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# The Situation of Hungarian Diaspora as a Central - Eastern European Phenomenon

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# Borders of Central-Eastern Europe

- A unique socio-economic and cultural block
  - *Can be divided into cultural segments*

- Culture of CEE:

- *What does 'Central' mean?*
- *What does 'Eastern' mean?*
- *The issue of the Balkans*
- *Many small states with diverse historical background*
- *The 'two borders' phenomenon*

Source: Jarjabka, 2014



# Minority versus diaspora

- **APPADURAI (1995):**
  - *appreciation of diasporas*
- **KYMLICKA (1995):**
  - *national minorities vs ethnic groups*
  - *autochthony vs. migrational origin*
- **KEMÉNYFI (2006):**
  - *autochthon (aboriginal, native) vs.*
  - *allochthon (immigrant, diaspora)*

# The definition of autochthonous minorities

## Differentiation of minorities based on Hungarian examples:

- *ethnic minorities:* Gypsies
- *national minorities:* Croats
- *minorities based on linguistic differences:* Swabian (German) people
- *religious minorities* Jewish communities

+1 based on geographic concentration:  
*block or bulk vs. sporadic minority*

# The criterias of diaspora communities

## Minority communities living far away from their home country:

- (1) **dispersed** from one original centre into at least two peripheral places,
- (2) **preserve** the memory, vision or myth of their original native country,
- (3) **think** that they are not accepted entirely in the host country,
- (4) consider their **homeland** (kin state) as a place of re-entry,
- (5) feel **commitment** to the survival or reconstruction of their native country,
- (6) and the continuous **connection** with their homeland defines the consciousness and cohesion of the immigrant minority significantly.

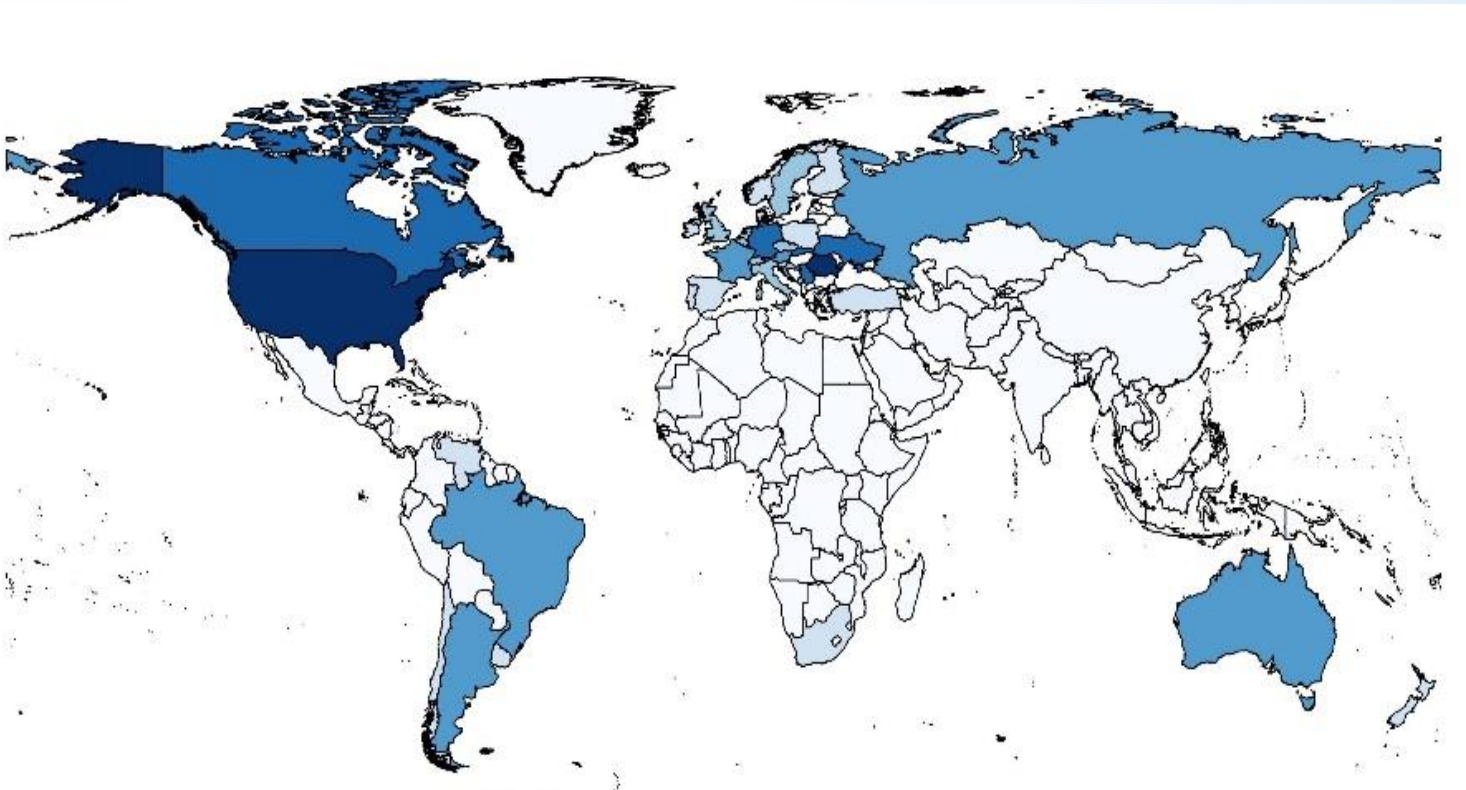
Source: Safran (1991)

## Sense of identity of the diaspora



# Dual identity

- Individual vs. Social identity



- Key elements: language – religion - traditions

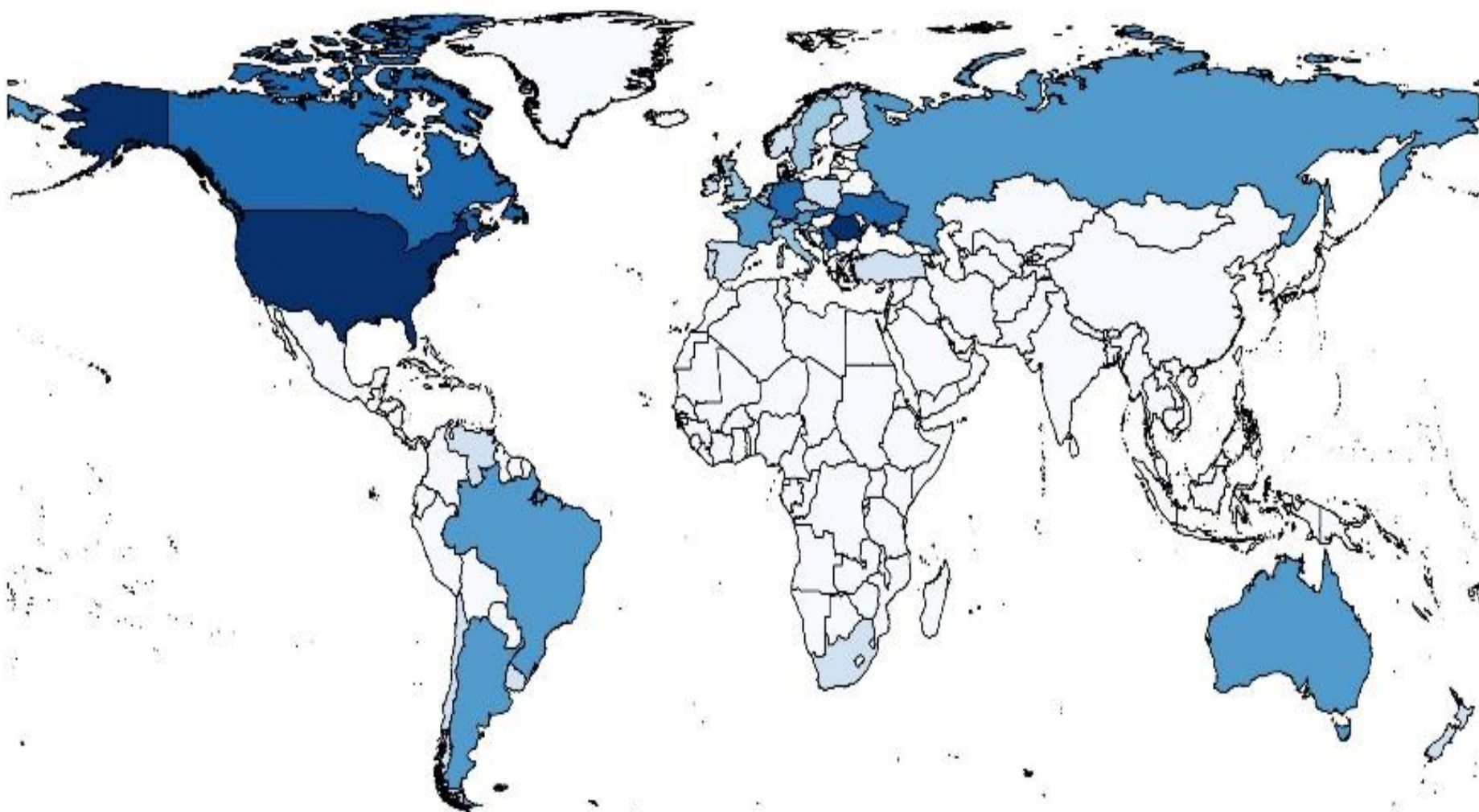
# The geographical situation of Hungarian minorities



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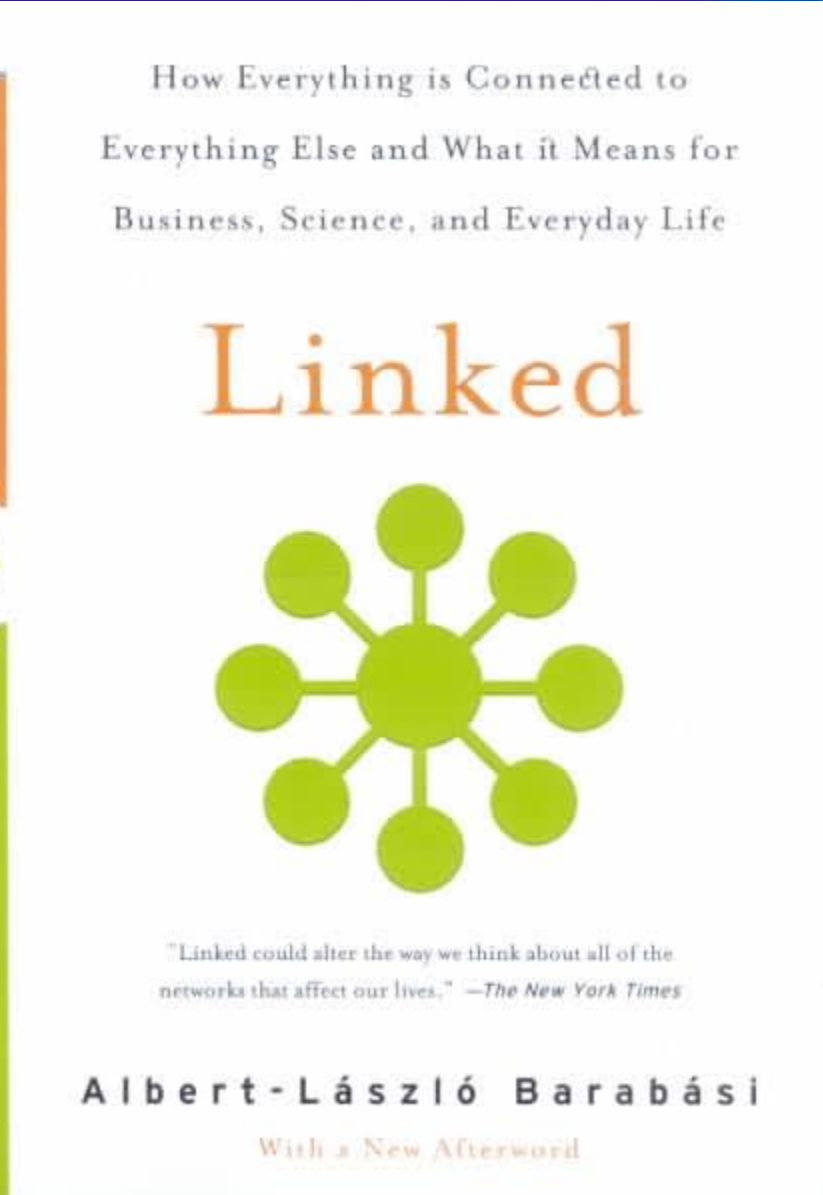
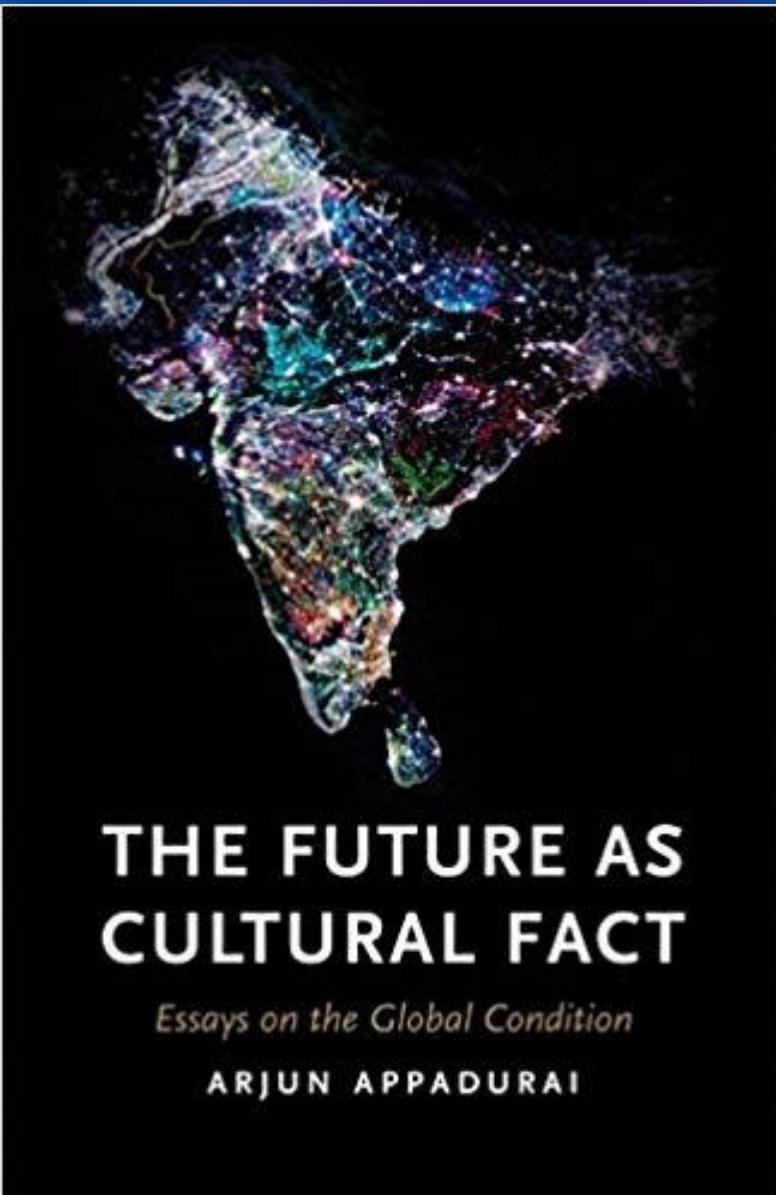


# Situation of Hungarian diaspora communities in the world





# The role of networks in preserving the identity of diaspora communities



# Foundation of the University of Pécs

- First university in Hungary – founded in 1367 by Anjou Louis I. (Great Louis)
- one of the first universities in Central-Eastern Europe
- UP in present days:
  - *10 faculties,*
  - *2,000 lecturers and researchers,*
  - *20 000 students,*
  - *more than 4.000 international students*





# University of Pécs Diaspora Project Network



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# The objectives of the Network





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## PTE DIASPORA PROJECT NETWORK Founding Charta

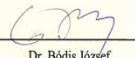
The University of Pécs (referred to as: PTE) is celebrating its 650<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the help of the Pécs dioceses and the city of Pécs. The program is supported by the Hungarian Government in the 2029/2015. (XII.29.) decision. Furthermore, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2017, September the first will be the day of Hungarian Education in memorial of the foundation of our university by the Parliament in 6/2016. (IV.5.) decision.

In the event of the Jubilee program of the University of Pécs we appeal to the national, scientific and cultural society organizations abroad and their representatives to join the PTE Diaspore Project Network (hereinafter referred as Network) which is the part of the PTE Diaspore project. The network aims to create a long-term cooperation for nation's political objectives and mutual benefits for Hungarians and Hungarians abroad. The University of Pécs treats this as a priority and offers the followings:


- Improving in the field of education of students with Hungarian identity, training and talent management in the PTE facilities with the aim of after returning to their homeland becoming a role model and useful members of the Hungarian community,
- Hungarian as a foreign language teaching,
- The provision in scientific field of teaching a new scientific generation, which contributes the quality, renewal and widening of teaching staff for Hungarians beyond borders,
- Joint initiatives in areas of research, definition of the innovation programs and the involvement to the Hungarian scientific and cultural legacy on an international level,
- The organization to reach the jointly defined objectives for resource generating activities,
- The coordination of the communication network by creating an online platform,
- Regular consultation and thematic forums held about the topics mentioned above on the Network meetings.

The PTE Diaspore Project Network intends to help those who would like to join to achieve the objects above for organizations and for legal and private individuals by signing the declaration of intent. The first event will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2017 in the context of PTE 650 Jubilee program called Hungarians II. Cultural World conference.

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# Summary

- Co-existence of cultures is only possible in a mutually tolerant environment!
- Main elements of cultural identity preservation in diaspora communities
  - ✓ *maintaining community connections with the home country*
  - ✓ *active use of common language*
  - ✓ *free and active religious practice*
  - ✓ *respect and preservation of traditions*
  - ✓ *being proud of dual identity*

# Thank you for your kind attention, NAMASTE!

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