

Dr. Vera Vértesi

Curriculum Vitae

🏠 Faculty of Mathematics
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

low dimensional topology, contact and symplectic geometry, knots, tangles, Heegaard Floer homology, TQFT

POSITIONS

2020 – PRESENT **University of Vienna**, Assistant Professor
2014 – 2019 **CNRS** (French National Center for Scientific Research)
Université de Strasbourg – Researcher (CR1)
2012 – 2014 **CNRS** (French National Center for Scientific Research)
Université de Nantes – Researcher (CR2)
2010 – 2012 **MIT**, Cambridge, USA
CLE Moore Instructor (Postdoc)
2009 – 2010 **MSRI**, Berkeley, USA
Postdoc
2009 **Alfréd Rényi Institute**, Budapest
Young Researcher (Postdoc)

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

2016–2020 **ANR**: Quantum topology and contact geometry
2011–2015 **NSF grant PI** (126.256 USD):
Contact manifolds and Heegaard Floer homology
2010–2014 **OTKA**: Topology of Manifolds
2009–2013 **OTKA**: Complexity and Algebra
2007–2010 **OTKA**: Discrete and Continuous
2007–2009 **OTKA**: Singularities and Holomorphic geometry

ACADEMIC VISITS

MAY–AUG, 2018 **Australian National University**, Canberra
APR–JUNE, 2017 **Newton Institute**, Cambridge, UK
OCT–NOV, 2015 **Institute Mittag-Leffler**, Stockholm
APR–MAY, 2014 **Alfréd Rényi Institute**, Budapest
JAN–FEB, 2014 **University of California**, Santa Barbara
JULY–AUG, 2013 **University of California**, Santa Barbara
MAY, 2013 **Simons Center for Geometry and Physics**,
Stony Brook
APR, 2013 **University of California**, Santa Barbara
JAN–FEB, 2013 **University of California**, Santa Barbara
JULY, 2012 **Alfréd Rényi Institute**, Budapest
SEP–DEC, 2011 **Institute for Advanced Study**, Princeton
MAY, 2009 **University of Cape Town**, South Africa
SEP–OCT, 2008 **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta
OCT, 2007–MAY, 2008 **Columbia University**, New York
SEP–OCT, 2007 **University of Cape Town**, South Africa
OCT 2005–MAR, 2006 **ETH**, Zürich
OCT–NOV, 2004 **Babes-Bolyai University**, Cluj, Romania

EDUCATION

2005 – 2009 **ELTE** (Eötvös Loránd University), Budapest
23.AUG.2009 **Ph.D. in Mathematics**, Summa Cum Laude
2000 – 2005 **ELTE** (Eötvös Loránd University), Budapest
Diploma with Honours in Mathematics
1996 – 2000 **Fazekas Mihály Secondary School**, Budapest
Special Program in Mathematics

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 **Microsoft Research Family Fellowship**
ICERM, Providence
2017 **Simons Fellow**, Newton Institute, Cambridge
2014 **Prime d'Excellence Scientifique**
3 year grant of the CNRS
2011 **American Women in Mathematics** travel grant
2008 **Eötvös Fellowship**, Hungarian Ministry of Education
2005 **Pro Scientia Gold Medal**, awarded every two years
Excellent Student Award, Eötvös Loránd University
2004 **Rényi Kató Award**, Bolyai János Mathematical Society

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Hungarian (native), English (C2), French (B2), German (B1)

SYNERGIC ACTIVITIES

2020 **Panelist** for the National Science Foundation
2019 **Project leader** Women in Symplectic and Contact
Geometry and Topology, **ICERM**
2012 **AMS special session** on Symplectic and Contact
Geometry

STUDENT SUPERVISION

2021–PRESENT Willi Kepplinger, **graduate student**,
2021–PRESENT Eric Stenhede, **graduate student**,
2016–PRESENT Viktoria Földvári, **graduate student**,
ELTE (Eötvös Loránd University), Budapest
2020 Willi Kepplinger, **master student**,
University of Vienna
2016–2017 Pierre Antoine Oria, **master student** (M2),
Université de Strasbourg
2012 Raaez Lorgat,
undergraduate research opportunity, MIT

PERSONAL

I was born on 13 April 1982 in Budapest, Hungary. My husband is from Linz, Austria. We have two wonderful daughters, Zsófi (2015) and Kinga (2017). I love biking, hiking and snowboarding.

PUBLICATIONS LIST

- [15] **Quantum $gl(r|r)$ and tangle Floer homology** (with A.P. Ellis and I. Petkova) accepted to *Advances of Mathematics*, arXiv:1510.03483 <http://irma.math.unistra.fr/~vertesi/quantum.pdf>
- [14] **Combinatorial tangle Floer homology** (with I. Petkova), *Geometry & Topology*, 20:3219–3332, 2016. (2 citations) <http://irma.math.unistra.fr/~vertesi/tangle.pdf>
- [13] **On the equivalence of Legendrian and transverse invariants in knot Floer homology**, (with J. Baldwin, D.S. Vela-Vick) *Geometry & Topology*, 17:905–924, 2013. (5 citations) <http://irma.math.unistra.fr/~vertesi/lossgrid.pdf>
- [12] **Legendrian and transverse twist knots** (with J. Etnyre and L. Ng) *Journal of the European Mathematical Society*, 15:969–995, 2013. (13 citations) <http://irma.math.unistra.fr/~vertesi/twist.pdf>
- [11] **On invariants for legendrian knots.** (with A. Stipsicz) *Pacific Journal of Mathematics*, Vol.239 1:157–177, 2009. (10 citations) <http://irma.math.unistra.fr/~vertesi/contactinvariant.pdf>
- [10] **Legendrian satellites** (with J. Etnyre) *International Mathematics Research Notices*, 23:7241–7304, 2018
- [9] **An introduction to tangle Floer homology** (with I. Petkova) *Proceedings of the Gökova Geometry-Topology Conference 2015*, 168–186, 2016.
- [8] **A self-pairing theorem for tangle Floer homology** (with I. Petkova) *Algebraic & Geometric Topology*, 16:2127–2141, 2016.
- [7] **The equivalence problem over finite rings** (with Cs. Szabó) *International Journal of Algebra and Computation*, 21:449–457, 2011. (5 citations)
- [6] **Knots and smooth 3–manifolds – Heegaard Floer homology** (in Hungarian) *Matematikai Lapok, Új sorozat*, 17:35–73, 2011.
- [5] **Checking identities over finite 0-simple semigroups** (in Hungarian) *Matematikai Lapok, Új sorozat*, 13:54–75, 2008.
- [4] **Transversely nonsimple knots** *Algebraic & Geometric Topology*, 8:1481–1498, 2008. (7 citations)
- [3] **The membership problem in finite flat hypergraph algebras** (with G. Kun) *International Journal of Algebra and Computation*, 17:449–459, 2007. (4 citations)
- [2] **The complexity of checking identities for finite matrix rings** (with Cs. Szabó) *Algebra Universalis*, 51:439–445, 2004. (8 citations)
- [1] **The complexity of the word-problem for finite matrix rings** (with Cs. Szabó) *Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society*, 132:3689–3695, 2004. (8 citations)

PREPRINTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- **Braids in contact 3–manifolds**, Winter Braids Lecture Notes 4. (2017), Winter Braids VII (Caen, 2017), 4:1–23
- **The complexity of the identity checking problem in 0-simple semigroups** (in Russian, with S. Pletseva) *Journal of Ural State University*, 43:72–103, 2006.
- **Additivity of support norm for tight contact structures** (submitted to Journal of Differential Geometry) arXiv:1902.08030
- **Foliated Open books** (with J. Licata) arXiv:2002.01752
- **Contact Invariant in bordered Floer homology** (with I. Petkova, A. Alishahi, V. Földvári, K. Hendricks and J. Licata)
- **Lattice homology for links** (with A. Stipsicz)

INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS

- JUNE, 2020 **Interactions of gauge theory with contact and symplectic topology in dimensions 3 and 4**, (Online) Banff, Canada
- JUNE, 2020 **Holomorphic curves and low-dimensional topology**, Dubrovnik, Croatia (canceled due to COVID-19)
- AUG, 2019 **Durham Symposium**, Durham, UK
- JUL, 2019 **Frontiers in Floer homology**, Boston, USA
- JUL, 2019 **Women in Symplectic and Contact Geometry and Topology workshop, IMPA**, Providence, USA
- JUNE, 2017 **Swissmap - Women in Geometry and Topology**, Zürich, Switzerland

- JAN, 2017 **CAST - Contact and Symplectic Topology**, Nantes, France
 SEP, 2016 **1 and half day for 2-categories and 3-manifolds**, Montpellier, France
 SEP, 2016 **British Topology Meeting**, Glasgow, Scotland
 JUNE, 2016 **SMF 2016 : Premier Congrès de la Société Mathématique de France**, Tours, France
 MAY, 2014 **Low Dimensional Topology**, Budapest, Hungary
 SEP, 2013 **British Topology Meeting**, Aberdeen, Scotland
 DEC, 2012 **Symplectic and Low Dimensional Topologies in Interaction**, Simons Center, Stony Brook, USA
 JULY, 2010 **7th Bolyai-Lobachevsky-Gauss conference**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
 MAY, 2010 **Knots, Contact Geometry and Floer Homology**, University of Tokyo, Japan
 JAN, 2010 **Introductory Workshop: Homology Theories of Knots and Links**, MSRI, Berkeley, USA
 JAN, 2010 **Connections for Women: Homology Theories of Knots and Links**, MSRI, Berkeley, USA
 SEP, 2009 **AIM Workshop: Legendrian and transverse knots**, Palo Alto, USA
 MAY, 2008 **2008 Program for Women in Mathematics**, IAS, Princeton, USA
 JULY, 2007 **Conference on Universal Algebra and Lattice Theory**, Szeged, Hungary
 JULY, 2005 **Conference on Universal Algebra and Lattice Theory**, Szeged, Hungary
 JULY, 2004 **Logic Colloquium 2004**, Torino, Italy
 MAY, 2004 **International Algebraic Conference**, Moscow, Russia
 AUG, 2003 **Novi Sad Algebraic Conference**, Novi Sad, Serbia
 JUL, 2002 **Conference on Universal Algebra and Lattice Theory**, Szeged, Hungary

SEMINAR TALKS

- 2020 Alfréd Rényi Institute (online), BACH–Bochum, Aachen, Cologne, Heidelberg (online)
 Western Hemisphere virtual symplectic seminar
 2019 Symplectix (Université Paris-Sud 11), Université de Strasbourg, Imperial College
 2018 Alfréd Rényi Institute, Australian National University, Monash University, University of Sydney, University of Geneva
 2017 Newton Institute, Université Paris Rive Gauche (Paris 7), University of Vienna
 2016 Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris 6), Université Paris Rive Gauche (Paris 7), University of Regensburg
 2015 University of Cambridge, Mittag–Leffler Institute, University of Heidelberg
 2014 University of Heidelberg, Université de Strasbourg, Alfréd Rényi Institute, Hungarian Academy of Science
 2013 Symplectix (Université Paris-Sud 11), University of California Santa Barbara, Université Joseph Fourier (Grenoble),
 Alfréd Rényi Institute (Budapest)
 2012 IST Austria, Université Catholique de Louvain, Université de Rennes, Université de Nantes
 2011 Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Harvard University, Université de Nantes,
 University of Southern California, University of Georgia
 2010 Boston College, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MIT, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Southern California,
 Alfréd Rényi Institute
 2009 MSRI, Georgia Institute of Technology, Alfréd Rényi Institute
 2008 Georgia Institute of Technology, Alfréd Rényi Institute, Columbia University, Duke University, University of Georgia
 2005 ETH Zürich
 2004 University of Novi Sad
 2003 Alfréd Rényi Institute, Attila József University (Szeged)

GRADUATE TEACHING

- 2017 **Lecturer**, “Braids in contact geometry”, Winter Braids VII, Caen, week long program on braids
 2016 **Lecturer**, “Legendrian knots”, CEU Summer University, Budapest, week long program in low dimensional topology
 2009 **Reading seminar on bordered Floer Homology**, Alfréd Rényi Institute, Budapest
 2009 **Seminar on higher dimensional open books**, MSRI, Berkeley
 2009 **Problem session** on Summer Graduate Workshop: Symplectic and Contact Geometry and Topology, MSRI, Berkeley
 2008 **Mini course on Heegaard Floer homology**, Cape Town University, South Africa

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

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- 2021 **Lecturer, Contact Topology** (3), University of Vienna
 - 2020 **Lecturer, Algebraic Topology** (4+1), University of Vienna
 - 2020 **Lecturer, Differential Topology** (2), University of Vienna
 - 2012 **Lecturer, Introduction to Topology**, MIT
 - 2011–2012 **Teaching Assistant, Multivariable Calculus with Theory**, MIT
 - 2010 **Course Administrator, Linear Algebra**, MIT
 - 2009 **Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Topology**, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
 - 2002, 2007 **Teaching Assistant, Linear Algebra and Geometry**, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
 - 2003–2004 **Teaching Assistant, Galois Theory**, Budapest Semester of Mathematics
 - 2003–2004 **Teaching Assistant, Number Theory**, Budapest Semester of Mathematics
 - 2001–2005 **Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Computer Science**, Budapest University of Technology and Economics

TEACHING CHILDREN

- 2014 **Camp Euclid**, online summer research camp for 10-19-year-olds
- 2013, 2014 **Fête de la Science**, a day of mathematical activities for 10-16-year old children, Strasbourg and Nantes
- 2012 weekly **Math Circle** for 8-10-year-old children, Graham Parks and School, Cambridge, USA
- 2011 15-minute **video** for **Girls' Angle** Women in Mathematics Video Series
- 2009–2010 talks on various **Math circles** in Berkeley, San Francisco and Boston
- 1997–1999 weekly **Problem Solving Seminar**, for 12-14-year-old children, Fazekas Mihály Secondary School, Budapest