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## **Lajos Racz on "An Environmental History of Hungary"**

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Lajos Rácz has specialized in climate and environmental history researches since 1985. He obtained his doctoral degree in 1995, and received the title of *Doctorat* of Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 2004. He participated in several research trips in the course of his researcher career, the most important of which were to the Historical Institute of Bern University, École des Hautes Études en Science Sociales in Paris, the Geographical Institute of Masaryk University in Brno, and the Research Institute of the Dutch Academy in Wassenaar (NIAS). His research involves the reconstruction of climatic and environmental changes based on documentary sources since the late Middle Ages. Recently, his research activities have focussed on the examination of the modern subsistence systems. The main goal of his scholarship in Munich was the completion of the manuscript of a concise environmental history book about Hungary in English.



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