

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and studies

2023: *Habilitation in Geography* obtained from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, with the thesis “Visual Discourse, Propaganda, and Construction of Territorial Identities during Socialist Romania (1948-1989)”

2019: *M.A. in Historical Social Anthropology*, 2006 – 2007 (studies), 2019 graduation with the thesis “Discursul oficial despre identitatea teritorială a României în prezent [The Official Discourse about the Territorial Identity of Romania at Present]”

2008: *Ph.D. in Geography*, Faculty of Geography, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

2004: *M.Sc. in Regional Development and Human Geography*, Faculty of Geography, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

1999 – 2003: *BSc in Geography and in English Language and Literature*, Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Geography and Faculty of Letters

Work experience

2020 – present: Director of Territorial Identities and Development Research Centre, Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Geography, <https://itd.centre.ubbcluj.ro/en/team/> Tasks: research activity, project activities, coordinator of scientific events.

2017 – present Associate Professor at the Faculty of Geography, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca. Tasks: research activity, teaching activity, project activities, coordinator of scientific events, tutorship.

Main teaching courses: General Regional Geography; Policies of Regional Development and Territorial Planning; Region and Geographical Regionalisation (lectures and seminars in English); Regional Development Strategies (former main teaching courses: Cultural Geography; Research Methodology in Regional Geography; Regional Geography of Romania; Research Methods in Regional Geography; Institutions and Legislation on Urbanism and Territorial Planning; Regional Planning and Local Development; Territorial Planning; Territorial Assessment and Prognosis)

Fields of Competence: Cultural Heritage, Regional and Cultural Geography (Cultural Landscapes, Representations, Perceptions); Qualitative Research Methods in Regional Geography; Territorial Identities; Territorial Planning and Development; Rural and Urban Development, Place attachment

Areas of inquiry: Development Strategies; Qualitative Research Methods; Territorial Identity and Its Role in Development; Representations; Place attachment; Cultural Landscapes; Territorial Planning; EU Regional Development and Cohesion Policies

Academic achievements

2022: *Guest* of the Faculty of Geographical and Geological Sciences, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland, from 6 to 20 November 2022, for research activities

2022: *Augustin Hirschvogel Fellow*, from 1 to 14 August, 2022 at the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg, Germany, within the frame of the Augustin Hirschvogel Fellowship programme, with the scientific research project “The Cartographic Discourse about Romanians, Romanian Space and Territorial Development, from the Modern Period to Present”. Fellowship won during the 2022 competition

2019: *Visiting Professor* at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Architecture, University of Cagliari, Italy, position won through competition, in 2018, and with implementation from the 1st to the 30th of March 2019, with the project titled *Development of Innovative Regional Planning Models between Urban and Rural Strategies*

2018: EEGA Fellow at the Leibniz Science Campus Eastern Europe – Global Area (EEGA), Leipzig, GERMANY, within Research Area 4: Cultural and Intellectual Perspectives and Identifications, with the Project titled *Researching Place-Making and Belonging in Urban Romania through Postcards. Before, During and After the Socialist Period*. Field of research: this is an interdisciplinary approach: Geography and History, while employing qualitative research methodology (visual methodology). Fellowship won during the 2018 competition. Period for mobility: 18th of June – 1st of July 2018.

2017: Babeş-Bolyai University **Award for Excellence in Research** (I was nominated by the Faculty of Geography after winning an internal competition for this award)

2011: *Simion Mehedinţi Award of the Romanian Academy* for the book *Țara Năsăudului. Studiu de Geografie Regională* [The Land of Năsăud. Study of Regional Geography] (awarded on December 15, 2011, Bucharest)

Published books: 3 (single author: 2; co-author: 1); **Chapters in books:** 20; **Scientific articles:** 90; **Coordinated volumes:** 12

Participation to scientific conferences: over 70 international and national conferences

Editor-in-chief of *Territorial Identity and Development* (2016-2022), <https://territorial-identity.ro/editorial-board/>

Member in research projects with international funding

1. Romania-Austria bilateral research project, funded by the Romanian National Council of Scientific Research in Higher Education (CNCS – UEFISCDI) and the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research (OeAD), as part of the bilateral research programme PN-II-CT-RO-AT-2013 – 1 *Tendințe actuale în economia regională și dezvoltarea comunitară în spațiul rural din România și Austria* [Contemporary Trends in Regional Economy and Community Development in the Rural Area of Romania and Austria], within the programme “Capacități modul III / Cooperare bilaterală Ro-Au, 2014-2015”, contract no. 754/2014. Member of the project team.
2. Project SEE AF/A/638/42/X-TICAD, Southeast Europe Programme – 325.600 Euro, European project with Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Serbia, 2009-2012, Project manager: (coordinator on behalf of the Babeş-Bolyai University) Pompei Cocean, PhD.
3. Horizon Europe project: Recovering Past Stories for the Future: A Synergistic Approach to Textual and Oral Heritage of Small Communities (REISTORY). Budget: €3 million. Duration: 3 years, started in 2024; n. 101132781, <https://restory-heritage.eu/>

Research projects with national funding: 10

Language skills: Native Romanian, fluent English.