

# János Kornai

## Curriculum Vitae

### Personal

Born: January 21, 1928, Budapest, Hungary

Nationality: Hungarian

Married: Zsuzsa Dániel, economist

Three children: Gábor Kornai, Judit Weibull and András Kornai

### 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  
Krakow University of Economics, Honorary Doctor, 2008

#### Prizes and Other Honors

Academic Award, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1970, 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  
John von Neumann Medal, awarded by the student body of Rajk László College for Advanced Study,  
Budapest University of Economics, 1997  
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  
Lifetime Achievement Award, awarded by the Hungarian Economic Association, 2008

#### 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