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His research interests include methodology, with a specialty in text analysis. One method of text analysis, reality claims, has been applied on research on historical shifts in public opinion, values, and scientific knowledge, primarily within the context of post-1989 Central and Eastern Europe, and in decision making in negotiations processes. The talk will be on shifts in Hungary and Germany after 1989.

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