

Preface

Éva Kincses-Nagy was born on 6 June 1955 in Hódmezővásárhely (Hungary). After completing her primary and secondary education, she studied Hungarian Language and Literature, History and Altaic Languages (Turkology) at the József Attila University in Szeged. She received her MA degree in 1982. She was invited by the chair of the Department of Altaic Studies, Professor András Róna-Tas, to work on building up the new department at the József Attila University (Szeged). She taught at that university and its legal successors until her retirement. First, she worked as an assistant lecturer, then as a senior lecturer after defending her doctoral dissertation. She took an active part in the projects “Onomastica Turcica” and “Question of origin and social consciousness between the two world wars in Hungary”. Between 1985 and 1995 she was on leave for raising her children. She defended her PhD dissertation entitled ‘Mongol elements of Chagatay literary language’ (Summa cum laude) in 2009. She was appointed assistant professor in 2010. She was then appointed Hungarian lecturer at Ankara University in the Department of Hungarology from 2011 to 2016. She returned to the Department of Altaic Studies in 2016 and has worked there since, publishing an outstanding monograph in English, teaching different courses and helping the development of the international relations of the departments and the University of Szeged.

Her outstanding scholarly work is well known internationally and widely appreciated. Her studies have been published in Turkish, Hungarian and English.¹ She has presented papers at approximately thirty international and Hungarian conferences and organized several conferences.

The magnum opus of Éva Kincses-Nagy is the monography entitled *Mongolic Copies in Chaghatay* published in 2018. It contains a list of about 350 words, each entry consists of the Chagatay data and the phonological reconstruction of the copied Middle Mongolic word along with its morphological structure. The Mongolian linguistic elements in the Turkic languages was the consequence of the formation and existence of the Mongol Empire in the 13th–15th centuries when a huge Mongolic lexical stock entered into the Middle Turkic languages and dialects. She gathered the complete lexicon of words of Mongolic origin in Chagatay (15th – 19th centuries).²

She has given lectures and led seminars at the BA, MA and PhD levels for Hungarian and foreign students in Hungarian, English and Turkish. Her courses

1 For a complete list of her publication see: <https://m2.mtmt.hu/gui2/?type=authors&mode=browse&sel=10007783&paging=1;1000>

2 Éva Kincses-Nagy, *Mongolic Copies in Chaghatay*. (Turcologica 115). Wiesbaden, Harrassowitz Verlag, 2018. 292 pp.

covered the following topics: Introduction to Altaic Studies, Introduction into Turkology, Comparative and Historical Turkology; Turkic-Mongolian language contacts; Turkic loanwords in Hungarian, History of the Turkic speaking Peoples, Reading Middle Turkic texts written in Arabic Script, Turkish language, Descriptive Turkish Grammar; Cultural history of the Turkic speaking peoples; Hungarian language for foreigners. She has supervised several theses and dissertations of Hungarian and foreign BA, MA and PhD students.

She is actively involved in public scientific life. She was the editor and co-editor of different monographs (*Őstörténet és nemzettudat, 1919-1931.* 1991, Róna-Tas, András, *A magyarság korai története.* 1995, *Néptörténet – Nyelvtörténet.* Eds. László Károly and Éva Kincses-Nagy. 2001 and *The Szeged Conference.* Eds. Éva Kincses-Nagy and Mónika Biacsi. 2012). She has been a member of the editorial boards of *Journal of Folklore/Literature*, Cyprus International University and *Türk Dünyası Dil ve Edebiyat Dergisi* (Ankara). She worked as a professional reviewer for *Ankara Üniversitesi Dil- ve Tarih-Coğrafya Fakültesi Türkoloji Dergisi*, *Journal of Endangered Languages/Turkic Languages (Tehlikedeki Diller Dergisi/Türk Dilleri)* (Ankara), *Turkic Languages* (Harrassowitz), *Türk Dil Kurumu* (Ankara), *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*. She has been an active member of the Hungarian-Turkish Friendship Society.

Éva Kincses-Nagy is not only an outstanding scholar and excellent lecturer, but a fascinating and delightful personality who has been the guardian of community cohesion within the department throughout her time there. All colleagues and students can turn to her with their difficulties. We studied together at the university and since then Éva has been a true friend of mine. I could always count on her considered opinion and wise advice.

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