

Curriculum vitae and Track Record

Personal Information

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• Education

- 2011-2016 PhD student at the University of Szeged (Hungary) with *The Postal system of the Mongol Empire in Northeastern Turkestan*, supervised by Prof. István Zimonyi and Dr. Simone-Christiane Raschmann (defence: 02.06.2016: *summa cum laude*)
- 2011-2014 MA Altaic Studies, University of Szeged (Hungary)
- 2008-2011 BA Altaic Studies, University of Szeged (Hungary)
- 2004-2011 Diploma Studies History (specialisation in Inner Asian history), University of Szeged

• Current position

- 2023 – present PI of the project *The Cultural History of Uyghur Literacy in Light of Multilingual and Multiscriptual Manuscripts. A Case Study of the Secular Documents* within the ‘Understanding Written Artefacts’ Cluster of Excellence at the University of Hamburg

• Previous position(s)

- 2022 – 2023 Acting professor (*Vertretungsprofessor*) at the Department of Turkology and Central Asian Studies / University of Göttingen (henceforth UG)
- 2019 – 2022 Postdoctoral teaching and research fellow at the Department of Turkology and Central Asian Studies / UG
- 2017 – 2019 PI of the project *Structures of Communications in East Turkestan under Mongol Rule (13th-14th cc.)* at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 2016 – 2017 Assistant professor at the Department for Altaic Studies / University of Szeged (Hungary)
- 2016 – 2017 Postdoctoral research fellow at the Turcological Research Group of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 2015 – 2016 Research associate (pre-doc) at the Turcological Research Group of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities

• Founded research projects

Total: 520.000 €

- 2023–5 *The cultural history of Uyghur literacy in light of multilingual and multiscriptual manuscripts. A case study of the secular documents.* (Understanding Written Artefacts Cluster of Excellence, University of Hamburg) **242.000 €¹**
- 2017–20 *Structures of communication in East Turkestan under Mongol rule (13th to 14th cc.)* (“Kleine Fächer Große Potenziale“ Postdoctoral research grant of the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research) **258.000 €**
- 2014–5 *Palaeography of Old Turkic texts in Sogdian script* (DAAD Research Grant for PhDs) **12.000 €**
- 2011–4 PhD Scholarship (regular position) University of Szeged, Hungary **10.000 €**

• Supervision

- BA Dániel Bulcsú Pékh, Mustafa Avşar (co-supervision), Wojciech Hoppe (co-supervision)
- MA Esra Sağsöz (co-supervision)

¹ As of the budget plan submitted with the proposal.

- **Teaching activities (selection)**

“The Silk Roads in World History”, University of Göttingen
 “Geschichte der Türken I. (6.–15. Jh.)”, UG
 “Alttürkische Grammatik”, UG
 “Mitteltürkisch”, UG
 “Turks and Mongols: linguistic and cultural connections”, UG
 “Landeskunde der Turcia unter Ausschluss der Türkei”, UG
 “Alttürkische Lektüre und Handschriftenkunde”, UG
 “Buddhismus in Zentralasien”, UG
 “Religions of the Turkic and Mongolic people”, University of Szeged

- **Organisation of scientific meetings**

2025 *Modes of learning across Mongol Eurasia*, panel at the International Medieval Congress in Leeds with four sessions and a roundtable (co-organiser).
 2024 *Chinggisid Crises and Eurasian Responses*, panel at the International Medieval Congress in Leeds with four sessions and a roundtable (co-organiser).
 2023 *Chinggisid Ripples*, panel at the International Medieval Congress in Leeds with four sessions and a roundtable (co-organiser).
 2022 *Vermittler an den alten Seidenstraßen: Die Welt der Uiguren*, online lecture series at the UG), October-February
 2018 *Mongol Empire Spring Series (M.E.S.S.) International Workshop – The Mongols and the Silk Roads*, University of Szeged, 10-11 May
 2016 *6th International Conference on the Medieval History of the Eurasian Steppe*, University of Szeged, 23-26 November [co-organiser]

- **Academic self-administration**

2022-2023 Chairman of the Board of the Department of Turkic Studies and Central Asian Studies, UG
 2019-2023 Academic Advisor at the Department of Turkic Studies and Central Asian Studies, UG
 2019-2023 Member of the Board of the Department of Turkic Studies and Central Asian Studies, UG

- **Memberships**

2019- Member of the Societas Uralo-Altaica
 2014 - 2019 Member of the Association for Asian Studies (USA)

- **Scientific committees**

Promotion committee of András Czentár, Eötvös Lóránd University (Budapest)

List of publications

1. Independent Works

- 1.1. Felföldi, Sz., & Vér, M. (2024). *Vámbéry album*. Dunaszerdahely: Vámbéry Polgári Társulás. [Tri-lingual edition in English, Slovak, and Hungarian]
- 1.2. Vér, M. (2019). *Old Uyghur documents concerning the postal system of the Mongol Empire* (Berliner Turfantexte 43). Turnhout: Brepols.
- 1.3. Vér, M. (2016). *The postal system of the Mongol Empire in Northeastern Turkestan* (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). University of Szeged.
- 1.4. Felföldi, Sz., & Vér, M. (2016). *Fény metszette élet. Vámbéry album*. Dunaszerdahely: Vámbéry Polgári Társulás.

2. Journal Articles

- 2.1. Vér, M. (2025). [The Cambridge History of the Mongol Empire and the state of the field: A review article. *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, 78\(2\), 393–406.](#)
- 2.2. Vér, M. (2025). [Mobility patterns along the Eastern Silk Roads \(tenth to fourteenth centuries\): A global-microhistorical perspective. *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 35\(1\), 61–95.](#)
- 2.3. Vér, M. (2021). In vino veritas. Wine and its context in the Uyghur society: An insight to the economic life of the Silk Roads. *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, 74(1), 109–144.
- 2.4. Kovács, Sz., & Vér, M. (2021). Mongols and the Silk Roads: An overview. *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, 74(1), 1–10.
- 2.5. Vér, M. (2019). Chancellery and diplomatic practices in Central Asia during the Mongol period as shown in the Old Uyghur and Middle Mongolian documents. *Eurasian Studies*, 17, 182–201.
- 2.6. Vér, M. (2019). Animal terminology in the Uyghur documents concerning the postal system of the Mongol Empire. *Turkic Languages*, 23(2), 192–210.
- 2.7. Vér, M. (2017). A turfáni bor a mongol korban [The wine of Turfan in the Mongolian period]. *Acta Universitatis Szegediensis. Acta Historica*, 139, 95–106.
- 2.8. Vér, M. (2016). The origins of the postal system of the Mongol Empire. *Archivum Eurasiae Medii Aevi*, 22, 227–239.
- 2.9. Vér, M. (2016). Kancelláriai és diplomáciai gyakorlat a mongol kori Közép-Ázsiában. Az ujjur és mongol dokumentumok tanulságai [Chancellery and diplomatic practices in Central Asia during the Mongol period]. *Keletkutatás*, 2016(2), 93–106.
- 2.10. Vér, M. (2012). Információtörténeti markerek a Mongol Birodalom történetében [Information-historical markers in the history of the Mongol Empire]. *Aetas*, 27(4), 144–154.
- 2.11. Vér, M. (2011). A Thúry-kutatás aktuális kérdései [Current questions on the activity of the Hungarian Turkologist Joseph Thúry]. *Keletkutatás*, 2011(1), 119–124.

3. Book Chapters

- 3.1. Vér, M. (forthcoming). Silk Road, Global Microhistory and Old Uyghur Material: how to tell a different story of Eurasian exchange. In O. Ünal et al (Eds.), *Festschrift für Jens Peter Laut*.
- 3.2. Vér, M. (forthcoming). Strategic intelligence of the Mongols in the time of the united empire. In K. Golev & F. Fiaschetti (Eds.), *Mongol warfare between steppe and sown*. Brill.
- 3.3. Sövegjártó, Sz., & Vér, M. (2024). Introduction. In S. Sövegjártó & M. Vér (Eds.), *Exploring multilingualism and multiscritism in written artefacts* (pp. 1–10). Berlin: De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111380544-001>
- 3.4. Vér, M. (2021). Insights from the inside: An Old Uyghur register and the administration of the Mongol Empire. In I. Zimonyi (Ed.), *Altaic and Chagatay lectures. Studies in honour of Éva Kincses-Nagy* (pp. 435–448). Szeged.
- 3.5. Vér, M. (2018). A Selyemút a mongol korban és a régi ujjur dokumentumok [The Silk Road in the Mongol Period and the Old Uyghur Documents]. In E. Dallos & G. Kósa (Eds.), *Kultúrák találkozása és kölcsönhatása a Selyemút mentén* (pp. 289–313). Budapest.
- 3.6. Vér, M. (2017). Religious communities and the postal system of the Mongol Empire. In É. Csáki, M. Ivanics, & Zs. Olach (Eds.), *Role of religions in the Turkic culture: Proceedings of*

the 1st International Conference on the Role of Religions in the Turkic Culture (pp. 291–306). Budapest: Péter Pázmány Catholic University.

- 3.7. Vér, M. (2014). Buddhizmus a török népeknél. Szemelvények a Szitápatatrából [Buddhism among the Turkic peoples. Excerpts from the Sītāpatatrā-dhāraṇī]. In M. Biacsi & M. Ivanics (Eds.), *A török népek vallásai. Filológiai tanulmányok a török vallásos szövegek köréből* (pp. 157–171). Szeged: SZTE Altajisztikai Tanszék.
- 3.8. Vér, M. (2014). A Mongol Birodalom postahálózatának ellátmányi utasításai Kelet-Turkesztánból [The provision orders of the postal system of the Mongol Empire in Eastern Turkestan]. In L. Keller (Ed.), *Európából Ázsiába, és vissza – ismét. XI. Vámbéry Konferencia* (pp. 226–247). Dunaszerdahely: Lilium Aurum.
- 3.9. Vér, M. (2014). A pusztából a kancelláriába... [From the steppe to the chancery...]. In T. Bárány et al. (Eds.), *A megértés mint hivatás. Köszöntő kötet Erdélyi Ágnes 70. születésnapjára* (pp. 327–344). Budapest: L'Harmattan.
- 3.10. Vér, M. (2013). A Mongol Birodalom postahálózatának kutatástörténete [The research history of the Mongol Empire's postal system]. In L. Keller (Ed.), *Ábrándjaink kora. X. Nemzetközi Vámbéry Konferencia* (pp. 118–144). Dunaszerdahely: Lilium Aurum.
- 3.11. Vér, M. (2011). Vámbéry önéletírása és Edward Said elmélete az „orientalizmusról” [The autobiography of Armin Vámbéry and Edward Said's theory of “Orientalism”]. In M. Dobrovits (Ed.), *A segítő kéznek ez a mesterfogása. VIII. Nemzetközi Vámbéry Konferencia* (pp. 457–466). Dunaszerdahely: Lilium Aurum.
- 3.12. Vér, M. (2010). Thúry József, Vámbéry tanítványa és utóda [Joseph Thúry, the pupil and successor of Armin Vámbéry]. In M. Dobrovits (Ed.), *A Kelet ritka nyugalma. VII. Nemzetközi Vámbéry Konferencia* (pp. 204–214). Dunaszerdahely: Lilium Aurum.

4. Editorship

- 4.1. Humble, G. & Vér, M. (Eds.). (forthcoming in 2026) *Eurasian Responses to Chinggisid Crises: The Mongol Imperial Project and Its Contexts*. Arc Humanities Press.
- 4.2. Sövegjártó, Sz., & Vér, M. (Eds.). (2024). *Exploring multilingualism and multiscryptism in written artefacts* (Studies in Manuscript Cultures 38). Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter.
- 4.3. Kovács, Sz., & Vér, M. (Eds.). (2021). *Mongols and the Silk Roads* [Special issue]. *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, 74(1).
- 4.4. Vér, M. (Ed.). (2017). *Acta Universitatis Szegediensis. Acta Historica, Tomus CXXXIX: Festschrift for Dr. István Zimonyi for his 60th birthday*.

5. Reviews

- 5.1. Vér, M. (2023). [Review of the book *Corpus of the Old Uighur Letters from the Eastern Silk Road*, by T. Moriyasu]. *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*, 118(2), 140–142.
- 5.2. Vér, M. (2022). [Review of the book *Along the Silk Roads in Mongol Eurasia*, by M. Biran, J. Brack & F. Fiaschetti (Eds.)]. *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, 75(1), 171–175.
- 5.3. Vér, M. (2019). [Review of the book *Central Eurasia in the Middle Ages*, by I. Zimonyi & O. Karatay (Eds.)]. *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung*, 2019(3), 257–259.
- 5.4. Vér, M. (2017). [Review of the book *Régmúlt idők elbeszélése. A Kijevi Rusz első krónikája*, by I. Ferincz]. *Keletkutatás*, 2017(1), 136–139.

6. Popular Science Articles

- 6.1. Vér, M. (2023). Les relais de poste mongols: un immense réseau d'État. *Historie*, 69(septembre), 28–29.
- 6.2. Vér, M. (2020). A Mongol Birodalom postahálózata és VIP kártyája: a paiza [The postal system of the Mongolian Empire and its VIP ticket: the Paiza]. *Határtalan régészet*, 5(1), 48–51.
- 6.3. Vér, M. (2018). Mongol kémek – Stratégiai és taktikai hírszerzés a mongoloknál [Mongolian spies – Strategic and tactical intelligence with the Mongols]. *Határtalan régészet*, 2018(1), 54–57.

7. Laudations

- 7.1. Raschmann, S.-Ch., & Vér, M. (2022). Professor Dr. Peter Zieme. *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, 75(2), 181–185.

8. Theses

- 8.1. Vér, M. (2010). *A nomád népek felderítése és kémkedése* [Intelligence and espionage of the nomadic people] (Unpublished diploma thesis). University of Szeged.
- 8.2. Vér, M. (n.d.). *A Turfáni Ujgur Állam története és a turfáni civil dokumentumok* [The history of the Uyghur state in Turfan and the Uyghur civil documents] (Unpublished bachelor thesis). University of Szeged.
- 8.3. Vér, M. (n.d.). *A kései ujgur civil dokumentumok grammatikája* [The grammar of late Old Uyghur civil documents] (Unpublished master thesis). University of Szeged.

Invited lectures and conference presentations (selection)

1. “The Old Uyghur documents and their Eurasian context”. *Entangled Charters of Eurasia. The Creation of Official Writing in Comparison and Exchange, ca. 1100-1400 CE*, 16 October 2024, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna.
2. “Neuinterpretation eines Holzbrettes mit altuigurischen Kritzeleien (III 307) aus dem Museum für Asiatische Kunst”, 24. Mai 2024, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW).
3. “Uyghur networks in Ilkhanid Iran”. *International Medieval Congress*, 4 July 2023, Leeds.
4. “Usage of the Uyghur script and the Uyghur-Mongol administrative traditions in post-Mongol Central Eurasia.” *Everyday life on the Silk Road Workshop*, 9 September 2021, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities.
5. “The Old Uyghur documents and their relevance: a bottom-up perspective on the imperial infrastructure of the Mongol Empire along the Silk Roads”. *Dunhuang & Silk Road Seminar Series*, 17 June 2021, Cambridge, England (online).
6. “Interregional mobility in Eastern Central Asia as seen in the Old Uyghur and Middle Mongolian sources and the mid-fourteenth century crisis.” *Mongol Empire's Zoominar*, 10 July 2020 Jerusalem, Israel, (online).
7. “The administration in the Turfan region under Mongol rule: regular practice and exceptional cases.” *8th International Conference on the Medieval History of the Eurasian Steppe*, 21 November 2019 (Sofia, Bulgaria)
8. “Applicability of Network Analysis Methods in Silk Road Studies. The Case of Old Uyghur Documents.” *Dunhuang and cultural contact along the Silk Road*, 3 Mai 2019, Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Budapest, Hungary.
9. “From philology to historical reconstruction: the Old Uyghur and Middle Mongolian civil documents and structures of communication in Central Asia under Mongol rule”. *Colloquia Philologiae Turcicae et Orientalis*, 23 January 2018, University of Mainz, Germany.
10. “The postal system of the Mongol Empire according to the Old Uyghur and Mongol civil documents - work in progress”. *Collegium Turfanicum*, 25 April 2014, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

Peer recognition

01-05.2014 Campus Hungary Scholarship for a 4-month research stay at the BBAW in Berlin
2013 Apáczai Csere János Scholarship for PhD students
2010-2013 Scholarship of the Republic of Hungary
2010, 2012 Habilitas Scholarship of the Hungarian Development Bank (MFB)
2010 Scholarship of the city of Szeged
2010 Scholarship of the Balassi Institute