

Title of the project: “Influence from Yugoslav model of Socialism on Hungarian politics and diplomacy in 1950s – 1970s. (International relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia during the Nagy Imre trial and afterwards)”

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to Tempus Foundation and my host institute, Institute of History, Hungarian Academy of Science. Thanks to the Hungarian State scholarship, I could carry out research under the project - “Influence from Yugoslav model of Socialism on Hungarian politics and diplomacy in 1950s – 1970s. (International relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia during the Nagy Imre trial and afterwards)”. I had spent a fruitful research time in Budapest during 2021/2022 academic year. I planned to finish following tasks in this academic year;

- 1) To study relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia, paying particular attention to the situation during the Nagy Imre trial (1958).
- 2) To carry out research about Yugoslav factor in Hungarian diplomacy in 1958-1980.
- 3) To analyze how Hungarian society took Yugoslav type of socialism and domestic affairs of Hungary in 1958 - 1980.
- 4) To reveal if there were influence from Yugoslav factor in administrative decisions of MSZMP in 1958 - 1980 (I had a basic knowledge of this task on the bases of archive documents from Russian national archives).
- 5) To study relations between MSZMP and Communist Party of the Soviet Union in 1958 - 1980.

So that I could carry out my research effectively, I divided chronological periods into 2 parts; 1958 - 1972 and 1972 - 1980. I planned to research the first period (1958 - 1972) in September 2021 - January 2022, and the second period (1972 - 1980) – in February - June 2022.

In the first two months (September - October, 2021) - I could carry out the tasks 1), 3), 4) and 5), (chronological period: from 1958 to 1972)

In those 2 months I paid particular attention to the issues in the period of 1958 - 1972, diplomatic dialog between Hungary and Yugoslavia during Nagy Imre trial (1958) and other the tasks 1), 3), 4) and 5). I started researching archive documents in the Hungarian National Archive (furthermore, MNL OL), the fonds MSZMP, files; J Kádár; congresses of MSZMP; the Political Executive Committee, department of Foreign Affairs; congresses of MSZMP. At the same time, I continued to read articles in Hungarian newspapers (Magyar szó, Népszabadság and so on) which were written about Yugoslav issue connecting to Nagy Imre trial, the events which are connected to Yugoslav factor in Hungarian society (How Hungarian society looked Yugoslav type of society and so on) in Szechenyi Hungarian National Library (furthermore, OSzK).

In the third and fourth months (November - December, 2021) – carry out the task 2), (chronological period: from 1958 to 1972)

In those 2 months I started researching archive documents in MNL OL paying particular attention to the Yugoslav factor in diplomacy in Hungary in 1958 - 1972 (The fond and files from which I studied the documents in MNL OL; fond MSzMP, files; J Kádár; congresses of MSzMP; the Political Executive Committee). At the same time, I went to OSzK to check the latest publications which were connected to this project.

In December 2021 – January 2022

From the middle of December 2021 to the end of January 2022, I summarized the result of my research in MNL OL in previous months (chronological period: 1958 - 1972). After that, based on the summary of the research in the previous months (including what I have done until September 2021), I analyzed the archive documents which I had collected in the Diplomatic Archive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Russian Archives. This summary will be published as an article in a Russian academic journal in next year.

In the sixth months (February, 2022) – carry out the task 2), (continuation from the previous months, chronological period: from 1972 to 1980)

In February 2022 I continued researching archive documents in MNL OL, paying particular attention to the Yugoslav factor in diplomacy in Hungary in 1972 - 1980 (The fond and files from which I studied the documents in MNL OL are; fond MSzMP, files; J Kádár; congresses of MSzMP; the Political Executive Committee). From time to time, I went to OSzK to check the latest publications which are connected to this project.

In the seventh and eighth months (March - April, 2022) – carry out the tasks 3) and 4) (chronological period: from 1972 to 1980)

In those 2 months I read archive documents in MNL OL paying attention to influence from Yugoslav factor in administrative decisions of MSZMP in 1972 - 1980 (The fond and files from which I studied the documents in MNL OL are; fond MSzMP, files; J Kádár; congresses of MSzMP; the Political Executive Committee). At the same time, I went to OSzK to check the latest publications related this project. And in OSzK I studied articles in Hungarian newspapers (Magyar szó, Népszabadság and so on) which were written about the events connected to Yugoslav factor in Hungarian society (How Hungarian society looked Yugoslav type of socialism and so on in the period of 1972 - 1980).

In the ninth and tenth month (May - June, 2022) – carry out the tasks 3) and 5) (in the period of 1972 - 1980)

In those 2 months I studied archive documents in MNL OL. In these 2 months I analyzed the relations between MSZMP and Communist Party of the Soviet Union (I have basic knowledge on this topic based on researching archive documents from Russian archives, RGASPI and RGANI). The fond and files which I paid particular attention to are; fond MSZMP, files; J Kádár; the Political Executive Committee; department of Foreign Affairs; congresses of MSZMP in 1958 - 1980. At the same time, I continued to check the latest publications related this project in OSzK. I read articles in Hungarian newspapers (Magyar szó, Népszabadság and so on) which were written about the events connected to Yugoslav factor in Hungarian society (How Hungarian society looked Yugoslav type of socialism and so on in the period of 1972 - 1980)

To what extent I could finish tasks of my project in this scholarship period and further tasks related to Hungarian-Yugoslav diplomatic relations (for next academic year)

“Influence from Yugoslav model of Socialism on Hungarian politics and diplomacy in 1950s – 1970s.” was originally three-years-project. However, because of the pandemic situation in Hungary, I rescheduled the original plan and I finished it in 2021/2022 academic year. I appreciate the support from the Institute of History (Hungarian Academy of Science) and Tempus Foundation (Hungarian state scholarship). The results of my research in Hungary were already reported in some international conferences and in academic journals in Russia and some of them will be published in next year.

I am sure that there are some topics that remains not well studied in “diplomatic relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia after 1956 (especially, in 1960s -1970s). During my research in Hungarian archive in 2021/2022 academic year, I found that exchanges of Hungarian and Yugoslav delegations in 1960s still remains not well analyzed. I would like to clarify the meaning of those exchanges of delegations in Hungarian-Yugoslav diplomatic history in 20th century. In this reason, I am going to study influence from the visit of Hungarian delegation to Yugoslavia (Karadjordjevo, September 1963) and 2 visits of Yugoslav delegations to Hungary (Budapest, January and September 1964) on the Hungarian-Yugoslav relations in 1960s. in next 2022/2023 academic year.

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