

János Kornai

Curriculum Vitae

Personal:

Born: January 21, 1928, Budapest, Hungary
Nationality: Hungarian
Married: Zsuzsa Dániel, economist

Current Posts:

Professor of Economics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1986-, Allie S. Freed
Professor of Economics, 1991-, Emeritus, 2002-
Permanent Fellow, Collegium Budapest, Institute for Advanced Study, Budapest, 1992-,
Emeritus, 2002-
Distinguished Research Professor, Central European University, 2005-

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

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-
European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities, 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, Poland, 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

Prizes and Other Honors:

Academic Award, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1969, 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, awarded by the European Academy of Arts, Sciences and Humanities, 1992
Main Prize and Ferenc Deák Prize, awarded by the Foundation "Pro Renovanda Cultura Hungariae", 1994
Széchenyi Prize, awarded by the Republic of Hungary, 1994
Republique Francaise, Officier dans l'Ordre national de la Légion d'Honneur, 1997
Prize for Advancing the Repute of Hungarians, awarded by the 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

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