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- Education** 2007 – Ph. D. in Political Science, University of California, Irvine
(Dissertation title: *Traditional Believers and Democratic Citizens. A Contextualized Analysis of the Effects of Religion on Support for Democracy in East Central Europe*)
2001 – MA (Econ) in Government, University of Manchester, UK
2000 – BA in Political Science, “*Babes-Bolyai*” University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Academic Employment

2008 – present Senior Lecturer, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of Political Science (research and teaching; research mostly focused on individual values and behavior, and responsibilities include both research design, and methodological expertise in both quantitative and qualitative studies, partnerships with non-governmental local and international organizations); coordinator of MA program in international development

2006 - 2008 Associate researcher, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of Political Science (responsibilities: research design, interview coordination and realization, survey design and realization, questionnaire construction, grant application and project writing)

2004 - 2006 – Associate lecturer, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of Political Science: Introduction to International Relations, Social Science Methodology, Introduction to Taiwanese Politics, Democratization and Civil Society in Taiwan, Academic Writing for Social Sciences

2001 - 2007 - Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine (Political Science): *Introduction to Political Science Analysis, Introduction to International Relations, Micropolitics, Civil Liberties, Religion and Media.*

Publications

- 2016 - Abortion strategies - between religious belief and civil society mobilization (with Cosmina Paul), in *Religion as Empowerment - Global Legal Perspectives*, eds. Kyriaki Topidi and Lauren Fielder, Routledge.
- 2015 - Threading the Waves of Development in East Central Europe: Democratic Transition and the Crafting of Emerging Donors' Development Policies, *Analele Universității din București. Seria Științe Politice* 17 (2): 81-98. [open access]
- 2015 - Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Test of Early Impact (with Nina Bandel and Katelyn Finley) *East European Politics* In press.
- 2014 – The Cultural Transition, in Peter Balazs et al. *25 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain. The state of integration of East and West in the European Union*. European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, ISBN 978-92-79-38535-3.
- 2013 - The Word of God Comes into the Voting Booth. Church Attendance and Political Involvement in East Central Europe during the Early 1990s, *Polish Sociological Review* (184/4)
- 2013 - Threading the Waves of Development in East Central Europe. Democratic Transition and the Crafting of Emerging Donors' Development Policies, Proceedings of International Conference *Between Power and Knowledge: Think Tanks in Transition*, National Cheng-Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2011 - Parental involvement in schools. A study of resources, mobilization, and inherent inequality, *COMPASO Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology* vol. 2/2
- 2011 – Religious Determinants of Democratic Values, in András Máté-Tóth and/si Cosima Rughiniș (eds.), *Spaces and Borders. Current Research on Religion in Central and Eastern Europe*, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter
- 2011 – Romanian Youth under Change: Political Values and Attitudes (with Carmen Greab) in Ronald King and/si Paul E. Sum (eds.), *Romania under Basescu*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books
- 2010 - Young believers or secular citizens? An exploratory study of the influence of religion on political attitudes and participation in Romanian high-school students, *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, vol. 9, no. 25, Spring 2010
- 2010 – Explaining Political Participation in East Central Europe (with Gabriel Badescu), in *Mapping value orientations in Central and Eastern Europe*. Brill Press: Leiden
- 2009 – Cultura politică a tinerilor din Romania. Un studiu al efectelor școlii asupra deprinderilor democratice (The political culture of the youth in Romania. A study of the effects of schools on democratic skills) (with Gabriel Bădescu), in Vasile Boari and

Sergiu Gherghina (eds.), *Studii Politice (Political Studies) vol. 4*. Cluj: Presa Universitară Clujeană

2009 – Reprezentarea diasporei și votul romanilor din străinătate (with Cosmin Marian, Daniela Angi, Cristina Rigman), *Fundatia Soros Romania* (Representing diaspora and Romanian's immigrants vote)

2008 – Democracy and Religion in Taiwan. The Testing of a Model. *Studia Politica Universitatis Babes-Bolyai*, vol VII, no. 1

2008 – The Interplay between State and Church in Romanian Constructions of National Identity, *Europolis*, no. 4

2007 – Traditional Believers and Secular Citizens. A Comparative Analysis of the Effects of Religion on Support for Democracy in East Central Europe, *University of California, Irvine dissertation* (UCI dissertations collections)

2007 - Social Capital and Support for Democracy in East Central Europe. *Studia Politica Universitatis Babes-Bolyai*, vol VI, no 1

2006 – “Consolidation of Democracy in Postcommunist Europe,” *Center for the Study of Democracy Paper Series*, University of California, Irvine, September 2006 (with Nina Bandelj)

2006 – “Democratic Deficit and EU Enlargement. A Study of Political Attitudes East and West,” in Chong-Ko Peter Tzou (ed.) *European Constitution and Integration*, Graduate Institute of European Studies and European Union Research Center, Tamkang University, Tamsui: Taiwan

2006 – “Gods and Caesars. The Role of Churches in the Breakdown of Communist Regimes of Central and Eastern Europe,” *Studia Universitaris Babes-Bolyai*, June 2006, Cluj: Romania

2005 – “The Romanian Orthodox Church and European Union Integration: A Conflict of Values,” *Studia Universitaris Babes-Bolyai*, June 2005, Cluj: Romania

Grants

2015 - Romanian Ministry of Education Research Grant (principal investigator, coordinator of a team of researchers; PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4-0032): *Religious Organizations and the Social Capital of Youth in Postcommunist Countries*

2015 – UNDP Romania Micro-capital Grant – *Raising awareness for development cooperation. The role of universities.*

2012 – EUROLAB (Gesis, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences), one month visiting research fellowship

2011 – Romanian Ministry of Education Post-doctoral research grant (PN-II-RU-PD-2011-3-0068) – *Support for international development in post-communist countries of the European Union – reinterpreting political culture*

2011 – Romanian Academy, Post-doctoral Fellowship POSDRU 89/1.5/S/61104 - *INTERNATIONALIZED GOVERNANCE. A longitudinal study of societal support for European policies in Romania, 2007-2011*

2011 – Collegium Budapest Volkswagen Stiftung New Democracy Grant

2010 - European Social Fund, contract POSDRU/22/2.1/G/22008, Facilitating access to the labor market through internships, project manager

2010 - EUROLAB (Gesis, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences), two-month visiting research fellowship

2010 – Open Society Institute – Small grants competition on Parental involvement in school comparative research

2010 - individual research grant from the REVACERN (Religions And Values: Central And Eastern European Research Network 2007-2009) a FP VI funded project – with the research Orthodoxy, National Identity and Democracy in East Central Europe

2008 – Member of a collective Romanian governmental grant on the political values of the Romanian youth – specializing on the relationship between religious beliefs and behaviors and democratic values

2007 – University of California, Irvine Summer Research Fellowship (State and Church in Ukraine and Belarus – interviews with the North American diaspora)

2006 - *Taiwan Foundation for Democracy*, Visiting Fellowship (Religion, Church and the Creation of Democratic Political Culture in New Democracies. A Comparative Research Proposal.)

2005 – 2011 *Taipei Representative Office in Budapest* (course Development grant – Introduction to Taiwanese Politics) grant – Democratic Transition and Consolidation in Taiwan)

2004 – *University of California, Irvine*, Summer Research Fellowship (Religion and Political Participation in Romania)

2003 - *University of California, Irvine*, Summer Research Fellowship (Church and State in Central and Eastern Europe)

2001 – *University of California, Irvine Social Science Fellowship* to pursue a Ph.D. in Politics and Society, University of California, Irvine, CA

2000 – *Open Society Institute/Chevening Fellowship* to pursue an MA degree in Government at the University of Manchester, UK

2000 – *Open Society Institute Scholarship* to attend the ICPSR School of Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

1999 – *IREX/USIA Scholarship in Public Policy* at the University Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

**Papers
And
Conferences**

2014 - Threading the Waves of Development in East Central Europe: Democratic Transition and the Crafting of Emerging Donors' Development Policies, *CEEISA* Conference, Cluj, Romania

2014 – Old and New Donors? Trends in Public Support for International Development in the EU Members States, *SCOPE* Conference, Bucharest, Romania

2013 - The Political Cultures of International Development: An Exploratory Study of Public Opinion in Central and Eastern Europe, *UACES* Conference, Leeds, Great Britain

2013 - Threading the Waves of Development in East Central Europe. Democratic Transition and the Crafting of Emerging Donors' Development Policies, International Conference *Between Power and Knowledge: Think Tanks in Transition*, National Cheng-Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan

2013 - European Integration and Democracy in Postcommunist Countries: Test of Early Impact, (with Nina Bandelj and Katelyn Finley), *ASA* (American Sociological Association) Annual Conference, New York, USA, August 2013.

2012- Education, religion and the construction of civic values in Romania, paper presented at the international workshop organized by the Faculty of Education at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, October 2012.

2012 - Support for enlargement and the *acquis communautaire* in EU member states and in Turkey, with Zselyke Tofalvi, Sabanci University International Conference, Turkey

2012 - Romanian Youth under Change: Political Values and Attitudes, *2012 International Congress on Romanian Studies*, Sibiu Romania, July 2012

2012- Religion, democracy and the internationalization of political culture, *International conference on Religion and Politics in the Globalization Era*, Cluj, Romania, June 2012

2011 – *Raising Awareness on Development Cooperation* (RADC) International Conference, Nicosia, Cyprus – “Political culture and international development in the European Union. An exploratory study”

2011 - *Recent Studies on Past and Present: New Sources, New Methods or a New Public?* International Conference, Bucharest, Romania – “Political Culture, Democracy and Foreign Policy in East

Central Europe: The Quest for Models. An Exploratory Study on the Formation and Evolution of Societal Attitudes towards Domestic and International Political Objects”

2008 – *Catholic University of Louvain* international conference on Youth values – “Young believers or secular citizens? A study of the influence of religion on political attitudes and participation in Romanian high-school students”

2006 – *American Sociological Association Conference*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada “Consolidation of Democracy in Postcommunist Europe,” (with Nina Bandelj)

2006 - *Babes-Bolyai University Faculty of Political Science Conference*, Cluj, Romania, "Constructions of the Past and Religious Property Restitution. Democracy, Orthodoxy and Nationhood in Romania"

2005 – *Tamkang University EU Conference*, Tamsui, Taiwan, “Democratic Deficit and EU Enlargement. A study of political attitudes East and West”

2004 - *Western Political Science Association Conference*, Portland OR, USA, "The word of God comes into the voting booth. A comparative study of religious determinants of political participation in Central and Eastern Europe

2000 – *Romanian Conference on Social Science Research Methodology*, “Babes-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, “The Rational-choice Approach in the Study of the EU Decision-making Processes. Strengths and Weaknesses.”

2000 – *Civic Education Project* conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, “Romanian Orthodox Church Opposing European Integration?”

1999 – *International Conference on Public Policy*, University of Warsaw, Kazimiercz nad Wisla, Poland, “Advantages of Local Governance. Increasing Social Capital”

1999 – *International Conference in Political Science*, “Babes-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, “The Church and Civil Society. A Few Considerations

1998 – International Seminar for the Protection of the Environment, Universite Pantheon-Assas, Paris, France (participant)

1998 – *National Conference in Political Science*, “Babes-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, “The Church and the State in Romania. Monopoly or Free Market System?”

1998 – Organizer of the Ecumenical Conference “*People and Religions*”, Bucharest, September 1998

1997-1998 – Internships at the Romanian Parliament, Commission of Human Rights, Minorities and Religions

Invited

Lectures

2015 - *Les determinants religieux de la culture politique democratique dans l'Europe Centrale et Orientale*, Universite Sidi Mohamed Ben-Abdellah, Fes, Morocco (part of an Erasmus Mundus Mobility Project – BATTUTA).

2013 – *Political culture and international development in east Central Europe*, National Cheng-Chi University, Taipei, Taiwan

2012 – Training on the European Union and its policies on minorities and migration, Open Society Institute, Florence Italy, July

2011 - *Support for democracy and international development in post-communist contexts*, Bielefeld University, Bielefeld, Germany

2010 – *A Study on the Religious Determinants of Political Values in The Romanian Youth*, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary through the Erasmus Teacher Mobility Program

2006 – *The European Union and Eastern Enlargement*, invited by Tamkang University, Danshui, Taiwan

Consultancy Contracts

2011 - United for Children. NGO Coalitions in the Black Sea Region and the Balkans, Worldvision International

2010 – Raising Awareness for Development Cooperation. Worldvision International

2009 – Reprezentarea migrantilor si votul romanilor din strainatate, Fundatia SOROS Romania

2000 – Survey coordinator for “*Babes-Bolyai*” University, Department of Political Science survey

2000 - 2001 – Analyst for Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin fur Sozialforschung, in the Party Manifesto Project (content analysis)

1999 – Survey operator for CURS Social Opinion Barometer

1999 – Interview operator for CCRIT (Center for Inter-Ethnic Relations)

1998 –Organizer “*Social Cohesion and Cultural Diversity*” – Project funded by the Council of Europe and conducted by the Intercultural Institute in Timisoara, Romania,

1998 – Organizer of the Ecumenical Conference “*People and Religions*”, Bucharest, September 1998

1997-1998 – Internships at the Romanian Parliament, Commission of Human Rights, Minorities and Religions

Special

Skills

- native Romanian and excellent writing and speaking English (GRE, Toefl, Speak, IELTS) and French (DELF, DALF); beginner Italian
- Computing abilities Windows (Word, Power Point, Excel, Html)
- research design and data collection and analysis experience; knowledge of Statistical Packages (SPSS)