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# RECTOR'S WELCOME



I would like to welcome the readers of this publication on behalf of the University of Public Service. I hope you will join in the life of our community as a student or a member of staff or at least follow our activities closely.

Working at a university is a privilege. The institution of the university is one of the greatest and most enduring achievements of the European spirit and of its civilization. Of the institutions founded in the West over 500 years ago, around eighty-five are said to exist in a recognizable form today. These include the Catholic Church, the parliaments of Iceland and the Isle of Man, some Swiss cantons and about seventy universities. Since medieval times, universities have been characterised by certain indispensable and unchanging cultural and symbolic features: the award and recognition of academic degrees, marked by ceremonies, and the closely related tradition of self-government, or autonomy of universities, as well as a monopoly on holding courses and issuing diplomas.

The centrepiece of our university is the Ludovika Campus, the jewel of which is the magnificent neoclassical main building of the Ludovika Academy, rescued from destruction in the heart of Józsefváros. The spirit of the Ludovika survives to this day and we believe that despite the vagaries of Hungarian history, which we have so often suffered in the last century, we have retained many of its virtues and values. The training of military officers in the Hungarian language was tightly intertwined with the struggle for Hungarian freedom and aspirations for independence. This officer training and the 200-year history of the institution are a faithful reflection of these aspirations, along with all the elevating and tragic moments of that history. Indeed, these common intellectual and spiritual roots connect students, professors and university staff alike.

In Hungary, we can justifiably claim that all our most important actions serve the cause of winning freedom for the Hungarian nation or of preserving its independence. This is the fate of nations which live in the shadow of the great empires. Professors, students and university staff all ultimately serve this ideal, and it is our job to make them aware of this every day. Our work rests on the foundations of European civilization, deep erudition, patriotism, respect for dignity of the human being and, more generally, human and professional quality.

Being a member of the academic community places as much responsibility on the staff as it does on students. The tasks we undertake are numerous and serious. The words of Albert Szent-Györgyi underscore

the importance of these tasks well: *"Fate presents the question of existence or non-existence to the nation. This question must be answered clearly and distinctly. Are we ready to face life, and what sort of world do we intend to create? It is not possible to avoid the answer or delay in replying as that would mean giving up life."*

I am pleased to affirm that our staff and students take on this responsibility and do it all in good spirits, in good company and with an even mind. Please visit us and see for yourself!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Dr. András Koltay".

Dr. András KOLTAY  
Rector







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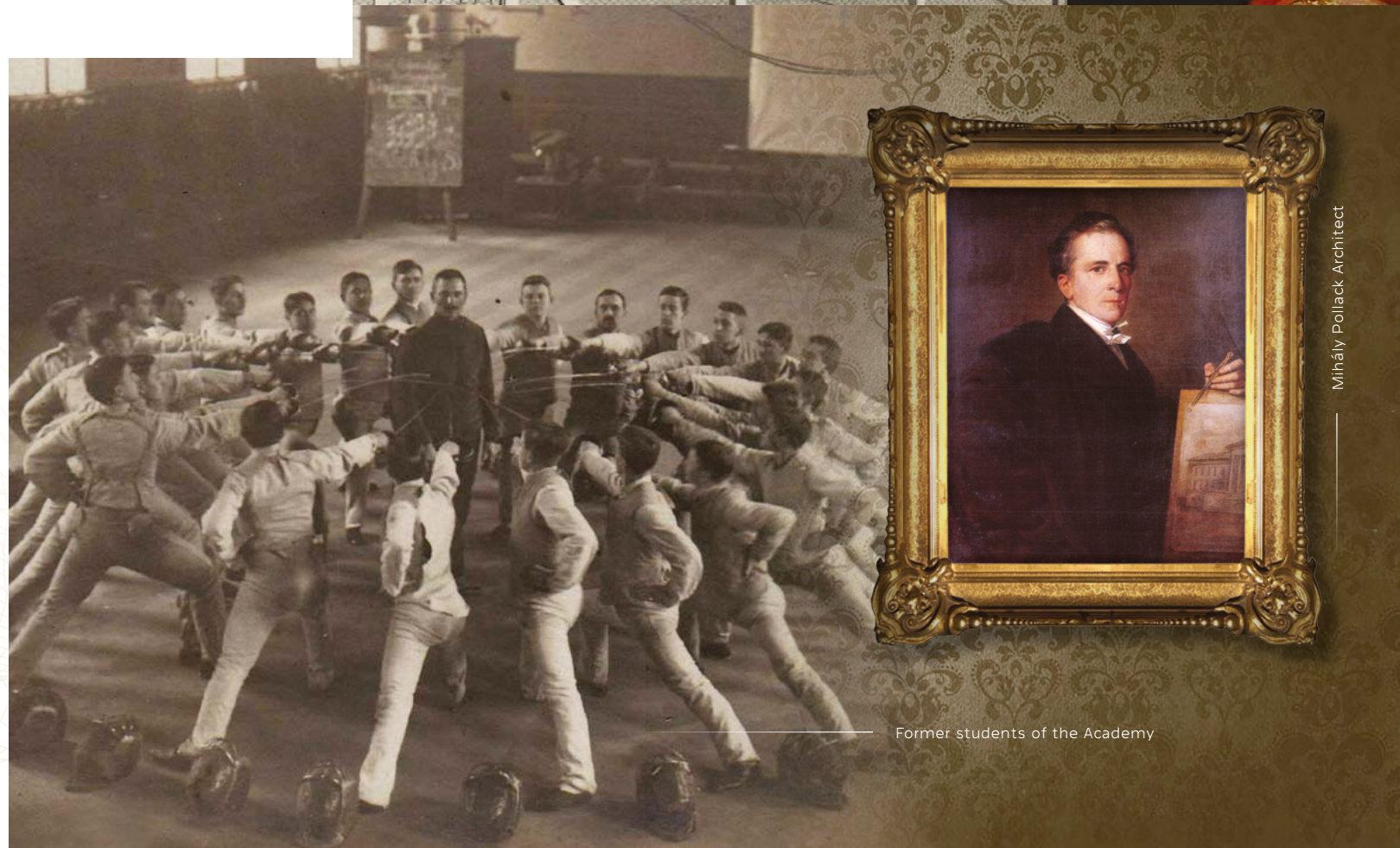


# LUDOVICEUM: THE HISTORY OF THE LUDOVIKA

One of the oldest and most illustrious legal predecessors of the National University of Public Service (NKE) was the Ludovika Hungarian Royal National Defence Academy. The institute of military officer training was officially founded in 1808, but its history dates back to the 1790s. However, the name Ludovika means more than just an institute, as it has not only been connected with the training of national officers, but also with Hungarian national aspirations and the need to establish and maintain an independent and up-to-date Hungarian army throughout history.

## FROM THE FOUNDING OF THE LUDOVIKA TO THE CREATION OF THE NKE

Act VII of 1808 established the Ludovika Academy, the goal of the military institution being to “educate and train the youth of Hungary in the sciences, by which they should be suitable for serving and able to serve the homeland usefully, both in the regular army and during an uprising”. The aim of the legislators was the creation of a highly qual-



Former students of the Academy

Mihály Pollack Architect



The building of the Academy in the 1930s



Empress consort of Austria, Queen consort of Hungary

ified officer class, the members of which could fight for their homeland not only with force but also using science.

The institute was named after the Austrian Empress Maria Ludovika of Habsburg-Estei, the Queen of Hungary and the Czech Lands, who bequeathed fifty thousand forints for its foundation out of her coronation gift. In addition, at the initiative of Count János Buttler, the Hungarian Estates donated eight hundred thousand forints to establish the academy. The location eventually settled upon for the academy was the Orczy Garden, purchased from the Orczy family, in which the foundation stone of the neoclassical building, designed by Mihály Pollack, was placed in 1830. It was not until 1872 that the military academy actually became operational, which was made possible by the Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867, as officers had to be provided for the Royal Hungarian Army to be established on the basis of the Defence Forces Act.



After the First World War, in September 1920, education was able to resume within the walls of the academy, but due to the prohibitions of the Treaty of Trianon, the institute had to operate “in hiding” until March 1927. After the Second World War, a period of decay began: the valuables in the building were looted, and the former complex of buildings was used for various purposes. It took considerable time and effort to allow the building, in such reduced circumstances, to return to its original function from 2014 onwards. On 1 January 2012, the Ludovika-UPS was established, and the Ludovika was designated as its home in May 2012, when it was also decided to rebuild the historic building complex and renovate the Orczy Garden. On 31 March 2014, the renovated Ludovika Main Building was handed over to the university community by Prime Minister Viktor Orbán. Following this, by 2018 the Ludovika Campus has grown steadily, with the addition of new educational and dormitory buildings and sports facilities, among other additions.

# HISTORICAL CURIOSITIES FROM THE LUDOVIKA'S PAST

1. One of the most notable days in the history of the academy was 8 May 1901, when the flag donated by Franz Joseph to the Ludovika was consecrated. A trio of black marble memorial plaques for the flag's inauguration were unveiled two years later. On 19 October 1930, a memorial plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone was attached to the wall of the main building bearing a bust of Queen Mary Ludovika in the centre, a cadet from 1848 with a rifle on the left, and a cadet from 1930 with a rifle on the right.



The memorial plaque of the Ludovika Academy

2. In the inner courtyard of the Ludovika main building a memorial plaque and memorial site preserve the memory of three patriots from 1848, the monk Kilián Gasparics and Károly Jubál and Gáspár Noszlopy. In addition, the reliefs of the county coats of arms of Hungary can still be seen on the wall of the inner courtyard. The Corridor of Heroes was created thanks to the work of Lieutenant General Lajos Bartha, the Commandant of the Ludovika Academy during the First World War. The names of the fallen heroes were immortalised, ordered by graduation year, on the black marble plaques placed here. In the past a richly decorated Catholic chapel and a Protestant oratory opened onto the Hall of Heroes. These were abolished after 1945, and their furnishings were removed. With the reconstruction of the Ludovika Main Building the chapel was also renovated and adopted the name of St. Ladislaus.

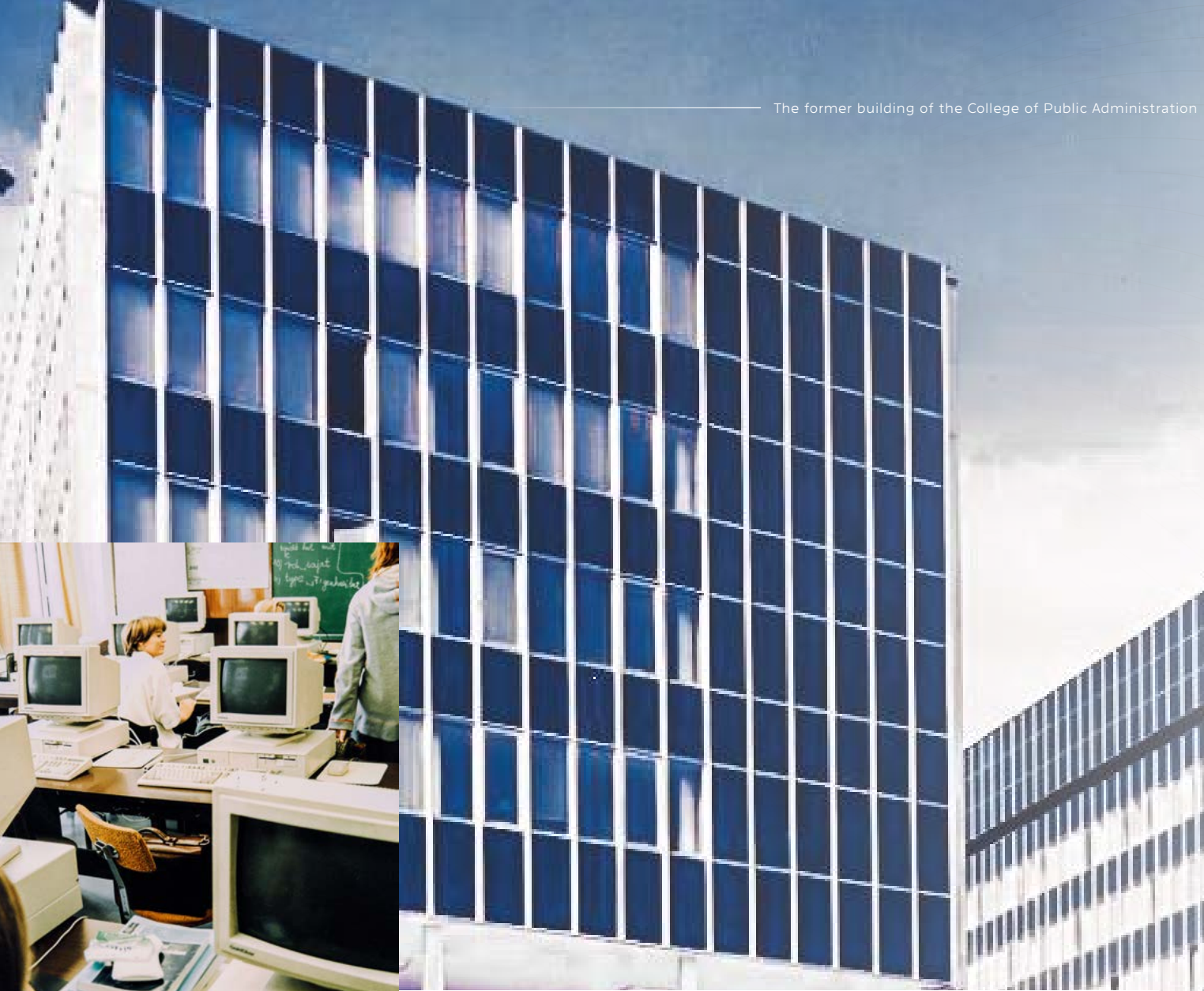
Opening ceremony (2014)



3. The Ludovika was equipped with riding stables, of an unusual two-storey design, connected to the main building at its northern side by an enclosed corridor. Its lower level housed thirty stalls, from where the horses were led up a broad ramp to a riding-hall on the upper level. This part of the building is currently the home of the Hungarian Museum of Natural History. The Ludovika Campus project could also allow the other covered riding-hall to be renovated: by 2018, the building complex had been complemented by modern stables and dressage and show-jumping arenas, as well as service rooms. This equestrian centre is currently the home of the Ludovika Huszár Parade Platoon.







The former building of the College of Public Administration



1977

## FACULTY OF PUBLIC GOVERNANCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Dean: Péter Smuk, PhD, Professor

The education of Hungarian public administration professionals dates back more than a century, and political sciences and economics have been taught since the 18th century. Education and further training in public administration have gradually become separated from higher education in law and economics. Courses leading to specialized qualifications in public administration were held between the two world wars. After the termination of these courses, Masters level education in political sciences, providing a *rerum politicarum* doctorate, commenced again from 2016 at the University of Public Service. The faculty's roots go back to the College of Public Administration, established in 1977, which is one of the predecessors of the University. In 2000, the college became the Faculty of Public Administration of the Budapest University of Economics and Public Administration, and from 2004 it operated as the Faculty of Public Administration. From 2012 onwards, the Faculty has operated as part of the Ludovika-UPS. Its name was modified to the Faculty of Political Sciences and Public Administration in 2016 and again in 2019, when it merged with the Faculty of International and European Studies, founded in 2015, to the present name: Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies.

# HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY'S FACULTIES

Act XXXVI of 2011 on the establishment of the Ludovika-UPS was promulgated on March 28, which has since been made the University Day. The Ludovika-UPS started its operation on 1 January 2012, with the merging of the Zrínyi Miklós National Defence University and the Police College, as well as the Faculty of Public Administration of the Corvinus University of Budapest, and the Ludovika-UPS is the general legal successor of these institutes. In 2017, the Faculty of Water Sciences joined the Ludovika-UPS family with its commitment to protecting, serving and benefiting the public and the common good.



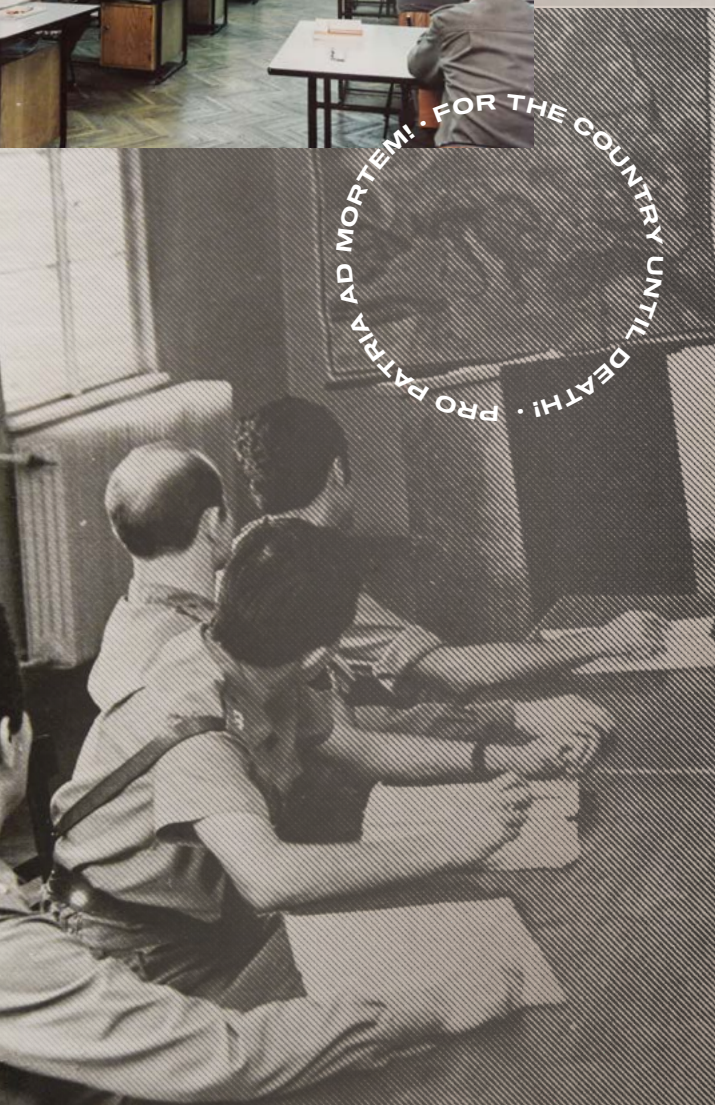


## FACULTY OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND OFFICER TRAINING

Dean: Árpád Pohl, PhD, Brigadier General, Associate Professor

The traditions of training military leaders can be traced back to the beginning of Hungarian statehood, when the knightly virtues were instilled in young nobles. Later, the poet and warlord Miklós Zrínyi dealt with the “leadership of armies”. Quality training for officers has been of great importance since Maria Theresa, but the plan of the Hungarian Ludovika Military Academy dates from the Reform Period – its foundation was enacted by the Parliament of 1808. The Royal Hungarian Military Academy, established on 27 September 1920, carried out officer training at its base on the Hungária körút and was the intellectual predecessor of the Zrínyi Miklós National Defence University, which operated between 2000 and 2012. When the Ludovika-UPS was founded, the Faculty of Military Science and Officer Training was established and keeps the spirit of the former Ludovika Academy alive.

1808



## FACULTY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Dean: Péter Ruzsonyi, PhD, Brigadier General, Professor

The training of modern police officers began in the period following the 1867 Compromise and was based on the policing traditions of the area, as well as on the experience gained in Western Europe. After the initial courses, the training took on an increasingly organised form, and the comprehensive development of police vocational training began after the Trianon Peace Treaty in 1920. Prior to the signing of the Peace Treaty, the Police was nationalized by decree No 5047/1919 ME. Several police colleges operated over the following decades. On 28 May 1970, the Ministry of the Interior decided to establish the Police College, and the institution became operational on 1 September 1971. The curriculum was later expanded to include disaster management and economic protection, as well as civil security, and this is continued by its successor, the Faculty of Law Enforcement of Ludovika-UPS.

Building of the Police College

SUB LEGE LIBERTAS! FREEDOM UNDER THE LAW!



1970



## FACULTY OF WATER SCIENCES

Dean: Bíró Tibor, PhD, Associate Professor

On 1 September 1962, the National Directorate General for Water established the Higher Technical School of Water Management, based in Baja. Starting from the 1970/1971 academic year, courses continued at the new Faculty of Water Management of the Budapest University of Technology. Students who successfully completed their studies could then no longer receive a degree in technical engineering, but a degree in plant engineering instead. As the next step in the modernisation of higher education, as of 1 January 1979, the faculty became an educational organisational unit of the Mihály Pollack Technical College (PMMF) with the name of Water Management Institute, and from July 1, 1994, it continued operating as an organisational unit of the Janus Pannonius University of Sciences in Pécs as the Water Management Faculty of the PMMF, from which it was spun off on 1 June 1996. As a result of integration efforts, the two higher education institutions of Baja, the Water Management Department of the PMMF and the Eötvös József Teacher Training College, which could look back on a 125-year history, merged and continued to operate under a common organisational framework, called the Eötvös József College. The Faculty of Water Sciences of the Ludovika-UPS was established on 1 February 2017.



# 1962



# 2011

” Recognising that strengthening professionalism and expertise in the personnel of civil administration, policing, national defence and national security services within the civil service requires coordinated and planned training of new entrants; furthermore, rather than leaving the profession and in order to ensure efficient work for society, a system of in-service training supporting the public service career model must be put in place; the National Assembly intends to put the tertiary level training of public service professionals on a unified institutional foundation.

(Preamble to Act XXXVI of 2011 on the Establishment of the University of Public Service)

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#### FACULTY OF PUBLIC GOVERNANCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Faculty is workshop of competitive knowledge preparing for domestic and international public service, and the basic institution for the training of Hungarian public administration and international public management professionals. A unique feature of the faculty is that the courses offered by the faculty in Hungarian and English, and its foreign scholarship opportunities and practice-oriented courses are tailored to the needs of potential employers by providing students with competitive knowledge. The main objective of the faculty is to train professionals who, with the knowledge and skills acquired during their studies, will be able to undertake diplomatic and other international tasks to a high standard in Hungarian administrative, foreign mission and European Union institutions.

**Boglárka Szabados (Ludovika-UPS student)**

**"In my application to the University, the faculty's wide range of training areas, language courses, and public life programmes all played important roles. If you want to become a member of a good community, choose the Ludovika-UPS!"**



# Pro patria ad mortem!

## For the Country until Death!

### FACULTY OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND OFFICER TRAINING

This Faculty of Military Science and Officer Training is the only training and knowledge centre of military higher education in Hungary which trains military leaders for the units of the Hungarian Armed Forces. The faculty preserves the traditions of more than two hundred years of Hungarian-language officer training, but at the same time meets the challenges of the 21st century when providing retraining and further training for the personnel of the Hungarian Armed Forces. As members of the Hungarian Armed Forces, officer cadets perform military service in the staff of the Ludovika Battalion of the Hungarian Defence Forces.

### Zoltán Benkő (Ludovika-UPS student)

"I have long felt a vocation to become a soldier, so I applied to the Ludovika-UPS right after graduating from high school. I wanted to immerse myself in military technology so that I could have up-to-date and competitive knowledge anywhere in the world. Ludovika-UPS is the only institution offering these courses in Hungary."



# Sub lege libertas!

Freedom under  
the Law!

## **FACULTY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

This is the only faculty in Hungary that provides training in policing. During the years spent at the institute, students not only strengthen their professionalism and expertise, but also gain high-quality knowledge. Graduates from the faculty can be employed by the police, the prison service, the National Directorate General for Disaster Management, the National Directorate General for Aliens Policing, the National Tax and Customs Administration, the national civil security services, and the staff of private security and municipal policing bodies.

## **INSTITUTE FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

This institution operates under the professional supervision of the National Directorate General for Disaster Management of the Ministry of the Interior, and offers unique higher education opportunities as part of the Faculty of Law Enforcement. From bachelor's to doctoral level training, the IDM ensures the supply of new specialists in accordance with the needs of professional disaster management organisations and economic operators.

**Dávid Petz (Ludovika-UPS student)**

**"When I was sixteen, I decided to apply to the Ludovika-UPS. I had been a victim of an Internet fraud, as a result of which I filed a complaint with the local police station. The milieu there and the helpfulness of the people led me to apply to the Ludovika-UPS, specialising in criminal investigation."**



# Cum scientia pro aquis Hungariae!

## Science in the Service of Hungarian Water Management!

### **FACULTY OF WATER SCIENCES**

This faculty, one of the most important sources of personnel for the water sector is based in Baja. The faculty, of national renown and importance, trains professionals to address the greatest environmental and social challenge of the 21st century: water scarcity resulting from global climate change, along with other problems of water management. The University has a modern educational infrastructure with the classrooms, laboratories and measuring instruments required for learning about water technology processes, and well-equipped, modern student accommodation. The FWS has measuring plants in the Eastern Mecsek Mountains, in Magyaregregy, and on the banks of the Danube in Érsekcsanád; these are the places where education in river catchment exploration and flood-basin measurement education takes place.



**Ákos Nagy (Ludovika–UPS student)**

**“Environmental protection plays an important role in my life, so I graduated from the water management technical college at Győr, and then, on the recommendation of my specialist teachers, I applied to the Baja faculty, which has the best practical training in the country as well as excellent references.”**



## INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL SECURITY

The mission of the institute is to provide bachelor and master's degree-level national security training to the national security services and organisations authorized to gather intelligence, in accordance with the requirements of the ministries which maintain it, and in line with Hungary's interests. The bachelor and master's courses are mainly operated as correspondence courses, and may be attended by employees of the military and civilian national security services, as well as law enforcement agencies authorised to gather intelligence.

**Laura Szmolnik (Ludovika–UPS student)**

**“Even during my high school studies, I was extremely interested in technical subjects, but I wanted to deal with a ‘more specialized’ field, so I started my studies in military operations.”**



# DOCTORAL EDUCATION

Vice-Rector for Science: Tamás Csikány, PhD, Colonel, Professor

The doctoral programmes at the University provide an opportunity for young academics, as well as researchers in the fields of public administration, home affairs and policing to obtain an academic degree. The University is entitled to issue doctoral diplomas (PhDs) in the disciplines of military science, military engineering, public administration and policing.

# DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF MILITARY SCIENCES

Head: Tamás Csikány, PhD, Colonel, Professor

Focusing on military-related issues affecting the activities of the defence and public service spheres, the Doctoral School of Military Sciences prepares doctoral students for academic careers through various forms of training. In addition to nurturing and researching professional traditions, the DSMS aims to increase the international embeddedness of fundamental research in European research networks through increased participation in international programs and by increasing the intensity of relations between domestic and European military institutes of higher education.



# DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERING

Head: József Padányi, PhD, Major General, Professor

The DSME offers doctoral training and preparation for scientific research in connection with the application of technical disciplines specifically for the military and, more broadly, for defence purposes. Its goals include the high-quality education of PhD students and nurturing the research elite, to perform military technical research, to perform high-level tasks as international military technology developers, coordinators and leading operators in Hungary and NATO, and also to conduct research of an international standard.

Doctoral inauguration

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**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Head: Kiss György, PhD, Professor

The Doctoral School of Public Administration is the first and only doctoral school in Hungary for public administration. Its research fields include the history of public administration, law, administrative organisation studies, sociology, economics, political science and governance, and international and European studies.

**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF POLICE SCIENCES**

Head: Klára Kerezsi, PhD, Professor

The aim of the courses provided here is to spread a knowledge-based policing culture. Its research fields include general policing theory, the history of policing, national security and policing, specialist policing, EU and international aspects of policing and the legal, criminological, forensic and social science aspects of policing.





# PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CAREER PROGRAMMES

Vice-Rector for Development: Norbert Kis, PhD, Professor

## Institute of Further Training in Public Administration

In 2014, the Government laid the foundations for a new education system for public service training. The development, organisation and implementation of the training courses are carried out by the Institute of Further Training in Public Administration. A wide range of modern courses is on offer for public officials, with up-to-date content and modern teaching methods. The role of the University in the operation of the public administration examination system is based on two pillars: it both organizes examinations for the officials in Government administrative bodies, and ensures the development of the content, methodological and training management functions of the examination system nationwide. Thanks to the operation of the Institute, the Ludovika-UPS plays a key role in the further training of tens of thousands of officials every year.



## Europe of the Nations Career Programme

The aim of the programme, implemented in co-operation between the Ludovika-UPS and the Ministry of Justice and filling a gap of at least a decade and a half, is to increase the number of Hungarian professionals with sufficient policy knowledge to be able to successfully apply for and be employed by EU institutions. The career programme aims to supply qualified personnel who meet the requirements of the European Personnel Office's open competition by providing useful information and professional training. For participants, success in the competitive exam can mean a lifelong, secure career path in the institutions of the European Union. The programme also provides essential knowledge for those who work in public administration in Hungary with a focus on the European Union.

## Hungarian Diplomatic Academy

This is the first Hungarian diplomatic training institute that can provide uniform, high-level theoretical and practical training and education to young professionals for the Hungarian diplomatic service. The academy, established in co-operation between the Ludovika-UPS and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, also conducts internationally competitive training of current and future members of the Foreign Service and for international relations professionals in the economic sphere. The professional support of the Diplomacy Training Programme, which provides training for new professionals, and the Diplomatic Leadership Training Programme, which provides in-service training for diplomats, is provided by the Ludovika-UPS.





## TALENT DEVELOPMENT - FOCUS ON SELF-EXPRESSION

Institute for Strategic Studies

Director: Gergely Pröhle

The aim of the Institute for Strategic Studies is to promote high-quality training of and networking between university students and young career starters who may in the future hold senior positions in the Hungarian public administration, Hungarians living abroad, – particularly in the Visegrád countries – and in the European Union institutions, building on the prestige and infrastructure of the Ludovika-UPS. The main task of the institute is to adapt training to the real needs of state administration, to strengthen national commitment to and belief in the importance of public service, while at the same time opening a horizon for young people that shows there is an effective path for national interests to be realised in an international space, shaped by the tools of modern communication.

### Ludovika Collegium

A comprehensive talent management study programme is being implemented within the Ludovika Collegium, the aim of which is to build a community of university students and lecturers with the will and ability to shape the country's future responsibly and to view Hungary's domestic challenges and position in the international community in a comprehensive manner. Its members seek answers to questions such as how to be more competitive in innovation, how to approach education and health care reform, what social policy fits into the labour market of the future, where is European integration heading what the defence strategy for the 21st century is and what we need to do to turn the fight against climate change to the benefit of our economy. The Collegium provides training and a community that brings together students from Ludovika-UPS and other universities who are inspired by large and complex issues.



### College of Visegrád+

The most successful and enduring regional programme in the history of Hungary is the Visegrád Cooperation (V4), which, although it is by no means the only one, is nevertheless the most important forum of Central European cooperation, where joint work by EU Member States takes place in the name of regional advocacy. At the college, young people from the countries of the region can take part in joint training towards the end of their university studies or at the outset of their careers, learning not only the importance of a common past and cultural roots, but also state-of-the-art economic development coordination mechanisms and skills, in addition to the Central European co-operation mechanisms, along with learning various relevant skills.

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### Special Colleges

The Ludovika-UPS attaches great importance to supporting professional communities of talented students. A special part of this is its unique college system, which is an element of the Hungarian talent management network, as well as a special legal institution and autonomous association. The University strives to create the environment necessary for professional college students to achieve high professional standards in an international context.

### Magyary Zoltán College for Advanced Studies

This is an intellectual and community workshop dedicated to the training of an open-minded public administration intelligentsia, operating at the Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies (FPGIS). Its name-giver, Zoltán Magyary, was active in the modernisation of public administration and was a pioneer in his own time – the first half of the 20th century. He laid the foundations for the reorganisation of Hungarian public administration in a way that is still scientifically valid today. The specialised college is a stronghold of possibilities and “superlatives”.

### Advanced College for Security Policy

The Civil Policy Specialized College was established in October 2003 by the civilian students of the Faculty of Military Science and Officer Training's (FMS) predecessor institution. From the outset the main principles of their activities were to supplement the core curriculum of a university education with lectures and situational exercises and to make it more practically applicable, as well as to create a community that brings together and unites students interested in security policy who wish to further their own professional and human development.

### Zsuffa István College for Advanced Studies

The Faculty of Water Science's legal predecessor, Eötvös József College, was established as the only specialised college in Baja. In 2015, the organisation took the name of István Zsuffa, who showed exemplary dedication in his teaching as a professor of hydrology, and was the epitome of a technical intellectual who, in addition to becoming internationally recognised in his profession, was always open to findings from other disciplines.

### St. George College for Advanced Studies

This is the first elite training workshop in the field of law enforcement. It is no coincidence that the name of a Roman soldier and Christian martyr, also referred to as the “Dragon Slayer” – St. George, was chosen: his name expresses the current goal of policing; to defeat evil, in whatever form it is present in the world. The main activities of college are the cultivation of the criminal sciences, such as forensics, criminology and criminal law, as well as the branches of the social sciences strongly related to policing, such as sociology and psychology.





**Tivadar Puskás Technical College for Advanced Studies**

This college was established by FMS students studying military and security engineering, mechanical engineering and transportation engineering. The organisation offers interdisciplinary courses to engineering students that cover topics not included in the curriculum but related to it, such as information security, property protection, and hobby electronics.

**Ostrakon College for Advanced Studies**

The members of this college, with its focus on political and state theory, can become acquainted with the political sciences and the mysteries of management, or they can even pursue further studies in an international direction. Its courses cover such areas as the major drivers of the world economy, political communication, public participation, tender management and negotiation techniques, and the tools of good governance and European public service systems.

**Advanced College for National Security**

The members of this college cover a wide segment of the defence sector, with a focus on national security and strategic studies, as well as a multidisciplinary knowledge of military science. By acquiring these, they can acquire specialist knowledge that will give them a better chance of finding a job in the defence sphere and public service.

**College for International and European Studies**

This college aims to support the professional development of students, to help them achieve their scholarly goals, to carry out individual or joint creative work and research, in addition to fulfilling their university obligations. The members of the college are helped and encouraged to publish their work and to increase their language competence. At the college, students can learn about international relations and diplomacy, the European Union, European integration, and international security and defence policy in scientific detail.





Research

Talent management

Antechamber of a scientific career

#### Scientific student circles

In addition to the student colleges, the highest level organisations of Hungarian talent management are the scientific student groups (in Hungarian TDKs). These enable students to become involved in the work of the research workshops of the Ludovika–UPS departments and institutes, as well as in the implementation of the tenders won by the institution. Students can enter their dissertations in TDK competitive conferences organised by the scientific student councils of each faculty every semester, where they can gain the right to participate in the biennial National Scientific Student Circle (OTDK) conference based on the decisions of the juries.

Dániel Frankó (Ludovika–UPS student)

“I’ve always been interested in the field of international relations and diplomacy, so I went to the University’s Open Day where, after listening to the Dean’s speech and talking to the current students, I felt this direction was ideal for me. As an undergraduate student in international administration, I believe that, with the right professional knowledge, my chances of employment in the fields of foreign relations and at the ministries will be high.”



# “FROM PHILOSOPHY TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE”

## EÖTVÖS JÓZSEF RESEARCH CENTRE - A COMPASS FOR RESEARCH IN THE CAUSE OF THE NATION

### About the eponym

Baron József Eötvös took an active role in public life as a member of the National Assembly, promoting civic development in the reform era and holding the position of Minister of Religion and Public Education in the first independent Hungarian civilian government led by Lajos Batthyány, as well as serving in the Government led by Gyula Andrássy, formed after the 1867 Compromise. In all his roles in public life, Eötvös kept in mind nation building, the modernisation of society and the state and the development of a Hungarian middle class. He contributed the most to the development of Hungarian political science with his two-volume, classic work entitled *The Influence of the Ruling Ideas of the Nineteenth Century on the State*. His deep commitment to the cause of the nation, his devoted work for the civic development of our country, his faith in the power of education and culture, and upholding of the noblest Hungarian traditions of 19th century liberalism still serve as a compass for the work of receptive scientists and the research centre took this as its basic intellectual and qualitative framework for action.

### About the research centre

Director: Bernát Török, PhD

The research organisational unit of the Ludovika-UPS, which manages priority strategic research and operates research institutes. Strategic, multidisciplinary research is carried out across nine institutes dealing with a wide range of social sciences, the scientific results of which are integrated into the teaching activities of the faculties, generally enriching the University's research portfolio and strengthening cooperation with researchers from other higher education and scientific institutions.

**„No matter how much they expect the sciences to grow by putting new ones over the old ones, renewal must begin at the very foundations, unless we want to revolve around infinity in the absence of, and even despite, all progress.”**

(Excerpt from the work of Baron József Eötvös *The Influence of the Ruling Ideas of the Nineteenth Century on the State*)



### American Studies Research Institute

Head of Institute: Gábor Csizmazia

The focus of this institute is on multidisciplinary research related to the domestic and foreign policy relations and social and economic aspects of the United States and the North American continent, the continent's geopolitical processes, American-Hungarian relations, constitutionality and public administration.

### European Strategy Research Institute

Head of Institute: Tibor Navracsics, PhD

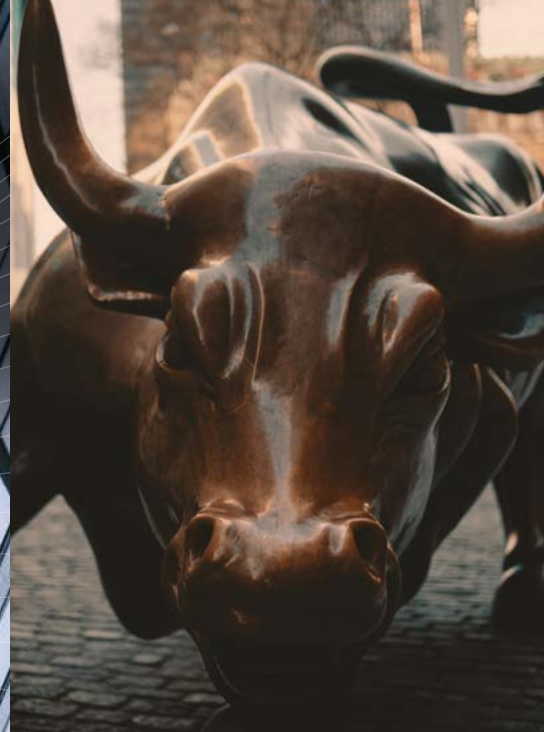
The staff of this institute deal with the development of Hungary's European policy and the analysis of Hungarian and European processes. In addition, they conduct multidisciplinary research into the history, functioning and future of the European Union, the values underpinning European unification, the values shared by European states, the European idea and issues arising from the integration between European states.



### Economy and Competitiveness Research Institute

Head of Institute: Gábor Kutasi, PhD

This institute researches and analyses the conditions of national competitiveness, its international methodology and trends, and in particular the economic policy and public finance conditions which foster it. One of its key tasks is to build relations with international and domestic organisations concerned with the measurement and development of competitiveness, as well as to strengthen cooperation between the departments of economics of the Ludovika-UPS and other Hungarian economic research institutes.



### Cyber Security Research Institute

Head of Institute: Csaba Krasznay, PhD

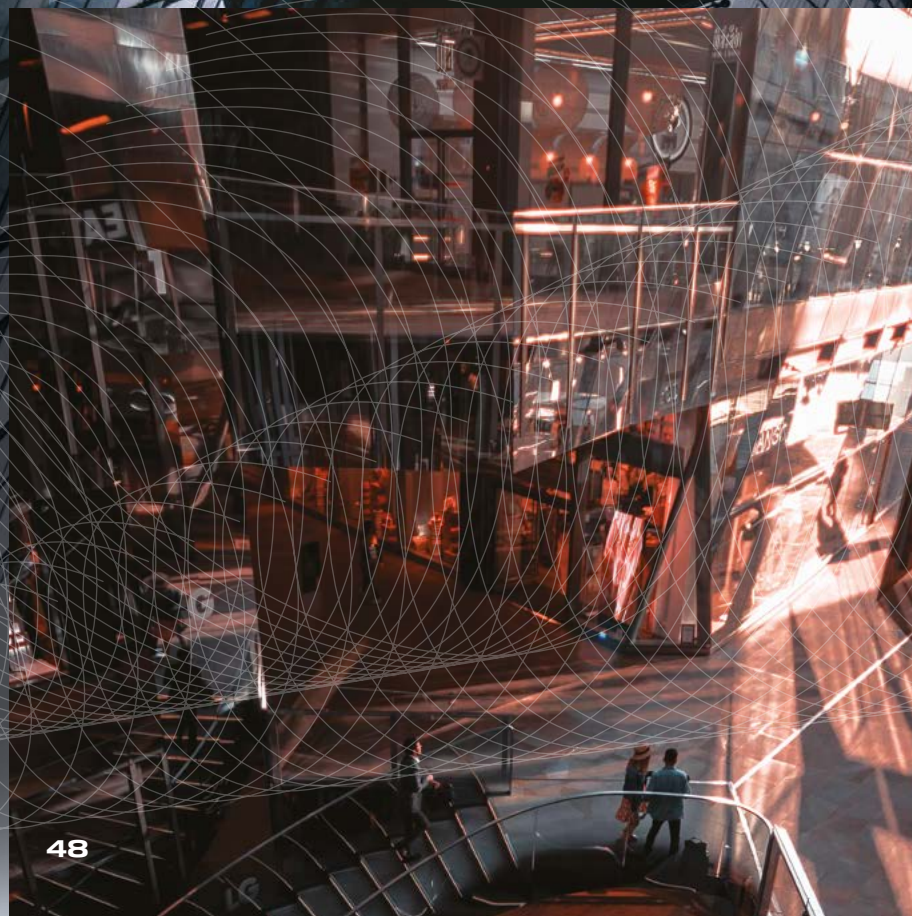
This institute is a workshop for all aspects of cyber security, especially information security, cybercrime, cyber warfare and cyber defence, and related information technology research. It also works to promote relevant higher education, government and international research links in the field.



### Information Society Research Institute

Head of Institute: Bernát Török, PhD

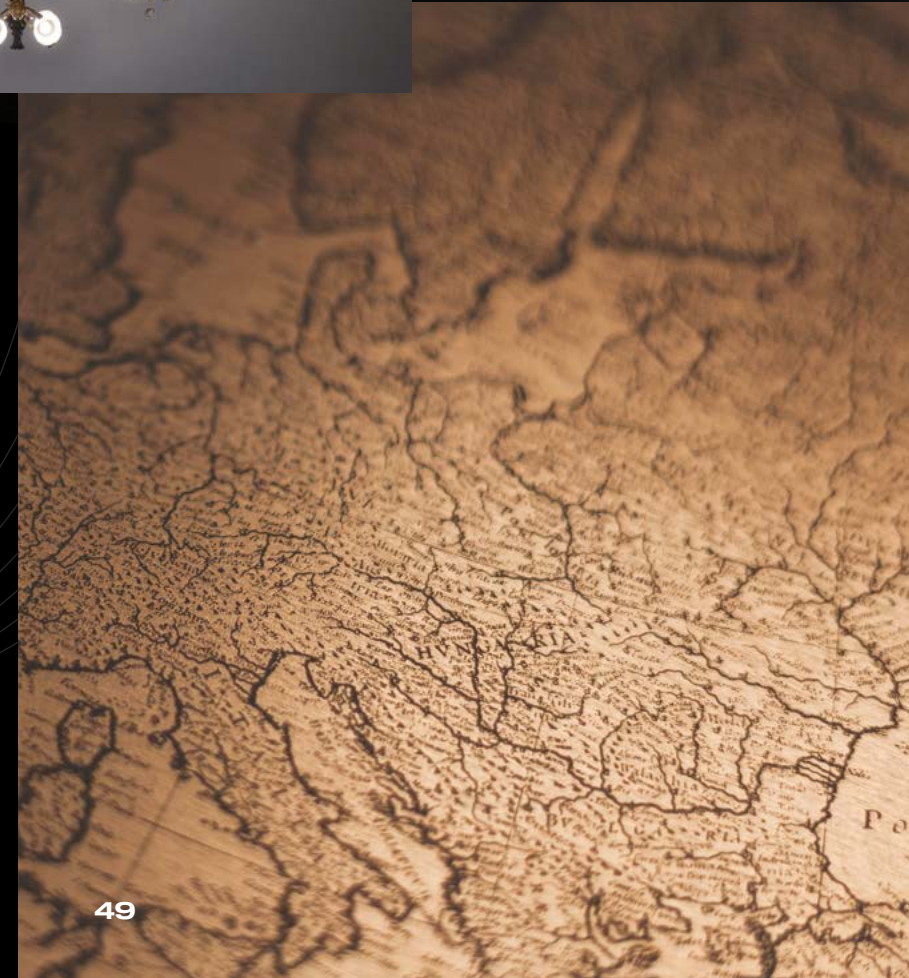
The researchers in the Information Society Research Institute examine the impacts of infocommunication services and new technologies on people, society, fundamental rights and democratic publicity, and the regulatory issues arising from them. The institute focuses on information society-related topics, both domestically and internationally, such as in the fields of freedom of expression, democratic publicity, data protection and freedom of information, privacy, Internet journalism, copyright law, competition law, cybercrime, the application of artificial intelligence and digital culture.



### Central European Research Institute

Head of Institute: Pál Hatos, PhD

The researchers of this institute examine the common historical and cultural heritage, political and administrative traditions and opportunities for future cooperation of the Central European states and nations, as well as their system of relations with other states and the different traditions of Europe. Their goal is to analyse the phenomena of Central Europe in a scientific way, and to utilise the experiences that have shaped this region and the history of the different countries in it over the very turbulent history of the last hundred years. The research covers the behavioural, mental, political and social patterns that have shaped the region, and the psychological and economic conditions that make the region of Central Europe what it is today.







### Tamás Molnár Research Institute

Head of Institute: Attila Károly Molnár, PhD

The task of this institute is to perform activities related to the research and preservation of scientific works of decisive importance for the Hungarian political and intellectual life of the 19th–21st centuries, including contemporary collections on the subject and other political science materials. The staff of the institute also researches and processes the legacy and intellectual heritage of Tamás Molnár (Thomas Molnar).

### Political and State Theory Research Institute

Head of Institute: Ferenc Hörcher, PhD

Within the political sciences and the discipline of political philosophy, the institute conducts political and state theory research, publishes in key domestic and international forums, organises conferences at home and abroad, and constitutes an important part of the leading Hungarian and international research network in these fields. This institute considers both the maintenance of Hungarian-language scholasticism and international cooperation to be important tasks. Its aim is to produce high-quality theoretical work that refrains from any current political bias or commitment, while fulfilling the need for both direct education and indirect social benefit.

### Strategic Defence Research Institute

Head of Institute: Péter Tálas, PhD

This institute founded in 1992 has been operating at the Ludovika–UPS since 2012. It is currently the only state-funded security policy research institute in Hungary that conducts strategic, security, defence and military policy research and produces analyses and evaluations in order to assist in taking security and defence policy decisions. With a global perspective, the researchers focus on the development of the European security architecture and the developments in Central and Eastern European security and Hungarian security policy, such as the development of the Hungarian Armed Forces, its role in international stabilization, and the relationship between Hungarian society and the armed forces.



Lőrinc Varga (Ludovika–UPS student)

“I first encountered the University at the Educatio exhibition, where the openness and helpfulness of the students made a very positive impression, and both the University’s training opportunities of all kinds and infrastructure played a key role in my application.”



# FROM BOOKS TO DIGITAL KNOWLEDGE PORTALS



## LUDOVIKA UNIVERSITY PRESS

The mission of Ludovika University Press is to become an active player in the domestic and international scientific book market, as well as in the dissemination of digital knowledge. The publisher aims to produce new scholarly works, journals and digital content for the dissemination of scientific knowledge. At the same time, the publications previously published and distributed by Dialóg Campus Publishing, which has been merged into Ludovika University Press will continue to be available.

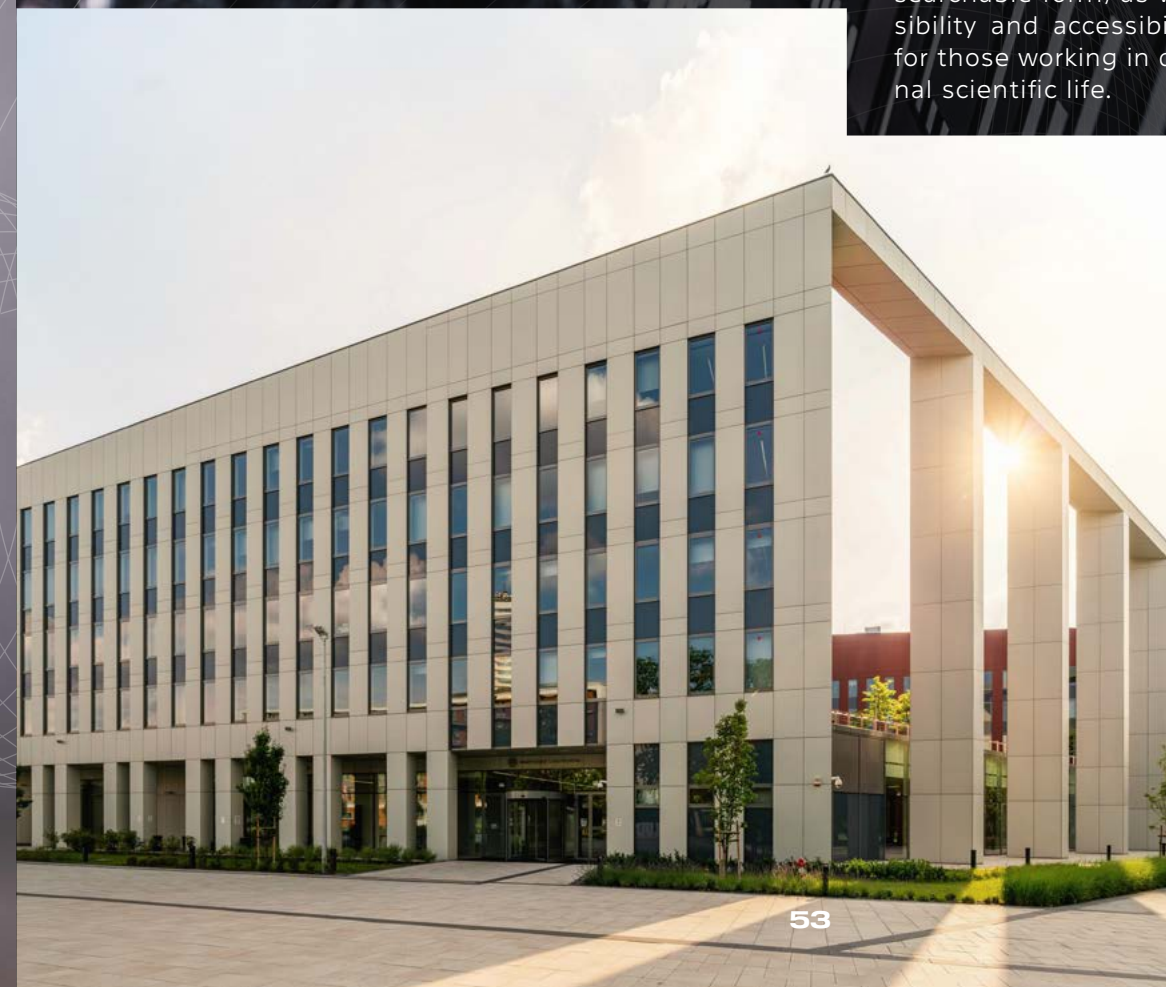
The publishing house is building a digital education innovation environment in the ProBono digital learning framework, with nearly 400 distance learning programmes. International quality e-learning materials, suitable for self-development and which promote the formation of attitudes, are now also available to the general public.

The publisher's [ludovika.hu](http://ludovika.hu) platform presents scientific and public policy issues in an exciting and comprehensible way and also makes available its publications and e-learning materials.

The publisher's new digital platform is the Hungarian and English-language Ludovika Blogtér, a forum for scientific and public debate. The blogs, written by Ludovika-UPS' research institutes and staff, cover current issues in such areas as society, the economy, governance and technology, and are a space for broader scientific discourse. The publisher supports the communication of the University's academic work to the general public with a blog space and an educational magazine consisting of nine blogs in order to foster a wider social dialogue with the articles published on the portal.

Books, textbooks and notes published by the publisher on political science and law, public administration, international and European studies, national security, military and policing science, regional sciences and media science can be purchased online and in print at the publisher's bookshop and webshop.

Scientific journals founded by Ludovika-UPS and published by the publisher are also available on a digital platform. The materials of the most recent and previous issues of the 12 journals help the work of researchers in a searchable form, as well as increasing the visibility and accessibility of scientific articles for those working in domestic and international scientific life.







# LUDOVIKA- UPS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SYSTEM

Vice-Rector for International Affairs: Boglárka Koller, PhD,  
Associate Professor

The Ludovika-UPS places great emphasis on the development of its system of domestic and international relations. The institution is a member of more than ten international organisations, including the Magna Charta Universitatum. The Central European region (including the Hungarian institutions across the border and the Visegrad Four), the European Union Member States, the North American region, China and Russia are particularly important for the Ludovika-UPS.

## PROFESSIONAL COURSES, PROGRAMMES, EVENTS

### International degree

Ludovika-UPS offers a number of English-language master's programs to Hungarian and foreign students: the International Public Service Relations Master's programme prepares young professionals for international careers and those working in the public service for international tasks in international organisations and EU institutions, foreign affairs and public administration. In September 2020, the VTK launched its International Water Governance and Diplomacy course, a rarely offered combination internationally, which aims to train experts who, with the knowledge acquired, will be able to perform international tasks in international, European Union and domestic water management organisations.

### Ludovika Ambassador Forum

The aim of this series of events is for the university community to become acquainted with the ambassadors accredited to Hungary and to the politics, culture and outlook of the nations they represent. As a guest of the forum, ambassadors from numerous countries, from Portugal to Ireland and Canada to the Philippines, have visited Ludovika.

### Mobility programmes

Thanks to the Ludovika-UPS' far-reaching international network, it has numerous foreign partner institutions in Europe and elsewhere. For over 30 years the Erasmus programme has helped students and staff to gain experience abroad throughout Europe and beyond.

The Campus Mundi Scholarship Programme allows students to study in any country in the world, thus engaging in international academic life, discovering new countries, meeting foreign pro-

fessionals, gaining professional experience and expanding their contact capital. Within the framework of the Stipendium Hungaricum programme, many foreign students come to the University and participate in doctoral training at the Ludovika-UPS.

## The main partner organisation of the University

**Public administration studies:** European Group of Public Administration, International Institute of Administrative Sciences, The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe, OECD Network of Schools of Government, European Institute of Public Administration

**Police Science:** European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX), International College of Financial Investigation, International Law Enforcement Academy, Mitteleuropäische Polizeiakademie

**Military Science:** Baltic Defence College, Central European Forum on Military Education, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies Garmisch-Partenkirchen, NATO Defense College, International Military Academic Forum, European Security and Defence College Executive Academic Board

The Ludovika-UPS has also concluded a number of inter-institutional cooperation agreements with various countries, from the United States through Europe to Asian and African countries. It currently has Erasmus + agreements with more than 110 higher education institutes, and the range of partners is constantly expanding.





# LUDOVIKA CAMPUS – MORE THAN A UNIVERSITY

The Ludovika–UPS Ludovika Campus is both a classic university campus and a modern public park, which was created within the framework of government development. The campus has everything needed to educate students and allow both the university community and local inhabitants to relax. The development, implemented in the 8th district of Budapest, was a complex rehabilitation programme, which, in addition to erecting education and training buildings, also involved the development of a park area of about 330,000 square metres.

The park and its surroundings are home to the campus buildings, such as the Ludovika Main Building, which contains offices and lecture halls for lecturers and staff in addition to the university management, as well as housing the university's central library. In addition to lecture theatres, classrooms, specialist rooms, and laboratories, departmental offices and event venues have been set up in the Education Centre and the Police Education Building and College. There are two dormitories on the Ludovika Campus for students and guest lecturers. In addition to the renovation of the Lakeside Building, which provides office functions, the University's outdoor sports fields and the Ludovika Shooting Club were built to serve the educational and social needs of the university

2019 International Real Estate  
Development Award

community. With the conversion of existing buildings, the covered riding stables and the barn building were rebuilt, which are linked to an equestrian path and show jumping arena. The Sport Park is specially designed for public use, and the Ludovika Arena sports centre is also open – with a swimming pool and a sports hall – to those interested.

## INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED INVESTMENT

The Ludovika Campus project has received numerous national and international awards in recent years. Last year, for example, it won second prize in the special facilities category at the International Real Estate Development Award of the International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI). The international panel appreciated that the renovation of the listed buildings and the construction of new ones, as well as the reconstruction of the park, which was also open to the public, was carried out to a high standard using modern technology and materials, and that a new tertiary education centre of national importance was established. The campus is now used daily by thousands of students as well as 1,400 teaching and other university staff.

2015 Construction Award  
Ludovika Main Building

2017 Construction Award  
Ludovika Residence Hall



## ORCZY PARK - SOME HISTORY



Until 1885, Ludovika Park was open to everyone: It was one of the most popular promenades and entertainment venues in Pest, with centuries-old trees and statues, and a nearly half-hectare lake, as if it did not belong to a strict military educational institute. Gradually, works of fine art appeared in the park: in the year of the millennium, in 1896, a bust was erected to

King Franz Joseph I and Queen Elizabeth, and in 1903 a monumental group of statues depicting the founding of Ludovika was completed. Also this year, a bronze bust of Count János Buttkay from Párdány was relocated in the eastern part of the park, close to the lake. It had been removed in the post-World War II period and then relocated in 2017 to the Ludovika Main Building on the five-year anniversary of the University of Public Service. The memorial column to the counter-revolution, which commemorates the martyrs of the Ludovika Academy, was inaugurated on 24 June 1920, on the anniversary of the Ludovika Uprising in the

northern part of the garden, in the presence of Governor Miklós Horthy, members of the Government and the National Assembly.

The memorial column disappeared after 1945 but the Ludovika-UPS made an authentic copy of it, commemorating the events of 100 years ago, which was unveiled in 2019. Today, the park operates as a public park, open from six in the morning to ten in the evening.



**GREEN CAMPUS IN A REBORN NEIGHBOURHOOD**

One of the largest public parks in Budapest, Orczy Park, has been reborn through the Ludovika Campus investment. As a result of the development, the amount of green space in the Józsefváros district increased by one hectare. The cultural and leisure opportunities of the people of Budapest were expanded with a renewed, well-kept, safe park, which was accompanied by the renewal of a declining part of the city. The Ludovika-UPS keeps the historical and natural assets of Orczy Park in mind to a large extent and, on the basis of its long-term action plan for the care of the park, continuously cares for it, passing on its treasures to future generations.



330 thousand square meters  
green area

23 thousand square meters  
sport center

**Modern campus  
in the heart of  
downtown**

**One of the largest  
public parks in  
Budapest**

**Numerous  
recreational  
opportunities**



**THE CAMPUS AS A CULTURAL  
AND EVENT CENTRE**

The Ludovika-UPS is a real cultural centre, where exciting events await university and city citizens throughout the year, be they art, science, sports or even music. Through its student councils, the institute also enriches the students' daily lives with a number of cultural and leisure events, such as a fresher's camp and fresher's ball and a graduation ball for graduates. Dormitory weeks and sports days also form part of the palette of activities, as well as many academic events. In addition, events open to the general public attract a large number of visitors to the institute - such as the traditional Ludovika Festival and the Ludovika Music Salon series, where music of various genres, music history and personal experiences play a major role. The Ludovika Film Festival and the Orczy Summer Chill series of events started in 2019 with the intention of creating a tradition; the latter is for anyone who wishes to have fun and relax throughout the summer with a garden cinema and concerts on the shores of Lake Orczy.



The exterior and interior of the campus are also popular event and conference venues, hosting nearly a thousand scientific and professional events organized each year by the university and externally.

Art

Science

Sports

Music

Nearly a thousand  
events a year

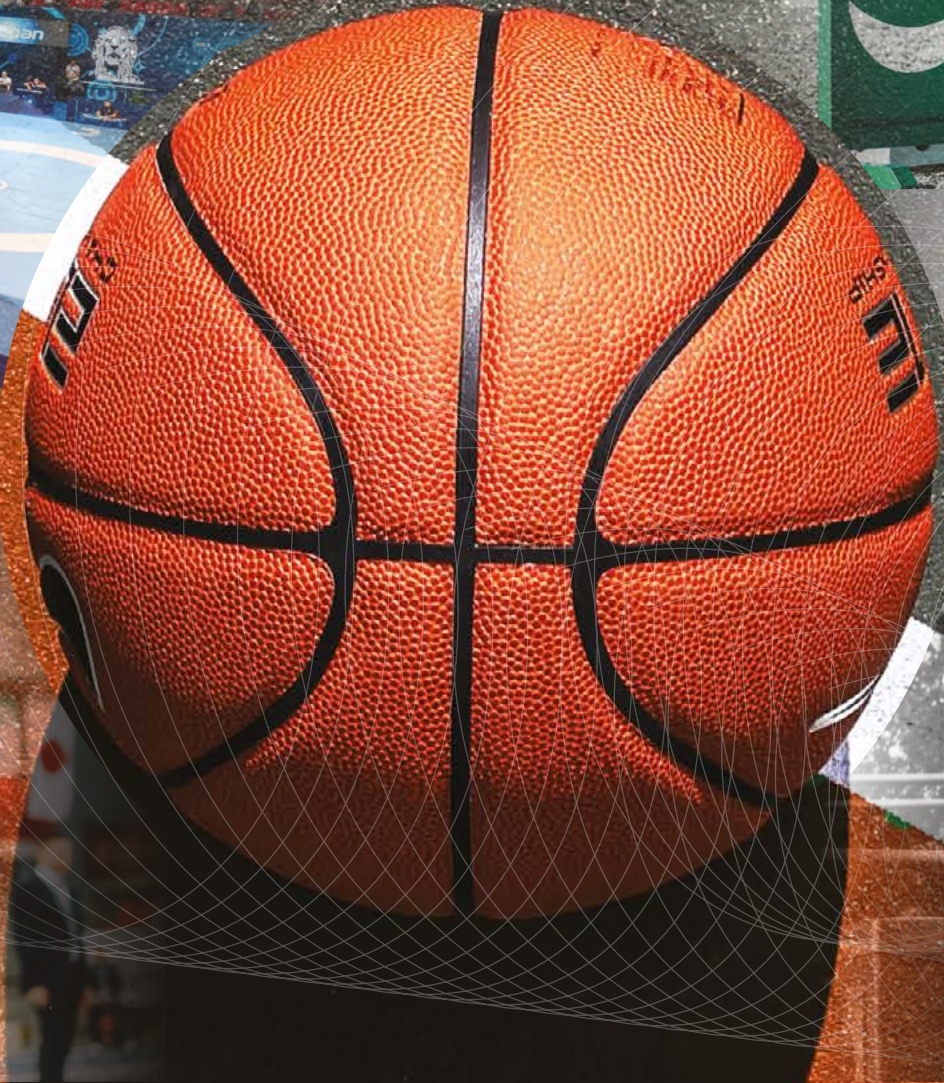
Student programs



**SPORTS UNIVERSITY, SPORTSY PUBLIC SERVICE**

Together with the University Sports Association, the University places great emphasis on regular exercise, building a sports community and supporting university sports life. The organisation of competitions and various sports and health days is also a key activity.

Orczy Park is a great venue for sports, refreshment and relaxation. The Ludovika Arena has also recently become a venue for domestic and international competitive sports, including the 2019 European Volleyball Championships, the Maccabi World Games and the 2020 WestEnd Men’s and Women’s Duel Grand Prix. The arena of the sports hall, which can accommodate 1,200 spectators, can be used for a variety of ball games, martial arts and gymnastics; fencing, table tennis and occasional events in addition to university physical education classes. The Ludovika Huszár Riding School, which has a long history and where anyone can learn to ride, is located in the grounds of the University.





# STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS

## UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

President: Fodor Márk Jozsepvics

The University and the faculty student unions aim to provide the best possible service to students, therefore their primary goal and at the same time their task is to represent and protect their interests in various matters. Their representatives form a kind of bridge between students and university lecturers, taking an active rôle in the decision-making bodies of the University.

Supportive, converging  
student community

Numerous student programs  
and events each year



## ALUMNI COMMUNITY

The years spent at the institute, the knowledge gained here and the wealth of experiences define our lives for many years to come. It is important for the NKE to keep in touch with its former students, which is why it formed its alumni community.

### Predecessor Institutions:

- Ludovika Academy
- Kossuth Defence Academy
- Kossuth Lajos Military College
- Zalka Máté Military Technical College
- Bolyai János Military Technical College
- Kilián György Flight Technical College
- Hungarian Military Academy
- Zrínyi Miklós Military Academy
- Zrínyi Miklós National Defence University
- Police College
- College of Public Administration
- Budapest University of Economics and Public Administration
- Corvinus University Faculty of Public Administration
- Pollack Mihály Technical College
- Eötvös József College







FUTURE





**Ludovika–UPS - The University of a Secure Future**

Vice-Rector for Education: László Christián, PhD, Police Colonel, Associate Professor

**A uniquely modern university infrastructure in Hungary**

The Ludovika–UPS is committed to training young professionals with the highest level of professional knowledge and the ability to make independent decisions in their public service careers. The combination of more than two centuries of tradition and modern solutions provides the right basis for the institution to be at the forefront of elite training in public service in Europe.

**Multi-purpose and multi-level mission**

Every day, the institution works for the future of its students, its staff, those working in the public service, Hungarians, Hungary and, more broadly, Europe.





### **Mentoring role**

The Ludovika-UPS aims to mentor and orient students who want to learn and who have creative, educated, community-building ambitions, for whom it is important to represent national values and to take responsibility for the future. In addition to protecting the Hungarian national identity and cultural heritage, the Ludovika-UPS considers its priorities to be building a Europe of nations and respect for Christian values and the cultural traditions of other nations, as well as the protection of tolerance, individual freedom and human dignity.

**The protection of the  
Hungarian national identity and  
cultural heritage is important  
for our students.**



### Scholarship without frontiers

The long-term goal of the Ludovika–UPS is to build bridges and value communities between academics and disciplines without frontiers, furthering social development, sustainability and national cultures, as well as pursuing its strategic mission to research social innovation, global challenges and environmental sustainability.

### Key strategic partner: The Hungarian State

Due to the nature of the courses held here, the Hungarian State is a key strategic partner of the Ludovika–UPS. The University intends to play an important role in the domestic and international field of higher education as a model for the coordination of national strategic-governmental goals and university autonomy.





# IMPROVEMENTS IN EDUCATION - CREATIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME

At the Ludovika-UPS, the leaders of the future are trained, but neither governance nor leadership are possible using old approaches and methods. Planning, change management, digitization, and increasing complexity require increasingly complex leadership skills and great determination. Those studying at the institution are preparing for the governmental and administrative tasks of the future by learning from each other and for each other, with the help of the most recognised experts. The principle of the Creative Learning Programme is that the essence of education is the effective development of each student's skills, the mentoring of individual learning paths and the support of personality-based, creative, professional communities.





# DEVELOPMENTS IN RESEARCH - NEW DIRECTIONS FOR INNOVATION

Fundamental research, interdisciplinary research, applied research for innovative solutions and technologies and building an innovation ecosystem are essential for the development of European societies. One of the central elements of these developments at the institute is the increase of community performance, which is based on the individual achievement of students, teaching staff, researchers, and leaders. The Ludovika-UPS is constantly expanding its research capacity, while prioritising the qualitative development of the teaching and research faculty.



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