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University of Leeds School of Law
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CURRENT POSITION

University of Leeds School of Law, Leeds
Associate Professor of Law (2025 – present)
Senior Lecturer in Corporate, Commercial, and Banking Law (2023 – 2025)
Lecturer in Corporate, Commercial, and Banking Law (2021 – 2023)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

UNIDROIT, Rome, Italy
Invited Member, Working Group on Insurance Enterprises' Insolvency (2026 – present)

Insolvency Law Academy, India
Invited Member, Insolvency Scholars Forum (2026 – present)

OHADA Common Court of Justice and Arbitration (CCJA), Africa
Arbitrator (2025 – present)

Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds School of Law
Deputy Director (2024 – present)

Society of Legal Scholars
Banking and Financial Services Law Subject Section Convenor (2024 – present)

International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington, D.C.
Banking Law Expert (2023 – present)

King's College London
External Examiner (2022 – present)

VISITING POSITIONS

Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA
Short-Term Visiting Scholar (Sept 2024; Sept 2026)

European University Institute, Law Department, Florence, Italy
Visiting Fellow (Spring 2025)

Columbia Law School, New York, NY
Visiting Scholar (Spring – Summer 2017)

Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY
Visiting Researcher (Fall 2016)

EDUCATION

Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, PhD in Law, 2021
Summa Cum Laude

George Washington University School of Law, LLM in Business and Finance Law, 2019
Thomas Buergenthal Scholar

Central European University, SJD in International Business Law, 2018
Summa Cum Laude

Suffolk University School of Law, LLM in U.S. and Global Business Law, 2012
High Honors

Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, Juris Doctor, 2005
Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Books

BANKING BAILOUT LAW: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE EUROPEAN UNION (Routledge, 2020)

THE 2009 INTERCHANGE FEE DECISION OF THE HUNGARIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY: A COMPARATIVE CASE STUDY (LAP Lambert Publ'g 2011)

Articles

Book Review: Regulation and Regulators After Global Financial Crises by Aleksandra Jordanoska, SOC. & LEGAL STUD. (2026), 0(0)

A Systematization of Legal-Regulatory Risks Related to Central Bank Digital Currencies: A Comparative Analysis of the US, the UK, and China, 18(2) LAW & FIN. MKTS. REV. 73 (2025) (with Viktoria Belikoff)

Conservatorship, Quantitative Easing, and Mortgage Spreads: A New Multi-Equation Score-Driven Model of Policy Actions, vol. 27, issue 2 STUD. NONLINEAR DYNAMICS & ECONOMETRICS 237 (2023) (with Szabolcs Blazsek & Adam Kobor)

Financial Consumer Protection in the U.S. and the E.U.: A Preventive Building Block of Banking Bailout Law, UNION UNIV. L. SCH. REV. 374 (2021)

The European Aspects of Global Financial Developments, 11 J. BUS. ENTREPRENEURSHIP & L. 233 (2018)

European Aspects of Global Financial Developments, LÉTÜNK SOC. SCI. J. 183 (2016) (Hung.)

A Comparative Analysis of the Bad Asset Management Companies of Spain and Hungary: The Devil is in the Details, 7 QUEEN MARY L.J. 69 (2016)

Competition Law and State Aid for Failing Banks in the European Union and Its Specific Implications for Central and Eastern European Member States, 9 (14) YEARBOOK ANTITRUST & REGUL. STUD. 145 (2016)

Sovereign Debt-Ceiling Rules in the Spanish and Hungarian Constitutions and Their Interplay with the Relevant EU Laws, in INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRADE, BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND LAW PROCEEDINGS 121 (Oxford Univ. 2015)

Book Chapters

From Banking Crisis to Housing Access Crisis: A Sharp Increase of Intergenerational Housing Inequality in Hungary, in THE SPANISH REAL ESTATE CRISIS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY FROM A LAW AND ECONOMICS PERSPECTIVE, Editorial Aranzadi La Ley (forthcoming 2026) (Spanish)

The First Real-World Pilot of a Retail CBDC in the European Union, Revisited: Hungary's Student Safe as a Legal-Political Laboratory, in THE DIGITAL EURO: REGULATION, RISKS, AND CHALLENGES, Editorial Aranzadi La Ley (2026) (Spanish)

Research report on European cross-border insolvency proceedings in Hungary, in SECURITY RIGHTS AND THE EUROPEAN INSOLVENCY REGULATION (Chapter 8: Central and Eastern European Systems - Hungary, Poland and Lithuania), McCormack & Bork (eds.), Intersentia, Cambridge, UK (2017)

Research report, in A HAGYATÉKI VAGYONTERVEZÉS – ESTATE PLANNING (Hung.), Közjegyzői Akadémia Kiadó, Hungary (2015)

Essays, Reports & Commentary

In Defense of Bailouts: Why Resolution Frameworks Fail in Systemic Crises, INSOL I-READ (2026)

The Energy Policy Dimensions of LegalTech, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BLOG, Leeds University Business School (2025)

Conference Report: Inaugural Conference on Recent Developments in Insolvency Law Reflections on the Pandemic and Brexit, CENTRE FOR BUSINESS LAW AND PRACTICE, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS SCHOOL OF LAW & SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY YONG PUNG HOW SCHOOL OF LAW LEGAL STUDIES RESEARCH PAPER SERIES (2022)

Event Report: Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion on Banking Bailout Law, OXFORD BUSINESS LAW BLOG (2021) (with Richard Squire)

A Comparative Comment on the Banking Bailout Literature, FINREG BLOG, Duke University School of Law (2021)

Banking Bailout Law, BLUE SKY BLOG, Columbia Law School (2020)

Policy & Government Submissions

Written feedback on Public Consultation on Guide for Using GenAI in the Legal Sector (Ministry of Law Singapore, 2025)

Written Evidence on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Financial Services (UK Parliament's Treasury Committee, 2025)

Bank Resolution in Hungary, in RESOLUTION AUTHORITIES AND THEIR INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS IN EU MEMBER STATES, 104 (Raffaele D'Ambrosio & Diane Fromage eds., Bank of Italy, 2025)

Research Report, USA Legal Mapping – Study on the Adequacy of the Information to be Disclosed under Article 89(1) of the Capital Requirements Directive IV in the EU for the European Commission via CEPS and Milieu Consulting, Brussels, Belgium (2021) (consultancy)

Annual Country Reports on Contractual Remedies in Hungary, COMMON CORE OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE LAW PROJECT, Turin, Italy (2011 – 2021)

Op-Eds

"Regulators' rhetoric about bank failures doesn't match their actions" AMERICAN BANKER, May 3, 2024

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

School of Law Research Support Fund Awards (multiple awards; GBP18,000), University of Leeds (2021 – 2026)

Banking and Financial Services Law Section Grant, Society of Legal Scholars (twice; GBP6,000, Co-Applicant) (2025 – 2026)

Impact and Engagement Fund Grant (multiple awards; GBP2,500), University of Leeds (2024 – 2026)

Strategic Development Fund Grant (GBP1,200, Co-Applicant), University of Leeds (2024 – 2025)

Faculty of Social Sciences Reward and Recognition Award, University of Leeds (twice, 2023 and 2024)

Michael Beverly Innovation Fellowship (twice, value: GBP10,000) (2022 – 2024)

Pro Bono Service Award, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (2019)

Thomas Buergenthal Scholarship (value: USD100,000) George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (2018 – 2019)

Teaching Fellowship Award (value: USD5,000) Central European University (Spring 2018)

Doctoral Research Mobility Grant (value: USD5,000), Central European University (2016 – 2017)

Full Doctoral Fellowship Award (value: USD100,000) Central European University (2014 – 2017)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Paper Presentations

CBDC Slowdown? Comparative Lessons from US, UK and EU Pilot Projects (with Daniel Raya-Quero)

Oct. 15, 2026	Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, Budapest, Hungary
Sept. 16, 2026	Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA
Sept. 3, 2026	University of East Anglia, Norwich

The UK's Energy Strategy and Emerging Technologies in Financial and Legal Services: Legal-Regulatory Implications and Recommendations

March 31, 2026	University of Sussex, Brighton
Sept. 10, 2025	Taylor's University, Malaysia

Powering Europe's Digital Future: Energy Policy as a Strategic Imperative for 2030 Competitiveness

Nov. 7-8, 2025	Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London
June 26, 2025	City Law School, London

Secondary Financial and FinTech Centers and the Financial Sector's Transformation: A Comparative Analysis of the US, UK, and Singapore

Sept. 12, 2024	Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA
Sept. 10, 2024	Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA
Feb. 22, 2024	European University Institute, Florence, Italy
June 27, 2023	Oxford Brookes University, Oxford
May 11, 2023	University of Leeds School of Law, Leeds
March 2, 2023	Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, Budapest, Hungary

Bad Banks and Ever-Increasing Real Estate Bubbles: A Comparative Legal Analysis of the US and Europe in the Post-2008 Era (with Manuel Castilla Cubillas)

May 22, 2024	INSOL International Academic Colloquium, San Diego, CA

Private Bailouts and Unorthodox Resolutions: A Comparative Analysis of the 2023 Bank Failures

Apr. 10, 2025	European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Sept. 4, 2024	University of Bristol School of Law, Bristol
July 4-5, 2024	Durham Law School, Durham
March 19, 2024	East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China
Jan. 9, 2024	University of Granada Faculty of Law, Granada, Spain
June 1-2, 2023	ITAM, Mexico City, Mexico

The Fallacy of Bail-In as a Bank Resolution Strategy (with Arthur Wilmarth)

Dec. 3, 2025	Academic Colloquium, Norton Rose Fulbright, Sydney, Australia
Feb. 10, 2024	Insolvency Law Academy Annual Conference, Goa, India
July 1, 2022	University College London

Book Talks

Banking Bailout Law: A Comparative Study of the United States, United Kingdom and the European Union

Feb. 13, 2023	Corporate Law Center speaker series, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY
Jan. 25, 2023	University of Essex School of Law, Colchester
March 1, 2022	Berger International Speaker Series, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY
Oct. 6, 2021	Mile End Institute, Queen Mary University of London
March 24, 2021	Law Faculty Seminar, Central European University, Vienna, Austria
March 4, 2021	Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, Budapest, Hungary
Feb. 17, 2021	Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary
Jan. 28, 2021	University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain
Jan. 26, 2021	Faculty Webinar, The Wharton School, Philadelphia, PA
Jan. 21, 2021	Finance@CEU series, Central European University, Vienna, Austria
Sept. 3, 2020	George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D.C.
June 11, 2020	OTP Bank Plc., Legal Department, Budapest, Hungary

Public Lectures, Debates & Panels

"Beyond the Token — Governance, Trust and Institutional Confidence," Africa Virtual Asset Summit (AVAS), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Ghana (online) (Nov 3, 2026)

"International Law Careers Lunch and Learn," Center for International and Comparative Law, Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA (Sept. 9, 2026)

"Digital Assets Regulation in Ghana: Navigating Opportunities and Risks", ABSA-UPSA Law School Quarterly Banking Roundtable XIV, Ghana (online) (July 28, 2026)

"LegalTech Perspectives on Adoption and Implementation from Across the Legal Sector" Panel Discussion, LegalTech in Leeds Conference (May 21, 2026)

"The First Real-World Pilot of a Retail CBDC in the European Union, Revisited: Hungary's Student Safe as a Legal-Political Laboratory" (in Spanish), University of Granada, Spain (Apr. 21, 2026)

"Precedent in Arbitration?" Panel Discussion, Budapest Bar Association & Hungarian Arbitration Association, Budapest, Hungary (online) (Apr. 16, 2026)

"Comparative Approaches to Bank Liquidation: The UNIDROIT Legislative Guide," Panel Discussion, University of Leeds School of Law (Apr. 15, 2026)

"Global Banking and Global Stability: Geofragmentation, Climate, and Intersecting Crises," Roundtable Discussion, Leeds University Business School (Oct. 21, 2025)

"The Energy Policy Dimensions of LegalTech - A Crucial Foundation for a Thriving LegalTech Sector," Keynote, LegalTech in Leeds Conference (Apr. 24, 2025)

"The Prudential Regulation of Banks in the US, the UK, and the EU," Strathmore Law School, Nairobi, Kenya (online) (July 17, 2024)

"The Financial Stability Aspects of FinTech," Speaker & Panel Chair, Digital Assets: Private Law, Regulation and Practice Conference, University of Leeds (May 14, 2024)

"A Changing Legal Ecosystem: Chief Lessons for Large Law Firms in 2024," Panel Discussion, LegalTech in Leeds Conference (Apr. 18, 2024)

"Finance for Growth: The UK as a Competitive Marketplace," City of London Corporation Roundtable Discussion, Nexus, University of Leeds (June 15, 2023)

"AI in the Legal Department: Advantages and Risks," Panel Discussion, LegalTech in Leeds Conference (Apr. 26, 2023)

"Why Does Banking Regulation Repeatedly Fail and the Financial System Remains Existentially Fragile?," Panel Discussion, Alliance Manchester Business School & University of Manchester Centre for Law and Business (Apr. 20, 2023)

"Investor-State Disputes, International Finance, and Economic Crisis," Panel Discussion, International Law Weekend, American Branch of the International Law Association, New York, NY (Oct. 24, 2020)

"Bail-In or Bailout: What's Next? The Case of Italy," George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D.C. (Feb. 22, 2019)

"The European Aspects of Global Financial Developments and the Post-2008 Bank Bailouts," Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA (Apr. 20, 2017)

"Comparative Analysis of the Legal Framework of Bank Bailouts in the US and EU," Columbia Law School Visiting Scholars Forum, New York, NY (Apr. 12, 2017)

"Comparative Analysis of the Legal Framework of Bank Bailouts in the US and EU," Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY (Nov. 30, 2016)

Media Appearances, Podcasts & Interviews

Interviewee, "The Sovereign Rewrite, In Conversation With Virág Blazsek" by Eric Martin, *Conflicts & Capital, Center for International and Comparative Law (CICL), Emory Law School*, Atlanta, GA (2026)

Panelist, "Digital Assets Regulation in Ghana: Navigating Opportunities and Risks," *ABSA-UPSA Law School Quarterly Banking Roundtable XIV*, Ghana (online) (2026). Discussion subsequently quoted in multiple Ghanaian media outlets.

"The Two Forces Driving Legal Tech Growth: People and Power," *Research and Innovation Podcast Series, Leeds University Business School* (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) (2025) (with Danat Valizade). Accompanied by a published transcript and subsequently discussed in a LegalTech in Leeds Insights blog article.

"The Energy Policy Dimensions of LegalTech," *Leeds University Business School Research & Innovation Blog* (2025). Article based on Blazsek's keynote presentation at the LegalTech in Leeds Conference.

"Michael Beverley Innovation Fellowship Project Video: Leeds FinTech Hub Project" (2023)

Recorded Lectures

"Book Talk: Banking Bailout Law: A Comparative Study of the United States, United Kingdom and the European Union (Routledge, 2020)," *Berger International Speaker Series*, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY (2022)

"Panel Discussion on Banking Bailout Law: A Comparative Study of the United States, United Kingdom and the European Union (Routledge, 2020)," *Mile End Institute*, Queen Mary University of London (2021)

"Book Talk: Banking Bailout Law: A Comparative Study of the United States, United Kingdom and the European Union (Routledge, 2020)," *University of Deusto*, Bilbao, Spain (2021)

"The European Aspects of Global Financial Developments," *Faculty Seminar, Suffolk University School of Law*, Boston, MA (2017)

University of Leeds Institutional News Coverage

"The School of Law is delighted to congratulate Associate Professor Virág Blazsek on two important appointments," University of Leeds School of Law (July 30, 2026). Appointment to the list of arbitrators of the OHADA Common Court of Justice and Arbitration (CCJA) and to the Insolvency Scholars Forum of the Insolvency Law Academy.

"School of Law Academic Contributes to Singaporean Public Consultation on GenAI in Legal Services," University of Leeds School of Law (Oct. 28, 2025), featuring written feedback

Blazsek submitted to the Singapore Ministry of Law's public consultation on the use of generative artificial intelligence in legal services.

"Dr Virág Blazsek addresses AI in Financial Services in Parliamentary Inquiry," University of Leeds School of Law (July 24, 2025), featuring Blazsek's written evidence submitted to the UK Parliament Treasury Committee Inquiry on Artificial Intelligence in Financial Services.

"Dr Virág Blazsek writes vital chapter on Bank Resolution in Hungary," University of Leeds School of Law (June 30, 2025), highlighting Blazsek's contribution to the Bank of Italy Legal Research Paper Series.

"The energy policy dimensions of LegalTech," University of Leeds School of Law (June 19, 2025), featuring Blazsek's appointment as the academic lead for the LegalTech in Leeds 2025 conference and summarizing her keynote at the conference; "The Energy Policy Dimensions of LegalTech: A Crucial Foundation for a Thriving LegalTech Sector."

"Dr Virág Blazsek's book, Banking Bailout Law, continues to receive attention across various jurisdictions," University of Leeds School of Law (Jan. 25, 2023), featuring invited book talks and discussions at Cornell Law School, the University of Essex, the University of Deusto, and the Mile End Institute.

"Dr Blazsek secured Michael Beverley Innovation Fellowship funding for her Leeds Financial and FinTech Hub research project," University of Leeds School of Law (Jan. 11, 2023), featuring Blazsek's research project on mapping the Leeds FinTech ecosystem and the organization of the Leeds Financial and FinTech Law Conference on May 11, 2023.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATION

Co-organizer, 5th Conference on Financial Law and Regulation, Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds School of Law (June 24-25, 2026)

Co-organizer, 4th Conference on Financial Law and Regulation, City Law School, London (July 3, 2025)

Co-Organizer & Panel Chair, 2nd Workshop on The Future of Business Law: Diversifying Voices and Perspectives, Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds School of Law (Apr. 25, 2025)

Academic Lead & Keynote Speaker, LegalTech in Leeds Annual Conference (Apr. 24, 2025)

Co-Organizer, Seminar Series on New Technologies and Research Methods in Business Law (Semester 1, AY2024/25)

Co-organizer & Panel Chair, 1st Workshop on The Future of Business Law: Diversifying Voices and Perspectives, Durham Law School (May 1, 2024)

Organizer & Panel Chair, Leeds Financial and FinTech Law Conference, Transforming FinTech in Leeds: Lessons from the U.S. and Singaporean Models, Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds School of Law (May 11, 2023)

Co-organizer, University of Leeds Inaugural Conference on Recent Developments in Insolvency Law, Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds School of Law (May 2, 2022)

LAW SCHOOL TEACHING

University of Leeds

International Banking Law: Capital Markets and Loans	2025 – present
International Banking Law: The Regulatory Framework	2021 – present
International Corporate Insolvency Law	2023 – present
Central Issues in Arbitration	2023 – present
Law & Finance Master's Dissertation	2021 – present

Insolvency Law	2022 – 2023
Commercial Law	2021 – 2023
Contract Law I-II	2021 – 2023

Other Teaching

Fiscal and Financial Federalism in the EU, LLM in International and European Taxation, *Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law*, Budapest, Hungary (Spring 2022; Spring 2023)

Regulatory and Policy Environments, International Financial Regulation, Executive MBA, *Central European University*, Vienna, Austria (Spring 2021)

Corporate Finance, *Hult Business School*, Cambridge, MA (Fall 2020)

Teaching Fellow, *Budapest Business School*, Budapest, Hungary (Spring 2018)

LEEDS LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Deputy Director, Centre for Business Law and Practice	2024 – present
Research Committee Member (Associate Professors' Elected Representative)	2026 – present
Faculty Appointments Committee member	2023 – 2024
Study Abroad Programme Coordinator & International Committee member	2022 – 2025

PHD DISSERTATION SUPERVISION & COMMITTEE SERVICE

PhD Dissertation Supervision

Mr. Theophilus Tawiah ("Corporate Tax Incentives in Africa") (2024 – 2026, submitted, examination scheduled for Dec. 3, 2026)
Mr. Yile Qu ("The Fairness of Government-Led Bankruptcy Reorganization in China: The Protection of Creditors' Interests") (2023 – present, in final year)
Ms. Jingyi Chen ("ESG Motivated Corporate Governance: Attempting to Break the Stalemate of Short-termism?") (2023 – present, in final year)

PhD Committee Service

Panel Chair for Mr. Mohammed Aljonaidl, University of Leeds School of Law (2026)
Panel Chair for Mr. Matthew Chippin, University of Leeds School of Law (2025)
Panel Chair for Mr. Daniel Raya-Quero, Real Colegio de España, University of Bologna (2025)
Panel Chair for Mr. Ayush Dimri, University of Leeds School of Law (2024)
Panel Chair for Ms. Shuang Wang, University of Leeds School of Law (2024)

PhD Transfer Examination Committee Service

Panel Chair for Mr. Theophilus Tawiah, University of Leeds School of Law (2024)
Panel Member for Mr. Yile Qu, University of Leeds School of Law (2023)
Panel Member for Ms. Oluwabunmi Adaramola, University of Leeds School of Law (2023)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Artificial Intelligence, Risk Regulation, Law, and Policy (Brill) (2024 – present)

Book Proposal Reviews, peer-reviewed six book proposals on financial regulation, deposit insurance, bank resolution and insolvency topics for Routledge (2019 – 2025); peer-reviewed a book proposal on banking law for Edinburgh University Press (2026)

Article Peer-Reviews

Journal of Banking Regulation (2026)
Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies (2026)
Banking and Finance Law Review (2026)

Law and Financial Markets Review (twice, 2023)

AFFILIATIONS

Hungarian Arbitration Association (since 2025)
Society of Legal Scholars (since 2022)
Admitted to the Bar in Hungary (since 2008)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, New York, NY, *Associate Legal Officer* (2019 – 2020)

Winston & Strawn LLP, Paris, France, *Attorney* (2014)

OTP Bank Plc., Budapest, Hungary, *Senior In-house Counsel* (2007 – 2014)

Provident Financial Group, Budapest, Hungary, *In-house Counsel* (2007)

Csillag, Keszthelyi and Partners LLP, Budapest, Hungary, *Associate* (2005 – 2007)

Central District Court of Budapest, Hungary, *Legal Intern* (Summer 2004)

Ministry of Education of Hungary, Budapest, Hungary, *Legal Intern* (Summer 2001)

LANGUAGES

English; Spanish; German; Hungarian