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## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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09/2023 – CURRENT Romania

**UNIVERSITY TEACHING ASSISTANT** FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

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Teaching the seminar Methods and Techniques for Sociological Research

06/2022 – CURRENT Romania

**ASSISTANT RESEARCHER** TECH LOUNGE ASSOCIATION

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03/2021 – CURRENT

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT** CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES ON ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPLEX NETWORKS, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

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Project SKEPSIS PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2020-1589. "The manufacture of doubt on vaccination and climate change. A comparative study of legitimacy tactics in two science-skeptical discourses" (Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation - UEFISCDI, Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, Romania).

Collecting data

Conducting quantitative and qualitative analyses

Writing scientific articles

Presenting papers at national and international conferences

04/2022

**RESEARCHER** WAVES PROJECT, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

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Designing the research instrument

Analysis of statistical data

Writing the research report on the profiles of UB students as regards their COVID-19 vaccination attitudes

11/2021

**DATA ANALYST** DCI GLOBAL

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Data analysis for the report on the impact of the software industry and IT services on the Romanian economy, for the Employers' organization of the software and services industry (ANIS)

09/2019 – 09/2021

**TEACHING ASSISTANT** FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

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Teaching the seminar Methodology of Sociological Research

09/2019 – 12/2019

**SHORT TERM CONSULTANT** INDEPENDENT EVALUATION GROUP - WORLD BANK

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Participating in interviews with local stakeholders

Translating documents

Analysis of quantitative data

04/2015 – 03/2016

**INTERN** CULT MARKET RESEARCH

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Market research project formulation

Data analysis

Designing research instruments  
Pretesting research instruments  
Writing research reports

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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10/2019 – CURRENT Romania

**PHD IN SOCIOLOGY** Interdisciplinary School of Doctoral Studies, University of Bucharest

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**Field of study** Sociology |

**Thesis** Science Skepticism: Temporal and Religious Agency in Vaccination and Climate Change Controversies

04/04/2022 – 03/05/2022 Amsterdam, Netherlands

**RESEARCH MOBILITY** Language, Literature, and Communication Department, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Conducting research activities, documentation and drafting for the doctoral thesis  
Attending the Visual rhetoric class

31/10/2020 – 29/12/2020 Paris, France

**RESEARCH MOBILITY** Centre de Recherches Historiques – École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)

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Conducting research activities, documentation and drafting for the doctoral thesis  
Attending the seminar Enquêter sur le temps en sciences sociales

2017 – 2019

**MASTER OF RESEARCH IN SOCIOLOGY** Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

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**Final grade** 10 / 100% |

**Thesis** To vaccinate or not to vaccinate against HPV? A content analysis of vocabularies of motives

2014 – 2017

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY** Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest

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**Final grade** 10 / 100% |

**Thesis** De la Vârstnici Bolnavi la Super-Bunici. O tipologie a reprezentărilor vârstnicilor în reclamele video românești (From sick elderly to super - grandparents. A typology of elderly representations in Romanian video advertising)

2010 – 2014

**HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE** "Victor Babeș" National College

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## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **ROMANIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>FRENCH</b>	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
<b>SPANISH</b>	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● **DIGITAL SKILLS**

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Information processing: Proefficient user | Communication: Proficient user | Content creation: Proficient user | Safety: Proficient user | Problem solving: Proficient user | Microsoft office suite and Open Office suite | Windows as operating system | Statistical analysis software: SPSS, Amos | Qualitative analysis software: Quirkos | Data visualization software: Tableau | Reference management softwares: Mendeley, Zotero

## ● **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

Rughiniş, C., Dima, M., Vulpe, S.-N., Rughiniş, R., Vasile, S., 2023. Patterns of protection, infection, and detection: Country-level effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination in reducing mortality worldwide. *Public Health in Practice*, 6(27):100416. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhip.2023.100416>

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Vulpe, S.-N., & Vasile, S., 2023. Unvaccinated, Just Like Everybody Else. *Vaccine Hesitancy in a Romanian Religious Community*. *European Review Of Applied Sociology*, 16 (26), pp. 16–24. <https://doi.org/10.2478/eras-2023-0003>.

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Rughiniş, C., Vulpe S.-N., Flaherty, M.G., Vasile, S., 2022. Shades of Doubt: Measuring and Classifying Vaccination Confidence in Europe. *Vaccine* 40 (46), pp. 6670–79. <https://doi.org/10.1016/J.VACCINE.2022.09.039>.

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Rughiniş, C., Vulpe, S.-N., Flaherty, M.G., and Vasile, S., 2022. Vaccination, Life Expectancy, and Trust: Patterns of COVID-19 and Measles Vaccination Rates around the World. *Public Health* 210 (September), pp. 114–22. <https://doi.org/10.1016/J.PUHE.2022.06.027>.

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Vulpe, S.-N., 2022. Divine Protection and Science Skepticism. *Vaccination Controversies in Religious Articles*. VI-INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ISBN 978-625-8213-38-6, pp. 865-917

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Vulpe, S.-N. (2021) 'Croyance et scepticisme. Les justifications religieuses de l'hésitation à la vaccination et du climato-scepticisme', *Sociologie românescă*, 19(2), pp. 69–88. doi: 10.33788/sr.19.3.

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Rughiniş, R. et al. (2021) 'From social netizens to data citizens: Variations of GDPR awareness in 28 European countries', *Computer Law & Security Review*, 42, p. 105585. doi: 10.1016/J.CLSR.2021.105585.

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Vulpe, S.-N., & Rughiniş, C. (2021). Social amplification of risk and "probable vaccine damage": A typology of vaccination beliefs in 28 European countries. *Vaccine*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2021.01.063>.

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Vulpe, S.-N. (2020). To Vaccinate or Not to Vaccinate against HPV? A Content Analysis of Vocabularies of Motives. *Romanian Journal Of Communication And Public Relations*, 22(3), 105–123. <https://doi.org/10.21018/rjcpr.2020.3.311>

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Vulpe, S.-N., & Ilinca, C. (2020). AGE AND USAGE OF TECHNOLOGY. A STRCUTURAL EQUATION MODEL BASED ON THE THEORY OF PLANNED BEHAVIOR. *Revista Universitară de Sociologie*, XVI(2), 164–174.

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Vulpe, S.-N., 2020. Cooling down the future. A discourse analysis of climate change skepticism. *The Social Science Journal*. DOI: 10.1080/03623319.2020.1848294.

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Vulpe, S.-N., 2020. Understanding Vaccine Hesitancy as Extended Attitudes. *European Review of Applied Sociology*, 13(20), pp. 43–57.

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Vulpe, S.-N. & Crăciun, A., 2019. Silver surfers from a European perspective: technology communication usage among European seniors. *European Journal of Ageing*, pp.1–10. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10433-019-00520-2>.

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Vulpe, S.-N. & Stoian, M.-S., 2018. Vaccines: saving lives or depopulating the world? A discourse analysis. *Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology – Compaso*, 9 (1), pp.67 – 87.

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Vulpe, S.-N. & Ilinca, C., 2017. Types of phone usage: Age differences between younger and older persons. *Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology – Compaso*, 8(2), pp.103 – 113.

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Vulpe, S.-N., 2017. From sick elderly to super - grandparents. A typology of elderly representations in Romanian video advertising. *Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology – Compaso*, 8(2), pp.115 – 148.

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## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

**Interdisciplinary Gendered Talks** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta. Doctors, monks, and Marie Curie. Gender representations in religious articles on scientific controversies, Interdisciplinary Gendered Talks, University of Bucharest, 10 March 2023.

**11th Edition of the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication (ACUM 2022) and the National Romanian Sociologists Society Conference** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta. Divine protection and science skepticism. Vaccination and climate change controversies in religious articles, 11th Edition of the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication (ACUM 2022) and the National Romanian Sociologists Society Conference, 27-28 October, 2022, Braşov, Romania.

**11th Edition of the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication (ACUM 2022) and the National Romanian Sociologists Society Conference** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta and Vasile, Sorina. Unvaccinated, Just Like Everybody Else. Vaccine Hesitancy in a Romanian Traditional Community, 11th Edition of the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication (ACUM 2022) and the National Romanian Sociologists Society Conference, 27-28 October, 2022, Braşov, Romania.

**VI-INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Divine Protection and Science Skepticism. Vaccination Controversies in Religious Articles", VI-INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, 26-27 August 2022, Bucharest, Romania.

**RAI MED 2022 Mobilising Methods in Medical Anthropology** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Unvaccinated, Just Like Everybody Else Vaccine Hesitancy in a Romanian Traditional Community", RAI MED 2022 Mobilising Methods in Medical Anthropology, January 18 – 21, 2022, online.

**RAI MED 2022 Mobilising Methods in Medical Anthropology** Cosima Rughinis, Simona - Nicoleta Vulpe, Alexandra Ciocanel, Michael Flaherty, "Like oil and water? Studying mixtures of Christian Orthodox and biomedical justifications on Covid-19 vaccination", RAI MED 2022 Mobilising Methods in Medical Anthropology, January 18 – 21, 2022, online.

**15th Vaccine Congress Online and On-demand** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Vaccines in times of pandemic. Argumentative time work for vaccine hesitancy", 15th Vaccine Congress Online and On-demand, October 4 – October 6, 2021, online.

**ESA 2021 "Sociological Knowledges for Alternative Futures"** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Vaccines in Times of Pandemic. Argumentative Time Work for Vaccine Hesitancy", ESA 2021 "Sociological Knowledges for Alternative Futures", August 31 – September 3, 2021, Barcelona, Spain.

**SIEF 2021: Breaking the Rules: Power, Participation, Transgression** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Resistance to Official Expertise and Imagined Futures: A Content Analysis of Anti-Vaccination Strategies during the COVID-19 Pandemic", SIEF 2021: Breaking the Rules: Power, Participation, Transgression, June 19-24, 2021, Helsinki, Finland.

**6th International Conference of the Romanian Sociologists Society** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Cooling Down the Future. A Discourse Analysis of Climate Change Skepticism", The 6th International Conference of the Romanian Sociologists Society Curators and actors of the social fabric: Views through "Post-lenses", June 16-18, 2021, online.

**Conceptualizations of time in scientific research. Interdisciplinary dialogues** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Chronopolitics and the production of temporal order: a comparative study of vaccination and climate change strategies", Conceptualizations of time in scientific research. Interdisciplinary dialogues, May 13-14, 2021, Bucharest, Romania [online].

**Conceptualizations of time in scientific research. Interdisciplinary dialogues** Cosima Rughiniş, Simona Vulpe, Michael Flaherty, "Temporal practices for rejecting expertise: an analysis of controversies regarding the future of the COVID-19 pandemic", Conceptualizations of time in scientific research. Interdisciplinary dialogues, May 13-14, 2021, Bucharest, Romania [online].

**ASA 2021 Responsibility** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Imagined Futures and Resistance to Official Expertise during the Covid-19 Crisis: A Content Analysis of the Anti-Vaccination Discourse in Romania", ASA 2021 Responsibility, March 29 – April 2, 2021, online.

**ESA RN 16 MID-TERM CONFERENCE** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Understanding Vaccine Hesitancy as Extended Attitudes" ESA RN 16 MID-TERM CONFERENCE Health and health care in Europe: between inequalities and new opportunities Kraków, February 17-19, 2021, Krakow, Poland.

**National Conference of Applied Ethics for Students** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Regulating vaccine-skeptical speech". National Conference of Applied Ethics for Students November 6–7, 2020, Bucharest, Romania.

**4th Qualitative Research in Communication International Conference** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "To vaccinate or not to vaccinate against HPV? A content analysis of vocabularies of motives". 4th Qualitative Research in Communication International Conference (September 26–27, 2019, Bucharest, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (NUSPA).

**First International Workshop on Time as a Boundary Object and Form of Capital** Vulpe, Simona-Nicoleta, "Resistance to Official Expertise and Imagined Futures: A Content Analysis of Anti-Vaccination Predictions during the COVID-19 Pandemic". First International Workshop on Time as a Boundary Object and Form of Capital - Theorizing predictability and anticipation in a data-driven society September 17–18, 2020, Bucharest, Romania.

## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

**Award for the Most Impactful Project for Scientific Research** Awards of the University of Bucharest Senate 2022 for the Project SKEPSIS - The manufacture of doubt on vaccination and climate change. A comparative study of legitimacy tactics in two science-skeptical discourses PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2020-1589.

**Awards for research results UEFISCDI** Award received for the article: Vulpe, S.-N., & Rughiniş, C. (2021). Social amplification of risk and "probable vaccine damage": A typology of vaccination beliefs in 28 European countries. Vaccine.

**Award for The Best Dissertation Thesis social sciences section** Awards of the University of Bucharest Senate 2019, for the paper "To vaccinate or not to vaccinate against HPV? A content analysis of vocabularies of motives".

**Second prize at Students' Conference on Sociology and Social Work 2019** To vaccinate or not to vaccinate against HPV? A content analysis of vocabularies of motives

**First prize at Students' Conference on Sociology and Social Work 2017** From sick elderly to super-grandparents. A typology of elderly representations in Romanian video advertising

**Second prize at the Conference Signs and representations of gender and age in advertising 2016**

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Editor Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology – Compaso**

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