindergarten; Improving Professional Skills of Kindergarten Teachers; Kindergarten internship I-V; Comprehensive Field Internship.

Department of Physical Education



Fédra Zizsisz

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Professor Zizsisz created the international P.E. program for ELTE TÓK and leads all the P.E. courses. A gymnast for fourteen years, she was a multiple Hungarian champion and competed for many international championships as a member of the Hungarian National Gymnastics Team. Confident in the knowledge that she wanted to devote her life to sports while encouraging others to engage in sports and feel the benefits of exercise, Professor Zizsisz became a P.E. teacher. In 2003, she began working as a P.E teacher and swimming instructor at an international kindergarten and, nineteen years later, is still a member of this teaching team. Three- to seven-year-olds are delightful, honest and full of energy, so she decided to be a kindergarten teacher as well, and beyond instructing P.E. and swimming, she worked as a class teacher for many years. She currently leads the preschool Sport and Gym program, and works as a complex movement therapist in the kindergarten besides her work at ELTE. Her motivation at the University is to share her experiences and passion for sports with future kindergarten teachers. Her opinion is that kids can benefit the most from exercise and sports, if their teachers know the importance of regular physical activity and are prepared to provide children with a developmentary curriculum that is appropriate for building and establishing the foundation of movement and a healthy lifestyle.

Courses:

- The Methodology of Teaching Physical Education I.
- The Methodology of Teaching Physical Education II.
- The Methodology of Teaching Physical Education III.

- The Methodology of Teaching Physical Education IV.
- The Theory of Teaching Physical Education

Department of Visual Education



Skaliczki Judit

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Courses:

The Planning of Visual Skills Development / KIDE12B02

Puppetry and its Methodology / KIDE12B01

Creativity Pictures and Objects / KIDE12B06

Biography:

Judit Skaliczki is an assistant professor in visual education at the Eötvös Loránd University which she joined in 2020. She graduated from the Budapest University of Technology and Economics with an MSc in Architecture. She spent a year at the Lyon School of Architecture with MIRA Scholarship. Currently she is pursuing her doctorate in Built Environmental Education at the Doctoral School of Architecture of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics.

Research Interests:

She is also a practising architect and has executed multiple design projects among which were several educational institutions. At the Visual Education Department, she is part of the 3.6.12+ Visual Skills Lab where the current researches seek to map the spaces of art education and the personal creative spaces. She is also part of the Bartók Visual Workshop which organizes building workshops for children and university students and expands the toolbox of built environmental education through art. In 2021 she joined the editorial board of the InSEA IMAG Magazine as a reviewer.



Dr Pataky Gabriella PhD

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Biography:

Pataky Gabriella is the director of the Art Teacher Master's Program at ELTE TÓK University, head of Department of Visual Education and working at the Moholy-Nagy University of Arts and Design in Budapest as well. The aim of her enthusiasm is to continuously renew art education, assist to its adaptation to current professional and social requirements, support the decision-making process in educational matters as well as accumulate and spread knowledge concerning art education and its environment. As one of the IMAG Quartet: (the group of PrincipalEditors&GraphicDesigner) she is working on InSEA's (International Society for Education through Art) most visual journal to share ideas and connect art educators as co-principal editor. She is one of the three elected world councillors representing Europe at InSEA and one of the board members of the European Network for Visual Literacy (ENViL).

Research Interests:

Her main research fields are visual culture, visual literacy, alternative methods and contemporary art in visual education, multicultural education, development of plastic skills, built environment education, visual rhetoric, design education, development of visual competencies.

She is a founder of the 3.6.12+ Visual Skills Lab, where the research group's current researches seek to map the spaces of art education and the personal creative spaces.

Courses:

Foundational Course in Visual Arts / KIDE12B04



Rekvényi Viola

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Courses:

Creativity Pictures and Objects, Workshop I / KIDE12B05

Aesthetic and Art Studies in Education / KIDE12B03

Biography

Viola is a lecturer at the Visual Education Department at ELTE TÓK. She has a diverse international background in various fields of art and design. She graduated with a BDesHons degree in Interaction Design from the Glasgow School of Art, UK, with a semester at the Design and Computation Arts faculty of Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. She gained her Master's degree as an Animation Designer and Artist at the Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design, Budapest. She spent a semester at the University of Barcelona, Spain, focusing on painting and fine art. She is an active member of the international research group InSEA, focusing on art pedagogy. Since 2021, she is a co-editor and graphic designer of InSEA's visual journal, IMAG, through which she constantly keeps up with current trends and phenomena in the art education scene.

Research Interests

She actively practices in the field of animation. Her main research field is studio spaces and their development in light of our ever-changing environment.

She is also a part of the 3612+ Visual Skills Lab, current researches seek to map the spaces of art education and the personal creative spaces.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE



Fanni Maszlag

senior lecturer

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As a sociologist, my main research interests are Roma women, Roma youth, Roma minority, poverty, and ethnic identity. In my classes, I strive to show and explain to students what our society looks like today in order to help them understand certain social processes. My aim is to enable students to learn sociology in an engaging and interesting way.

Since 2022 I have been teaching Sociology at the Department of Social Sciences at ELTE TÓK. At KIDE you will meet with me in the following courses:

- Kindergarten and Society: Methods of Social Research and the Sociology of Families
- Hungarian National Symbols and Holidays in Kindergarten Practice
- Society, Arts and Minorities in Modern and Contemporary Hungary.