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## Social integration and disintegration of the Hungarian society

The lecture will present an ambitious project aimed to explore integration and disintegration of Hungarian society from a sociological perspective. We analysed the social processes of the last decades, and offered an interpretation of how Hungarian society works as a frame or context for the explanation of recent problems of that society. We aimed to explore how stratification, value structure, the everyday working of social institutions (the labour market, legal system, education, healthcare system, etc.), the social relations and organizations (family and the communities) and the public discourse contribute to the fragmentation or, in other cases, the integration of Hungarian society.

In the last years, researches on social stratification gained a new research agenda. The new empirical and theoretical works have even more underlined the need for a radically new approach to social problems. Researches tried to argue in favour of the traditional, occupation-based models of social inequalities and the revitalizing of

class analysis, or in favour of finding new aspects of social stratification in the context of social integration and disintegration. Social integration is crucial for the possibility of decreasing social inequalities, increasing the possibility of mobility and common understanding, or, through the latter, establishing collective actions.



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