



## Curriculum vitae

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### EMPLOYMENT

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Faculty of Mathematics,  
University of Bucharest 2017-present, professor,  
2014-2017, associate professor

Institute of Mathematics of the  
Romanian Academy 2017-present, CS I (equivalent to professor),  
2014-2017, CS II (equivalent to associate professor)  
2006-2014, CS III (scientific researcher),  
2997-2014, assistant researcher

School of Mathematics,  
Georgia Institute of Technology 2016-2020, associate professor (on leave)  
2007-2016, assistant professor

Department of Mathematics,  
Northwestern University 2004-2007, Boas assistant professor

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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MIT 2000-2004, PhD in Pure Mathematics  
Thesis: Morse Inequalities, a Probabilistic Approach

University of Bucharest 1997-1998, Master of Science in Mathematics  
1991-1997, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

### PROFESSIONAL

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Interests I am a probabilist with interest in analysis at large, differential geometry, random matrices, free probability and more recently machine learning.

Fellowships and Awards Romanian academy award 2011  
CURRY fellowship, The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 1999  
TEMPUS fellowship, Heidelberg, Germany, Spring 1998  
First place in Romanian National Olympiad, 1991

Grants Simons foundation collaboration grant 318929, 2014-2019  
European Union - Marie Curie grant (IRG) - *Stochastic Analysis, Mass Transportation and Free Probability*, 2010-2013,  
UEFISCDI - Romanian Young Researchers - *Randomness, Geometric Problems and Functional Inequalities*, 2011-2014. This is a team grant I managed.  
UEFISCDI - Exploratory Workshop - *Probability and Related Aspects*, May 2012, Alba Iulia, Romania. I was the co-PI and the co-organizer of the workshop.  
Collaborator in NSF TRIPODS Grant 1740776, On creating the "Transdisciplinary Institute for Advancing Data Science (TRIAD)", \$1.5 Million, for 36 months, starting 9/1/2017; co-PI.

## Selected publications

- Ionel Popescu. Free functional inequalities on the circle. *Advances in Mathematics*, 330:1101–1159, 2018
- Jun Tao Duan, Heinrich Matzinger, and Ionel Popescu. Non-normal limiting distribution for optimal alignment scores of strings in binary alphabets. *Journal of Statistical Physics*, 168(5):1056–1084, 2017
- Mihai N Pascu and Ionel Popescu. Shy and fixed-distance couplings of brownian motions on manifolds. *Stochastic Processes and their Applications*, 126(2):628–650, 2016
- Robert W Neel, Ionel Popescu, et al. A stochastic target approach to ricci flow on surfaces. *The Annals of Probability*, 44(2):1341–1425, 2016
- Stavros Garoufalidis and Ionel Popescu. Analyticity of the planar limit of a matrix model. In *Annales Henri Poincaré*, volume 14, pages 499–565. Springer, 2013
- Michel Ledoux and Ionel Popescu. Mass transportation proofs of free functional inequalities, and free poincaré inequalities. *Journal of Functional Analysis*, 257(4):1175–1221, 2009
- Ionel Popescu. General tridiagonal random matrix models, limiting distributions and fluctuations. *Probability theory and related fields*, 144(1-2):179–220, 2009
- Ionel Popescu. Morse inequalities, a function space integral approach. *Journal of Functional Analysis*, 235(1):1–68, 2006

## Conferences organized

Mathematics and Machine Learning, Sept 26th, 2023  
Colloque Franco-Roumain en Théorie des Probabilités- Bucharest, 2015, 2018 and 2022, organized special sessions. From 2018, I am one of the coordinators of the event  
Romanian Congress of Mathematicians, 2015, 2019, 2013 - special session on Probability  
Joint International Meeting of the AMS and the Romanian Mathematical Society, June 2013 - special session on Random Matrices and Free Probability  
Probability and Related Aspects, May 22 - 26, 2012, Alba Iulia, Romania  
Mini Conference on Probability and related fields, May 23-24, 2011, Bucharest, Romania

## Invited Conferences

Congresul Matematicienilor Romani, July 2nd, Pitesti 2023, Conferinta Lunara, 17 noiembrie 2022, SSMR, 28 octombrie 2022, French-Romanian Colloquium, Toulouse 2022, Atelier de travail en Stochastique et EDP, Oct 20-21 2020, Congress of the Romanian mathematicians, Galati, JUNE 29, 2019, Romanian-Turkish joint conference, Constanta, Sept 19, 2019, Atelier du travail, IMAR Nov 2018, AMS regional conference, San Francisco, October 27-28th, 2018, Atelier de travail en Stochastique et EDP, Sept 14-15, 2018, Academy of science Beijing 2018 July 10-14 2018, Joint DMV-RMS, GermanRomanian conference, Constanta, Sept. 16–19, 2017, French-Romanian atelier du travail, Bucharest, Sept. 13–14, 2017, Stochastic analysis on metric spaces, Sept. 48, 2017, ProbaGeo, Luxembourg, July 9–14, 2017, French-Romanian Colloquium, Iași, 25–29 August 2016, Probabilistic and Analytic tools in Convexity, AMS, March 56, Athens Georgia, 2016, Miniworkshop in free probability, Tokyo, July 13–17, 2015, New Trends in Stochastic Analysis, Kyoto, July 6–10, 2015, New developments in Optimal Transport, Geometry and Analysis, Bonn, Feb 24th, 2015, Stochastic Analysis and Applications, Bucharest, Dec. 17th, 2014, ProbaGeo 2014 at Bordeaux, June 10-12, 2014, High Dimensional Probability VII, Cargese, May 26–31, 2014, Sectional AMS meeting, Albuquerque, April 56, 2014, ProbaGeo 2013 at Luxembourg, Oct 28–31, 2013, University of Luxembourg, 150 years anniversary of University of Bucharest, Aug. 30 Sept. 1, 2013, Bucharest, Romania, AMS-RMS, Probability and Other Related Fields, June 27–30 2013, Alba Iulia, Romania, Stochastic Differential Geometry, May 29–31 2013, Rennes, France, Heat Kernels, Stochastic Processes and Functional Inequalities, 511 May, 2013, Oberwolfach Germany, The 13th RomanianFinnish Seminar, June 26–30, 2012, Ploiești, Romania, Probability and Related Aspects, Alba Iulia, Romania, May 22–26, 2012, New Trends in Modern Analysis, Probabilistic and Analytic Methods in PDEs and Spectral Theory November 2024, 2011, Hammamet, Tunisia, 5th International Conference on Stochastic Analysis and its Applications September 59, 2011, Bonn, Germany, Congress of Romanian Mathematicians, June 29 July 5, 2011, Brasov, Romania, Mini Conference on Probability and Related Fields, May 23–24, 2011, Bucharest, Romania, Workshop for Young Researchers in Mathematics May 12-13, 2011, Constanta, Romania, The Fourth Annual Meeting of the European Non Commutative Geometry Network April 25–30, 2011, Bucharest, Romania, Conference on Random Matrices, June 14, 2010, Paris, Probability & Geometry in High Dimensions, May 17–21, 2010, Paris, Workshop on Asymptotic Analysis and Stochastic Methods for Heterogeneous Media, June 9–13, 2010, Alba Iulia, Romania, CMS/AMS Winter Session Ottawa December 5–8, 2008, Infinite Dimensional Probability Luminy, May 22–27, 2008, Workshop on Random Matrices, Bonn, January 11–18, 2008, International Workshop on “Free Probabilities, Operator Spaces and von Neumann Algebras”, Sibiu, Romania, June 9-16, 2007, 6th Operator Algebras International Conference, Bucharest, August 2005, Joint meeting AMS-DMS6, June 13–18, 2005, Mainz, Germany, AMS Meeting, October 23–24, 2004 at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, Analytic and Geometric Aspects of Stochastic Processes, Banff Research Center, April 10 15, 2004,

### Selected Seminar Talks

LSEG Challenge 2021, Leiptzig Sept 2020, Bilkent 2020, Alan Turing, London, Dec. 6th, 2017; Imperial College, London, Dec. 5th, 2017; MIT, April 3rd, 2017; University of Luxembourg, Feb 12th, 2015; Georgia Tech, Sept. 25th, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2022; IMAR, May 20th, 27th and June 3rd, 2013; Bonn University, June 9th, 2013; Northwestern University, Dec 9th, 2012; Lehigh Univ, September 20th, 2012; Purdue University, April 3rd 2012; Notre Dame University, March 1st, 2012; Northwestern University, February 20th, 2012; Constanta, November 11th 2011, Toulouse University, May, 2010; Probability Seminar, MIT, November 9th, 2009; Texas AM Oct. 6th, 2009; Probability Seminar, Colorado Boulder, Sept. 10th 2009; Probability Seminar, MIT, May 5th, 2009; Stochastic Seminar, Georgia Tech, October 9, 2008; Toulouse, June 26, 2008; Georgia Tech, September 27, 2007; Columbia University, February 9, 2007; Institute for Applied Math, University of Bonn, June 11, 2005; Northwestern University, October 18, 2004; Northwestern University, January 29, 2004; Northeastern University, Boston, January 12, 2004; MIT, November 26, 2003; Heidelberg, Spring 1998; Operator Algebras Seminar, Institute of Mathematics of Romanian Academy, Series of Lectures on "Free Probability Theory", Fall 1998

### Reviewer

Annals of Statistics; Bernoulli; Electronic Journal of Probability; Electronic Journal of Statistics; Extremes; Journal of Fourier Analysis and Applications; Journal of Operator Theory; Potential Analysis; Probability Theory and Related Fields; Theoretical Journal of Probability

### Computer Skills

Python, Mathematica, R, Matlab, Sage, latex