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Selected Recent Publications

- (2006) Növekedési függvények, társadalmi diffúzió, társadalmi változás, (Growth functions, social diffusion, and social change) Szociológiai Szemle, No. 3.
- (2006) A szenzáció, az örökzöld és a gumicsont (Sensation, Evergreen,) Jel-Kép No 3-4.
- (2007) Historical dimensions of political clientelism in Greece, in Fokasz (ed) Political clientelism as a social network in Greece (ed.) Új Mandátum Publishing Co.
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