Authors of the volume

Tünde Fűrész is the President of the Mária Kopp Institute for Demography and Families. She is an economist with law specialisation, as well as being married and mother of three daughters. Since 2010, she has been active in shaping Hungarian family policy, first as the Head of Department responsible for the policy field and then as the Deputy Secretary State responsible for Family Policy and Demography. As a Ministerial Commissioner, she was responsible for the transformation of the Hungarian crèche system. Since 2018, she has been the President of the Mária Kopp Institute for Demography and Families. Tünde Fűrész was awarded the Teréz Brunszvik award in 2018, in 2021 she received the Knight's Cross of the Hungarian Order of Merit in recognition of her professional work in the interests of families.

Akos Bence Gát is a Research Fellow at the Europe Strategy Research Institute and the head of communication and foreign affairs of the Danube Institute. He graduated from Sciences Po University, Paris, the University of Strasbourg, the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the French National School of Administration (ÉNA). He spent his Erasmus year at Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona. He was awarded a PhD by the Doctoral School of Public Administration Sciences of the University of Public Service, Hungary. In 2011, he founded the international debating journalism project Duel Amical. He worked at the Ministry of Justice of Hungary as a Political Adviser to the Minister and the Head of Department. He has also contributed as researcher to the work of the Századvég Foundation. He was a member of the Cabinet of the President of the European Parliament. Since 2014, he has regularly lectured at the University of Szeged. In 2018, he translated a book by French constitutional law professor Bertrand Mathieu entitled The Law Against Democracy? into Hungarian. In 2019, he published in Hungarian his own book about the European Union's policy on the rule of law. His book was published in English under the title European Policy on the Rule of Law. A Glimpse Behind the Scenes in 2021. His main fields of expertise are French-Hungarian relations, European law and politics and his main field of research is European policy on the rule of law.

Vivien Kalas is a Research Fellow at the Europe Strategy Research Institute. She graduated from the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary and gained an MSc in Political Science in 2021. Since September 2021 she has been a PhD student at the Doctoral School of Political Science of ELTE. She started working at the Europe Strategy Research Institute in January 2020. Her fields of research are the European Council's decision-making, democracy in the European Union, the questions of rule of law standards, the EU's education policy and European identity.

Réka Zsuzsánna Máthé is a Research Fellow of the Europe Strategy Research Institute of the University of Public Service (EUSTRAT) in Hungary, a Senior Researcher at the Mathias Corvinus Collegium and an Assistant Professor at the Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania in Romania. She obtained her doctorate degree from the National University of Public Service (Hungary), graduating with the distinction summa cum lauda. During her doctoral studies, she gained a scholarship at the Charles University in Prague. Concomitantly with her doctoral studies, she gained a scholarship and studied at the College of Europe, Bruges, where she graduated with a Master's degree in European political science and public

administration. Prior to that, she obtained a Master's degree in public management with a specialisation in the management of public institutions in Cluj, Romania, jointly awarded by the Michigan State University and Babeş-Bolyai University. She completed her higher education in Romanian, German, English and French.

Áron James Miszlivetz is a Research Fellow at the Europe Strategy Institute. He is a graduate of Leiden University and the College of Europe in Bruges. He holds an advanced MA degree in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies. He began his career at the Antall József Knowledge Center in 2016, after which he joined Corvinus University, Budapest as Erasmus coordinator and Assistant to the International Director. Since 2018 he has worked as Deputy Head of Department at the State Secretariat for EU Affairs and currently works in the Cabinet and has worked as a Seconded National Expert at the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement of the European Commission. He is currently Policy Director at Blue Door Consulting.

Balázs Péter Molnár is the Vice-President for Strategy and Coordination of the Mária Kopp Institute for Demography and Families. He is a lawyer, diplomat. He is married and father of three children. He previously served as the Deputy State Secretary for European Union Affairs of the Prime Minister's Office of Hungary (2016–2018) and as a diplomat in the Permanent Representations to the European Union and the United Nations in Brussels and Vienna, respectively (2010–2016). He worked in the field of drug prevention at the beginning of his career. Since November 2018, he has been the Vice President for Strategy and Coordination of the Mária Kopp Institute for Demography and Families.

Tibor Navracsics is the Minister for Regional Development of the Government of Hungary and a Senior Research Fellow at the Europe Strategy Research Institute. He studied at the Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University, graduating in 1990. In 1999, he received his doctorate in political science from ELTE ÁJK. From 2006 to 2014, he was a Member of Parliament. From 2010 to 2014, he held the position of Minister of Administration and Justice and Deputy Prime Minister. In 2014, he was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and from 2014 to 2019 he worked as the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport. He was the head of the Europe Strategy Research Institute at the University of Public Service until June 2022 and the Government Commissioner of the Veszprém—Balaton 2023 European Capital of Culture program. In addition, he is an Honorary Professor at the University of Public Service and an Associate Professor at the Institute of Political Science of the Faculty of Law of Eötvös Loránd University.

Viktória Lilla Pató is an Academic Research Fellow at the Europe Strategy Research Institute and an international expert in Artificial Intelligence at the National Data Economy Knowledge Centre of Hungary. She studied public administration studies at undergraduate level and was awarded an MA in international public service relations by the University of Public Service, Hungary, while in 2015 she also studied at the Faculty of Law of the University of Milan. She has been a PhD fellow since 2017 at the Doctoral School of Public Administration Sciences of the University of Public Service in Hungary. During her university studies, she gained international and professional experience at the Constitutional Court of Hungary, at the National Assembly and at the Embassy of Hungary in Rome.

Bernadett Petri is a Research Fellow at the Europe Strategy Research Institute, a Political Adviser in the European Parliament and a lecturer at the Department of European Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, at Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary. She holds a law degree from Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary, studied English law and the European Union at the University of Cambridge and obtained a Master's degree in economics at Corvinus University of Budapest. After taking the bar exam she continued working in Budapest and later in Brussels, in the fields of economic law, intellectual property law, international law and company law. She joined the EU institutions, first working at the European Parliament. Since 2014, she has been a Professional Adviser in the European Parliament in the field of law, education, including copyright and other legislation related to the digital single market. Subsequently she was a member of cabinet of the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics.

Laura Schmidt is a Research Fellow at the Europe Strategy Research Institute. She graduated from the University of York and gained a degree of BSc in Psychology in 2016 and an MSc in Applied Forensic Psychology in 2018. Since September 2019 she has been a PhD student at the Doctoral School of Law Enforcement of the University of Public Service, Hungary. In 2022, she spent four months at Indiana University as a Visiting Research Scholar with a Julius Rezler scholarship, researching restorative justice in Indiana. Her research focuses mainly on restorative justice and victim support.

Balázs Tárnok is the Managing Director of the Europe Strategy Research Institute. He is also the Deputy Director of the Training Program on National Minorities at the Károli Interdisciplinary Academy of the Károli Gáspár University, and Minority Rights Adviser at the Institute for the Protection of Minority Rights. He received his J.D., LL.M. and PhD from the Pázmány Péter Catholic University Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Budapest. He formerly worked as a legal adviser at the Dr. Sobor Law Firm, assisting in the court proceedings of the European Citizens' Initiative on National Minority Regions at the Court of Justice of the European Union, and as a legal expert of the Rákóczi Association, coordinating the Hungarian signature collection campaign of the Minority SafePack Initiative. He also worked at the State Secretariat for European Union Relations of the Prime Minister's Office of Hungary. In 2021, he was the Hungary Foundation's Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Notre Dame, USA. His articles have appeared in publications including Foreign Policy, The National Interest, Newsweek and The Washington Times. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Rákóczi Association, one of the largest culture-oriented Hungarian civil society organisations in Central Europe, and is a founding member of the Freedom and Identity in Central Europe (FICE) international working group.

Bettina Tóth is a Research Fellow at the Europe Strategy Institute. She graduated from the University of Public Service in 2020 with a BSc in International Security and Defence Policy then in 2022, she completed a Master's degree in International Public Service. At the Europe Strategy Research Institute, she initially worked as an intern and is currently a researcher on the green policy of the European Union. In addition, she works at the Western Balkans Green Center where she coordinates environmental projects in Hungary and in the Western Balkans region.

Amb. Réka Varga is the Dean of the Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies at the University of Public Service (Hungary). She is Associate Professor of international law at the Department of International Law at the University of Public Service and at the Department of Public International Law at Pázmány Péter Catholic University. Dr. Varga is a member of the International Institute for Humanitarian Law Sanremo, and the Hungarian national group of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. She was a member of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission (2016–2022). She is co-founder and co-director of the Vienna Course on International Law for Military Legal Advisers, organised by the Austrian Ministry of Defence and the ESDC and was a co-editor and later member of the Editorial Board of the Hungarian Yearbook of International Law and European Law. Her main field of research includes international humanitarian law, international criminal law, law of treaties, immunity and international organisations.