

Elemér Hankiss

Curriculum Vitae

Elemér Hankiss was born in 1928 in Hungary. The outstanding sociologist was studying at the Budapest University (1950-54), and made his Doctorate in Philosophy in 1962, and his PhD in 1975. After his first doctorate Elemér Hankiss was Professor of English Culture and Civilization at the University of Szeged and Senior researcher at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Literary and HAS Institute of Sociology. He has been teaching at various universities including The University of Budapest, Faculty of Law; Stanford University; Georgetown University; Central European University; European University Institute, Florence; Harvard University; Yale University; Collège de France; Université de Genève; Diplomatische Akademie, Vienna; and since 2003 he is also a professor at the College of Europe, Bruges.

Elemér Hankiss used to be director of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Sociology; Chairman of the Hungarian Public Television; and Senior Scientist of the Gallup Organisation (Princeton). At the present he is the President of the Senate of the Budapest College of Communication; Senior fellow of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Political Science; and Chairman of the Board of Gallup-Europe.

The main fields of research of Elemér Hankiss are: Social values and belief systems; Contemporary Western civilization; Contemporary mythologies; The sociology of consumer civilization.

Outstanding recent publication of Professor Hankiss are: *East European Alternatives* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990); *The Human Adventure: An Essay in the Theory of Culture* (Budapest: Helikon, 1997); *Proletarian Renaissance - An Essay in Contemporary Civilization* (Osiris, 1999); *Fears and Symbols - An Introduction to the Study of Western Civilization* (Budapest: Central European University Press, 2001); *The Toothpaste of Immortality; Self-Construction in the Consumer Age* (Baltimore - Washington: The Johns Hopkins University Press – The Woodrow Wilson Center Press).