

ANDRÁS VOLOM

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'Anarchy is what [we] make of it' – Alexander Wendt with a twist

EDUCATION

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY, SCHWARZMAN COLLEGE (2020-2021)

Master of Management Science in Global Affairs, GPA 4.0

- Thesis applying the ancient Chinese political theory of Just Hierarchy to EU enlargement and integration policy
- The first Schwarzman Scholar from Hungary, selected from a pool of 4700 applicants (2.8% success rate)

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON (2015-2018)

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, First Class Honours

- Dissertation on how democratic backsliding & ethno-nationalism affect the norm trajectory of 'Responsibility to Protect'
- Intercollegiate Student at the London School of Economics in democracy and democratisation studies
- Awarded 'Associateship of King's College' (AKC) in ethical, religious and cultural studies

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

DR. VOLOM DENTAL & MEDICAL KFT. (2021-)

Chief Executive Officer

- Took charge of two family companies of 20 employees in the medical sector, nearing insolvency
- Successfully recovered financial stability within 6 months, redistributing spending and increasing revenues by 30%
- Developed new business and sales strategies, in the process of building teams to meet new demands

VISEGRAD FOR SUSTAINABILITY • V4SDG (2018-)

Founder & President

- Built the first international non-profit strengthening sustainability cooperation between the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia (V4) across the public, private and civil sectors, as well as academia, focused on the SDGs
- Organised intersectoral conferences and workshops in 4 countries, managing 100+ volunteers
- Published 'V4 Vision for Sustainability', 15 actions to inspire dialogue on rethinking the V4 as a sustainability cooperation
- Advised private and public actors on their sustainability and sustainability cooperation strategies
- Currently developing the first sustainability news aggregation and actor database platform of the region

NGOS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (2020-)

Crisis Supply Chain Advisor

- Arranged the rapid acquisition and delivery of ambulances to Eastern Ukraine for a Canadian NGO
- Supplied India's largest crowdfunding platform with oxygen concentrators during the Indian COVID-19 crisis
- Sourced and delivered high-quality PPE for Hungarian municipalities in the first wave of COVID-19

REPRESENTATION EXPERIENCE

UNITED NATIONS • GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY (2016-2017)

First Youth Delegate of Hungary to the UN

- Tasked with designing and establishing the UN Youth Delegate Programme of Hungary after 3 years of lobbying
- Delivered official statements, co-organised 6 side events and 20+ background discussions at the GA, ECOSOC, COP 22, and the High-Level Political Forum, representing young Hungarians on issues related to sustainable development
- Personally consulted 1000+ young Hungarians on their sustainability priorities in all of our 19 counties
- Advised the Ministry of Human Capacities on the new National Youth Strategy and sustainability engagement
- Contributed to the first Voluntary National Review of Hungary on Agenda 2030 progress, adding a youth section

GROUP OF 7 • EUROPEAN UNION (2019)

Head of the EU Youth Delegation to G7

- Coordinated the work of youth delegates working in four committees on climate, inequality, gender and the economy
- Co-drafted and signed the 'Call to Action for a Fair Future', addressing 116 recommendations to the Leaders of G7

COUNCIL OF EUROPE (2017)

Youth Representative in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

- Addressed the 32nd and 33rd sessions on the Congress, highlighting the lacking involvement of the Council of Europe in sustainability issues from a rights perspective
- Worked with youth delegates to provide the Congress with recommendations on inclusion, youth and sustainability

LANGUAGE SKILLS

● ● ● ● ● ENGLISH

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SOCIAL SKILLS

● ● ● ● ● NETWORK

● ● ● ● ● GLOBAL

● ● ● ● ● MUSIC

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PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

VARIOUS CONFERENCES & FORA (2014-)

Keynote Speaker, Moderator, Trainer

Given talks on sustainability and global affairs, including at high-level conferences, such as Web Summit: FORUM, OxFID, World Skills, or the Economic Forum in Krynica, delivered guest lectures at universities in Hungary and abroad, as well as holding sustainability and leadership trainings for young politicians in Lebanon and the Western Balkans with the Robert Schuman Institute.

ANDRASVOLOM.COM (2020-)

Writing and Blogging

Launched a blog where I offer occasional commentary on world affairs and various issues, including the war in Ukraine, the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, sustainability, and identity. Previously a regular contributor at the first online foreign affairs journal of Hungary, kitekinto.hu.

BUDAPEST GLOBAL (2020-)

Contributor and Member

I was one of the initial contributors in shaping the concept of Budapest Global, an advisory organisation set up by the Mayor's Office to improve the capital's openness and global connections. Currently a member of the sustainability chapter, working with local stakeholders from business and academia on developing proposals.

GLOBAL SHAPERS, WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM (2018-)

Curator of the Budapest Hub and Member

Elected vice curator and curator of the Budapest Hub from 2018-2020 on a mandate of rebuilding membership and preventing the group's delisting. In two years, we rebuilt internal structures and carried out projects on the fourth industrial revolution and sustainability.

EUROPEAN PARTNERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (2019-2020)

Board Member

Worked with the EPE lobbying the European stakeholders to devote greater attention to the sustainability agenda in the 2027 MFF, to adopt a sustainability-focused commission structure and to embrace inclusive governance.

SWEDISH EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST & SIDA (2017-2019)

Gender Equality Advocacy in Hungary & #HeForShe

Cooperated with the Swedish Embassy in Budapest on establishing an informal coalition of advocates interested in involving men in efforts to achieve gender equality, and subsequently worked with the Swedish International Development Agency as a member of the Global Feminist Lab to help refine Sweden's feminist foreign policy.

FUTURE: HUNGARY CONFERENCE (2016)

Co-Founder

Participated in the first organising team of the largest Hungarian careers conference in the United Kingdom, held at the University of Cambridge, responsible for participation management.

RECENT RECOGNITIONS

- Leader of Tomorrow – St. Gallen Symposium (2022)
- Jury Member of the Business World for Diversity Award – Hungarian Business Leaders Forum (2021)
- Schwarzman Scholar – Tsinghua University, Schwarzman College (2020)
- Member of the Krynica 30 Advisory Group – The Eastern Institute (2019)
- Scholar – European Forum Alpbach (2019)
- Future European Leader – Prague European Summit (2019)
- Nordic Goodwill Ambassador – Embassies of the Nordic Countries in Budapest (2018)
- Emerald – Boston Consulting Group Talent Programme (2016)