

## **Hungarian Studies Association of Canada Jubilee Sessions, June 13-14, 2026**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 432 Sheppard Ave East, Toronto - Preliminary program**

### **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**17:00-17:10 Arrival**

**17:10-17:40 40 years of the HSAC (Oliver Botar – Katalin Kürtösi)**

**17:40-18:00 The past and present of the *Hungarian Studies Review* (Steven Jobbitt)**

**18:00-18:15 Coffee break**

**18:15-19:15 Reading with celebrated Hungarian-Canadian authors Anna Porter, Endre Farkas and Joseph Kertes. Moderator: Katalin Kürtösi**

**19:30-21:00 Dinner with live music**

### **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00-10:50 Session 1: Memories of 1956 in literary works (Moderator t.b.a.)**

- **1956 Escape Stories in Novels by Hungarian-Canadian authors (Katalin Kürtösi)**
- **Writing from Exile: Diasporic Ethics and Hungarian Memory in George Jonas's *Beethoven's Mask* (Krisztina Kodó)**

**11:00-12:10 Reading (in Hungarian) with Oliver Botar, Z. S. Man, Rita Soltesz and Toby Sass. Moderator: Anikó Antal**

**12:20-13:00 Lunch break**

**13:00-14:30 Session 2: Perspectives of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution**

- **The Role of *Oral History* in Researching the Hungarian State Security Services of Socialist Hungary: Examples, Methods, Outcomes (András Szécsényi)**
- **Untold Stories - Memories Untold (Marta Novák)**
- **"Lived Experience: A psychiatrist looks back on his childhood in Hungary, 1943-1956" (Frank G. Sommers)**
- **Hungarian Refugees in Portugal: Navigating the Politics of Salazar's *Estado Novo* (Steve Jobbitt)**

**14:30-14:50 Presentation on Hungarian Professional Associations in Toronto (Marta Novák)**

**14:50-15:00 President's Closing Remarks (Agatha Schwartz)**

**15:00-15:10 Coffee break**

**15:10-16:00 Book launch (in Hungarian) and socializing with Anikó Antal and Agatha (Ágota) Schwartz. Moderator: Ilona Sándor.**

*Conference registration will open on the HSAC website on April 10. Registration fee: \$50 (regular), \$40 (retired, students, underemployed). The registration fee includes access to all sessions and coffee breaks with refreshments. It also gives access to the online part of the HSAC annual conference taking part on June 10-11 via Zoom (details later). Dinner and lunch are not included in the registration fee and can be paid on site.*