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- 10/2025 - Present Member of the „Hybrid Threats, including Disinformation” research unit
Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden
- 10/2024 - Present Academic coordinator
Jean Monnet Center of Excellence „The Truth Agenda: EU’s Approach to Counter Disinformation” (European Commission)
- 1/2021 - Present Senior Expert
New Strategy Center think tank
- 07/2020 - Present Advisory board member/ Member of the Task Force on disinformation on the war in Ukraine/ Member of the Task Force on European elections
European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO)
- 05/2016 - Present Dean
College of Communication and Public Relations, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)
- 11/2014 - Present President European Institute of Romania, Board of Administration
Coordination of the activities of the Institute (research, policy analysis and public communication)
- 2018 - Present Founder and Co-director
ESDC High-level course on Strategic Communication (Bruxelles and Bucharest)
- 2022 – 2025 Member of the Task Force „Communication and Health Literacy”
European Code Against Cancer (European Commission and OMS, 5th edition)
- 12/2020- 12/2023 Scientific Adviser
Strategic Planning for Strengthening Resilience to Disinformation and Other Hybrid Threats (project beneficiary - Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with SNSPA)
- 11/2021- 11/2022 Marcin Król Fellow
Visegrad Insight Fellowship Programme, opinion writer
- 01/2013-12/2014 Acting Rector
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration

03/1999-Present

Professor, PhD Coordinator

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration

Courses taught: Digital Disinformation, Mass Media and Society, Strategic Communication, Misinformation and Security Challenges

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

02/ 2025

Certificate

Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education
Leading Through the Changing Media Landscape

10/ 2018 - 03/ 2019

Visiting Scholar

Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University

Topic: "East-West divide in the European Union. Consequence for the Transatlantic Relationship"

05/2017

Certificate - CSDP Orientation Course

European Security and Defense College, Brussels

2014

Graduate diploma in Security Studies

"Contemporary topics in national security", National Defense College (Romania)

2001 - 2006

PhD in Communication

"I.L. Caragiale" University of Theatre and Film, Department of Media and Film Studies, Bucharest

Communication, mass media, public opinion, news history

10/2021 - 07/2002

Fulbright fellow

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, University of Alabama, Institute for Communication Studies

1997 - 1999

Graduate degree in Communication and Public Relations

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration,

Department of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest

Communication, public relations, mass media and society

1993-1997

BA in foreign languages

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest

12/2017-11/2018

Expert

High Level Expert Group on Fake News and Online Disinformation European Commission, Bruxelles

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Foreign language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B2	B2	B2	B2	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Self-assessment grid

Relevant publications

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Bârgăoanu, A., Radu, L. (2026). „Weaponizing the Issue of Ukrainian War Refugees for Political and Geopolitical Gain”. In Ginsborg, L., Gori, P. (eds). *Disinformation. A Multi-Disciplinary Analysis*. Springer

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Vladu, L., Bârgăoanu, Nastasiu, C. (2024). „Information Warfare: Adapting to the Ever-Changing Nature of War”. *International Journal of Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence*, 1-21

Bârgăoanu, A., Pană, M. (2024). „Cyber Influence Defense: Applying the DISARM Framework to a Cognitive Hacking Case from the Romanian Digital Space”. *Applied Cybersecurity & Internet Governance*, 3(1), pp. 91-121

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Bârgăoanu, A., Corbu, N., Frau-Meigs, D., Teyssou, D. (2024). „Fighting Disinformation. Evidence for Policy Making”. In Frau-Meigs, D., & Corbu, N. (eds.). *Disinformation Debunked: Building Resilience through Media and Information Literacy* (1st ed.). Routledge, pp. 235-256

Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F. (2023). „Cognitive Warfare. Understanding the Threat”. In Arcos, R, Chiru, I, Ivan, C. (eds). *Routledge Handbook of Disinformation and National Security*, Routledge

Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F., Ștefăniță, O. (2023). „Predictors of illiberalism in Romania: A Case Study During the Russian Invasion in Ukraine”. *New Perspectives*

Corbu, N., Bârgăoanu, A., Udrea, G., Gavrilescu, M. (2023). „Do Conspiracy Theories Circulating in the Media or Their Debunking Affect People’s Trust in the Media?”. *Social Science Information*

Durach, F., Buturoiu, R., Craiu, D., Cazacu, C., Bârgăoanu, A. (2022). „Crisis of Confidence in Vaccination and the Role of Social Media”. *European Journal of Paediatric Neurology*, Vol. 36, January

Corbu, N., Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F., Ștefăniță, O. (2022). „Predictors of Engagement on Social Media and Instant Messaging Platforms during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from Romania”. *Romanian Journal of Communication and Public Relations*, 24(3)

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Corbu, N., Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F., Udrea, G. (2021). „Fake News Going Viral: The Mediating Effect of Negative Emotions”. *Media Literacy and Academic Research*, Vol. 4, No. 2

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Bârgăoanu, A., Cheregi, B. F. (2021). „Artificial Intelligence - The New Tool for Cyber Diplomacy. The Case of the European Union”. In Roumate, F. (ed.) *Digital Diplomacy: Challenges and Opportunities*. Springer

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Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F. (2019). „Echo Chambers and Polarization of Opinion: When Multiple Voices Create Multiple Realities”. In Sultănescu, D. (ed.). *Challenges in Strategic Communication and Fighting Propaganda in Eastern Europe*. IOS Press

Bârgăoanu, A., Radu, L. (2018). „Fake News or Disinformation 2.0? Some Insights into Romanians' Digital Behaviour”. *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, Vol. 18, no. 1

Policy papers

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Investigations

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OTHER

Founder and editor-in-chief of Antifake.ro digital literacy portal (www.antifake.ro)