





## **CLASS ATTRIBUTES:**

- DSAS Geographic Region GE Requirement
- SCI Polymathic Contexts: Global & Cross Cul GE Req.
- Russian & East European Studies
- University Honors Course

## **INSTRUCTOR:**

## Attila Kenyeres, Fulbright Visiting Professor

This interdisciplinary course has an international focus, seeking to integrate communication and media studies, history, cultural studies, political science, and international relations. Students will develop an understanding of contemporary issues relating to media, journalism, society, and politics by exploring fake news and media manipulation in Hungary and East-Central Europe. The course also provides insights into the history of this multi-ethnic region of the world. While society, culture, and history are represented as significant components, this course is fundamentally a media studies course that will draw significantly on theoretical approaches investigating fake news phenomena. The course will also shed a light on current issues of fake news and media manipulation in Hungary and East-Central Europe. Students will explore the media coverage of the European refuge crisis in 2015 as well as the mainstream and social media representations of minorities (e.g., the Roma) and subcultures in Hungary and in neighboring countries. This course will culminate in individual student presentations based on research and will conclude with a review of the various types of fake news and methods of media manipulation established in other parts of the world, thus grounding students in the broader media-related literature.