

János Kornai
CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal

Born: January 21, 1928, Budapest, Hungary

Nationality: Hungarian

Married: Zsuzsa Dániel, economist

Three children: Gábor Kornai, Judit Weibull and András Kornai

Current Posts

Professor of Economics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1986-, Allie S. Freed

Professor of Economics, 1991-, Emeritus, 2002-

Honorary Professor Emeritus, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2011-

Past Posts

Officer, Hungarian Democratic Youth Association, Budapest, 1945-1947

Economic Editor, Newspaper "Szabad Nép", Budapest, 1947-1955

Research Fellow, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1955-1958

Economist, Planning Bureau of Light Industry, Budapest, 1958-1960

Head of Department, Institute of Textile Industry, Budapest, 1960-1963

Head of Department, Computing Center, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1963-1967

Research Professor, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1967-1993

Permanent Fellow, Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Study, Budapest, 1992-2002,

Emeritus, 2002-2011

Degrees

Candidate of Sciences (C.Sc.), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1956

Doctor of Economics (Dr.Oec.), Karl Marx University of Economics, Budapest, 1961

Doctor of Sciences (Dr.Sc.), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 1965

Visiting Professorships

London School of Economics, 1964

University of Sussex, 1966

Stanford University, 1968

Yale University, Cowles Foundation, 1970

Princeton University, 1972

Stanford University, 1973

Stockholm University, 1976-1977

University of Geneva, 1981

University of Munich, 1983

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 1983-1984

Harvard, F.W. Taussig Research Professor, 1984-1985

Learned Societies

Econometric Society, Fellow, 1968, President, 1978

American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Honorary Member, 1972

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member, 1976, Full Member, 1982

American Economic Association, Honorary Member, 1976

British Academy, Corresponding Member, 1978

Royal Swedish Academy, Foreign Member, 1980

Finnish Academy of Sciences, Foreign Member, 1985

European Economic Association, President, 1987

J.S. McDonnell Foundation, USA, Distinguished Fellow, 1988
European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy, Honorary President, 1989-
Academia Europaea, Member, 1990
Hungarian Social Science Association, President, 1992
Russian Academy of Sciences, Foreign Member, 1994
European Association for Comparative Economic Studies, Honorary Member, 1996
Association of New Institutional Economists of Hungary, Honorary President, 2004
International Economic Association, President, 2002-2005
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Foreign Member, 2006

Honorary Degrees

University of Paris, Honorary Doctor, 1978
University of Posnan, Honorary Doctor, 1978
University of London, Honorary Doctor, 1990
University of Amsterdam, Honorary Doctor, 1992
Budapest University of Economics, Honorary Doctor, 1992
University of Wroclaw, Honorary Doctor, 1993
University of Torino, Honorary Doctor, 1993
University of Debrecen, Honorary Doctor, 2001
Stockholm School of Economics, Honorary Doctor, 2001
Varna University of Economics, Honorary Doctor, 2003
Veszprem University, Honorary Doctor, 2003
University of Pécs, Honorary Doctor, 2003
Central European University, Honorary Doctor, 2004
Krakow University of Economics, Honorary Doctor, 2008

Prizes and Other Honors

Academic Award, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1970, 1974
F.E. Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy, (USA), 1982
Hungarian State Prize, 1983
Alexander von Humboldt Prize, Federal Republic of Germany, 1983
Erasmus Medal, Academia Europaea, 1992
Main Prize and Ferenc Deák Prize, Foundation "Pro Renovanda Cultura Hungariae", 1994
Széchenyi Prize, Republic of Hungary, 1994
John von Neumann Medal, awarded by the student body of Rajk László College for Advanced Study,
Budapest University of Economics, 1997
Officier dans l'Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur, République Française, 1997
Prize for Advancing the Repute of Hungarians, Hungarian Government, 1997
Order of Merit of the Hungarian Republic, Commander's Cross, 2002
Honorary Citizen of Budapest Capital City, 2005
Prima Primiissima Prize (Hungary), 2005
Order of Merit of the Hungarian Republic, Commander's Cross with the Star, 2007
Lifetime Achievement Award, Hungarian Economic Association, 2008
'The Twenty Year Old Republic' Award, Hungarian Government, 2009
Leontief Medal (Russia), 2010
Grand Cross Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, 2010

Public Service

United Nations, Committee for Development Planning, Vice Chairman, 1972-1977
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Scientific Advisory Council, Member, 1989-
1994
Hungarian National Bank (Central Bank), Member of the Board, 1995-2001