





### **Lista granturi de cercetare:**

2005/2007 "Studiul unor nanostructuri obtinute prin efecte capilare. Modelari si simulari computeristice, grant national tip A, **director proiect**, CNCSIS  
2008/2011 " Echipamente tolerante la defecte controlate prin arhitecturi electronice de inspiratie biologica", grant national, Parteneriate, Proiecte Complexe PC, **director proiect la UBB**, UEFISCDI  
2009/2012 "Modele de tip bloc-resort pentru fenomene complexe", grant national, IDEI-PCE, UEFISCDI, **director proiect**, UEFISCDI  
2010/2014 "Nanomanipularea biomoleculelor cu ajutorul microscopiei de forta atomica", grant national, Proiecte Complexe de cercetare Exploratorie (PCCE), **director Partener 6**, UEFISCDI  
2012/2015 "Sincronizare emergenta in sisteme complexe", IDEI-PCE, **director grant**, UEFISCDI  
2017/2019 " Structuri spatio-temporale emergente in sisteme fizice si socio-economice", IDEI-PCE, **director grant**, UEFISCDI  
2018/2022 " Intelegera si modelarea structurilor spatio-temporale ale inegalitatilor si polarizarii in relatie cu caracteristicile psihologice", PCCF - Proiecte Complexe de Cercetare de Frontiera, **director Partener 4**, UEFISCDI

### **Conferinte plenare invitate: > 20**

### **Teze de doctorat conduse si finalizate:**

1. Statistical Physics Methods for Understanding Complex Networks (**Papp Istvan**) 2020
2. Dynamics in social systems: a computational physics approach (**Varga Levente**) 2019
3. Collective behavior and spatio-temporal pattern formation in Dynamical Systems (**Larisa Davidova**) 2018
4. A depinning approach to amorphous plasticity and dewetting (**Tyukodi Botond**) 2016  
cotutela cu ESPCI, Paris, Franta
5. Continuous-Time Dynamical Systems for Solving Constraint Satisfaction Problems (**Molnar Botond**) 2016
6. Nem-hagyományos értelemben vett modern fizika a középiskolában (Non-traditional way of teaching modern physics, **Klara Baranyai**), scoala doctorală, ELTE, Budapest, 2015
7. Stochastic simulations with applications in Material Sciences (**Deak Robert**) 2014  
cotutela cu ELTE Budapest.
8. Order-Disorder Transitions in Coupled Oscillator Systems (**Boda Szilard**) 2013
9. Computational and analytical modelling of astrophysically important stochastic processes (**Gabriela Raluca Mocanu**) 2013
10. Statistical Physics Studies of Complex Systems (**Horvat Szabolcs**) 2012
11. Statistical Physics Approach to Complex Social Systems (**Derzsy Noemi**) 2012
12. Statistical physics models for biological and sociological phenomena (**Derzsi Aranka**) 2012
13. Analytical and Computational study of social and biological collective phenomena (**Kaptalan Erna Katalin**) 2011
14. Theoretical and Experimental Study of Phase Transitions in Complex Systems (**Sumi Robert-Zoltan**) 2009
15. Applications of Cellular Neural/Nonlinear Networks in Physics (**Ravasz Maria-Magdona**) 2008
16. The Study of Magnetization Phenomena Using Monte Carlo Methods (**Katalin Kovacs**) 2007

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Prof. Dr. Néda Zoltán

## **Short overview in English:**

### **Research profile:** Prof. Dr. Zoltán Néda

Zoltán Néda has a wide research interest ranging from problems in synchronization, pattern formation, network-science, material science and nonlinear dynamics to interdisciplinary fields like bio-, econo- and socio-physics problems. All his research works are converging however in applying methods and models of Computational Physics and Statistical Physics in these fields. Beside purely theoretical and computational studies he also has endeavors in simple experimental studies with low cost kitchen-type experiments. He defines himself not as a specialist in a narrow field, but rather as a researcher with wide interest in everything which is highly non-trivial and surprising. The philosophy behind his research is to look for intriguing complex phenomena in our every-day life that could be understood in the view of simple statistical physics or computational models. This kind of research might not be the best philosophy in gaining an international reputation as a top-specialist, but it proved to be rewarding under the constraints of tough financial conditions and limited research funds in Romania. In universities where one of the top priorities is to attract and introduce students to research, it also has several other advantages. By applying this research philosophy many good students started their research under his supervision and became world-renewed scientist. He published many of his well-cited works with undergraduate and master students. For example, his two papers in the journal "Nature" were published both of them having undergraduate student coauthors, and the research resulted also from simple undergraduate research projects.

He has a broad international collaboration publishing regularly with top researchers from USA, France, Taiwan, Norway, Hungary, Italy, Germany and Portugal in journals like: Physical Review Letters, Phys. Rev. E, Physica A, Plos One, Scientific Reports, Physics Letters, European Physics Letters, etc... Due to the fascinating problems that are considered by Prof. Néda his research was and it is well mediatized. Echoes about these research results apeared in: New York Times, BBC Science News, Discovery Channel, Die Welt, Fe Figaro, Népszabadság, South Bend Tribune, Duna TV, Monitorul de Cluj, Transindex, Szabadsag, Radio Cluj, TVR Cluj, Adevarul, etc..

His present research interests are in the field of dynamical systems and econo-physics related problems. Together with his present group (formed by three PhD students, two master students and three undergraduate students) he studies non-trivial synchronization patterns including chimera states in rings of coupled Kuramoto oscillators and in the collective behavior of flickering candle-flames. The group also investigates and models stationary distributions arising in complex socio-economic systems (income and wealth distribution, spatial inequalities) and convergence to these stationary states.

### **Teaching profile:** Prof. Dr. Zoltán Néda

Zoltán Néda has a 30 years old experience in University level teaching. His teaching activity is mainly linked to the Physics Department of the Babeş-Bolyai University (Cluj, Romania), apart of this he has also international experiences. Being fluent in Romanian, Hungarian and English he used this skill for various international academic collaborations. He was for three semesters visiting professor in USA (2000 and 2003) and he is constantly lecturing at the Roland Eötvös University in Budapest, Hungary in the PhD program for high-school physics teachers. He taught a wide variety of courses and seminars both for undergraduate and graduate programs:

- between 1991-1994, as a PhD student and Assistant Professor at the Babeş-Bolyai University he conducted Quantum Mechanics, Electrodynamics, Classical Mechanics, Heat and Thermodynamics seminars/ labs for undergraduate physics and chemistry students

- starting from 1995 (after obtaining his PhD), he taught and was responsible for the following theoretical physics courses and seminars in the Physics Department of the Babeş-Bolyai University: Quantum Mechanics I and II (undergraduate level), Statistical Physics (undergraduate level), Electrodynamics and Relativity Theory (undergraduate level), Stochastic Simulation Methods with Interdisciplinary Applications (masters level), Dynamical Systems (undergraduate level), Research methods and ethics (doctoral level), Basic Models and Methods of Theoretical Physics (doctoral level). In this period, he was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and from 2003 he is a full Professor. He obtained his PhD supervising right in 2003.

- between 2000-2001 he was a visiting Associate Professor at the Physics Department of the Notre Dame University, Indiana, USA, teaching for two semesters an open undergraduate general course: Physics a World View.
- in the first academic semester of 2003 ha was a visiting professor in the Physics Department of the Notre Dame University, Indiana, USA, teaching for one semester the classical Thermal Physics course for undergraduate students.
- starting from 2004 he is teaching also in the physics doctoral program of the Roland Eötvös University in Budapest the course: Collective Behavior.

During his teaching carrier, he elaborated several freely accessible online resources for his courses: <http://www.phys.ubbcluj.ro/~zoltan.neda/index3.html>. He published together with its students the following books, that are used as main educational materials for his courses:

- 1 Z. Néda; "*Stochasztikus szimulácos módszerek*" (Stochastic simulation methods, in Hungarian), Erdélyi Tankönyvtanács, (2000, Cluj, Romania); 2. Z. Néda, "*A Fényre szabott Fizika - A speciális relativitás elmélete*" (Physics tailored on light- Special Relativity from a new perspective, in Hungarian ) Presa Universitara (2008); 3. Z. Néda, A. Libál and K. Kovács; "*Elemi Kvantummechanika*" (Introductory Quantum Mechanics, in Hungarian), Univ. Press of Cluj, 2005 ISBN 973-610-399-4 ; 4. Z. Néda, B. Tyukodi and A.E. Kacso, "*A klasszikus statisztikus fizika alapjai*" (Introduction to Classical Statistical Physics, in Hungarian) (ISBN: 978-973-114-187-9, Editura Abel , Cluj-Napoca, 2014)

As part of teaching he is involved in science popularization among high-school and elementary school students. He is the president of the EmpirX Association ([www.empirx.ro](http://www.empirx.ro)), promoting science through many open, show-like activities in Transylvania. He also conducts a wide science popularization activity as the president of the Transylvanian branch of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences ([www.kab.ro](http://www.kab.ro)).

Zoltán Néda supervised over 30 undergraduate license theses, over 15 master dissertations and 16 successful PhD theses. He is constantly invited by many student, civil and educational organizations for science popularization talks at various level.













