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BIOGRAPHY

Balázs Szabolcs Gerencsér (1978) is a lawyer, PhD, habilitated associate professor of the Department of Administrative Law at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University. His main teaching and research interests are administrative law in comparative, European and substantive scope; language rights; right to education; protection of minorities. He is author of more than 170 publications. Today, he is the vice chair of the Department of Administrative Law at Pázmány.

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Since 2004, he has been a lecturer for legal studies at the Sapientia College of Theology, Budapest.

In addition to his teaching and research work, from 2001 he worked as a civil servant and later as a government official in both central and regional public administration. In particular, he worked at the Department of Public Law Legislation and at the Secretariat of the State Secretary for Public Administration (Ministry of Justice, 2001-2004); he was a legal adviser at the Regional Public Administration Authority, Budapest (2006-2010); and was a chief of staff to the State Secretary and chief adviser to the Government at the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice (2010). He has been a prosecutor and led the Cabinet of the Prosecutor General of Hungary for three years (2011-2021, 2019-2021).

He had internship at the Council of Europe (2002), worked for the OSCE as polling supervisor (2000), and still has ongoing professional contacts with various specialized bodies of international organizations (UN, Council of Europe). He was a visiting scholar at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium (2011) and Ohio State University Moritz School of Law, USA (2017). He is also working with several national and international NGOs, such as the European Association for Education Law and Policy (ELA). He is a member of the Management Board of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

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