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Judge of the UN International Court of Justice (since 6 February 2024)

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Born on 9 September 1973 in Bucharest, Romania.

Academic title

Professor Dr (overseeing the co-ordination of PhD students in Public International Law at the Doctoral Law School of the University of Bucharest), Member of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC) (2017-2024) and Co-Chair of the ILC Study Group on "Sea-level rise in relation to international law" (2019-2024).

Education

2010-2011: Post-Doctoral Advanced Research Programme, grade "excellent", in the field of "International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights, Rights of Refugees and Criminal Law", on the topic "Evolutions in the Relation between State and Individual in the Field of International Law of Human Rights and of the International Protection of Persons belonging to National Minorities", Post-doctoral School of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest.

1999-2003: PhD in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, with the qualification "very good" and the distinction "*Summa cum laude*"; title of the PhD thesis: "The Concept of Sovereignty and the Primacy of International Law".

2000-2001: Post-graduate course, Department for Training of Professors (grade: 10), Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University of Bucharest.

2000: National Defence College of Romania, title of post-graduate paper: "The NATO Operations in Kosovo during the Former Yugoslavia Crisis and their Consequences on International Law", Academy of High Military Studies, Ministry of National Defence, Bucharest.

1996: Public International Law session, the Hague Academy of International Law.

1995-1996: Diplôme d'université de droit des affaires franco-roumain, Institut Franco-Roumain du Droit des Affaires et Coopération Internationale "N. Titulescu - H. Capitant", Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and University of Bucharest, title of post-graduate paper: "La capacité de la Communauté européenne pour conclure des traités internationaux", Bucharest.

1993-1998: Faculty of History, University of Bucharest (grade: 10), specialty in contemporary world history, title of graduate paper: "Regional Co-operation and the History of European Integration".

1992-1996: Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest (grade: 9.91, diploma with merit), title of graduate paper: "The Relationship between International Law and Domestic Law — the New Geometry of International Law".

1988-1992: Saint Sava National College (grade: 9.59), Bucharest.

Teaching and academic activities

2020-2024: Director of the Centre for Studies in International and Transnational Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest.

2018: Approval of the Senate of the University of Bucharest to conduct PhD co-ordination at the Doctoral Law School of the University of Bucharest.

2017: Certificate of authorization to conduct PhD co-ordination at the Doctoral Law School of the University of Bucharest.

2015 to present (suspended starting with 5 February 2024): Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest (Public Law Department), teaching courses on Public International Law, International Organizations and International Relations, International Jurisdictions, and International Law on the Protection of Minorities (until 2020).

2012-2015: Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest (Public Law Department), teaching courses on Public International Law, International Organizations and International Relations, International Jurisdictions, and International Law on the Protection of Minorities.

2010-2024: Lecturer on public international law (in English), Master in Security and Diplomacy programme, Department of International Relations and European Integration, National School of Political and Administrative Studies.

2009-2024: Director of the Master of Public International Law programme, Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest.

2009-2024: Lecturer on the System of International Jurisdictions, the Law of Treaties and the Practice of Negotiations (until 2012), Master of Public International Law programme, Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest.

July 2006: Visiting Professor (ERASMUS teaching staff mobility) at the Faculty of Law of the University of Hamburg.

2004-2012: University Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest (Public Law Department), teaching Public International Law, Diplomatic and Consular Law, International Organizations and International Relations, International Jurisdictions, the Law of Treaties and the Practice of Negotiations.

2004-2024: Lecturer on International Jurisdictions, Master of International and EU Law programme, Nicolae Titulescu University of Bucharest.

2002-2004: University Assistant at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest (Public Law Department), in Public International Law and Diplomatic and Consular Law.

2002-2003: Lecturer on Public International Law and the Law of Treaties for year two studies, Faculty of International Relations, National School of Political and Administrative Studies.

1999: Lecturer on Public International Law and the Law of Treaties, post-graduate international relations programme, organized by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest for primary professional training of diplomats under the aegis of the Romanian Diplomatic Academy.

1998-2002: Co-ordinator of seminars on Public International Law for the third series of year two studies, Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest.

Scientific and research activities

Director of the research project "Identification of specific national remedies for the unduly length of judicial proceedings in Romania", the programme "Ideas — Projects of Exploratory Research" (project code 769/2009) and "National Plan II for Research, Development and Innovation 2007-2013" (2009-2011). The results of the research were published in the volume "Identification of specific national remedies for the unduly length of judicial proceedings in Romania", C.H. Beck, 2011; Editor-in-chief of the *Romanian Journal of International Law* (since 2003); Member of the Editorial Board of the *Judicial Courier*, C.H. Beck, Bucharest (since 2008); Member of the Scientific Council of the Journal *ACTA Universitatis Lucian Blaga*, Sibiu, Universul Juridic Publishing House (since 2013); Member of the Scientific Council of the *Constitutional Law Review*, Bucharest (since 2015); Member of the Scientific Council of the review *Occidental Romania* (since 2021); Associated Expert for the drafting of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities Recommendations on National Minorities in Inter-State Relations (the Bolzano Recommendations) (2008); research contract for the drafting of the chapter "The responsibility to protect minorities: Is the kin-state a problem or a solution?" (2008-2009), UN University (Tokyo); Associated Researcher for the programme Institutions of Research and Tertiary Education in Central and South East Europe — Developments, Structures and Perspectives of these Institutions for their Integration into the European Higher Education and Research Area, University of Graz, Austria (2006).

Publications

Nineteen books (three as author, eight as editor and eight as co-author) in the field of International Law, 55 chapters in books and/or contributions to international conferences, and over 225 articles, studies, comments and book reviews published in Romanian and foreign journals, including the *Annuaire Français de Droit International* (CNRS Editions), *The International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law* (Brill | Nijhoff), *Helsinki Monitor* (now *Security and Human Rights Monitor*) (Brill | Nijhoff), *European Yearbook of Minority Issues* (Brill | Nijhoff), *Chinese Journal of International Law* (Oxford University Press), *Revue Hellénique de Droit International* (published by the Hellenic Institute of International and Foreign Law), *Romanian Journal of International Law*, *Annals of the University of Bucharest – Law Series* (C.H. Beck).

Other activities

15 June 2023 to 1 February 2024: Presidential Advisor for Foreign Policy (second mandate) and Acting Presidential Advisor for European Affairs (and EU Sherpa of the President of Romania for the preparation of European Council meetings and decisions), Presidential Administration of Romania.

4 November 2019 to 15 June 2023: Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (second mandate).

1 July to 31 December 2016: Special (Honorary) Advisor to the Slovak Presidency of the EU Council for inter-institutional and legal affairs.

6 May 2016 to 4 November 2019: Presidential Advisor for Foreign Policy, Presidential Administration of Romania (first mandate).

18 November 2015 to 5 May 2016: Ambassador at large, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

24 November 2014 to 17 November 2015: Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania (first mandate); Ambassador, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

June 2012 to November 2014: Secretary of State for Strategic Affairs, Co-chairman (for Romania) of the Romanian-Hungarian, Romanian-German and Romanian-Serbian Joint Commissions on National Minorities, Minister Plenipotentiary, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

February-June 2012: Secretary of State for Global Affairs, Co-chairman (for Romania) of the Romanian-Hungarian, Romanian-German and Romanian-Serbian Joint Commissions on National Minorities, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2010-2012: Secretary of State for European Affairs, Co-chairman (for Romania) of the Romanian-Hungarian, Romanian-German and Romanian-Serbian Joint Commissions on National Minorities, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2009-2010: Secretary of State for Strategic Affairs, Co-chairman (for Romania) of the Romanian-Hungarian, Romanian-German and Romanian-Serbian Joint Commissions on National Minorities, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2004-2009: Agent of Romania before the International Court of Justice in the case concerning *Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Romania v. Ukraine)*, Minister-Counsellor (2006-2012), Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

April 2004 to January 2005: Secretary of State for European Affairs; Co-ordinator of the General Directorate for Legal Affairs and of the Office for Relations with Parliament, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

July 2003 to April 2004: Under-Secretary of State, Government Agent for the European Court of Human Rights and Co-ordinator of the General Department for Legal Affairs, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2001-2003: Director General for Legal Affairs (and Legal Advisor of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), First Secretary, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2000-2001: Director, International Law and Treaties Directorate, Second Secretary, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2000-2014: Alternate Representative of Romania to the Danube Commission (Budapest), Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1999-2000: Director, Cabinet of the Minister, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1999: Deputy Director, International Law and Treaties Directorate, Third Secretary, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1998-1999: Adviser to the Minister, Cabinet of the Minister, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1998-1999: Member of the Co-ordination Committee of the Centre for Diplomatic Training and International Relations (Diplomatic Academy), Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1997-1998: Attaché, International Law and Treaties Department, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1996-1997: Desk Officer, International Law and Treaties Department, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Member or head of the Romanian delegations for the negotiation of certain bilateral treaties on good neighbourliness (with the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and (North) Macedonia, as Head of Delegation), on border regime (with Ukraine, as Deputy-Head and Head of Delegation), on maritime delimitation issues (with Ukraine, as Deputy-Head and Head of Delegation) and on issues relating to minorities (with Hungary), and for the negotiation of multilateral documents and treaties in the framework of international organizations (Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Danube Commission, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River).

2000-2003: Head of the Romanian delegation participating in meetings of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly and of the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI) of the Council of Europe.

2002-2004: Co-ordinator of the Romanian legal team for the issue of the Law on Hungarians Living in Neighbouring Countries (2001-2003) and for the Ukrainian "Bystroe" canal issue.

Signatory of international treaties on behalf of Romania, including Protocols 14 (2004) and 15 (2013) to the European Convention on Human Rights, both relating to reforms of the ECtHR.

2010: Head of the Romanian delegation to the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Kampala, Uganda).

Head of the Romanian delegation to the Conferences of the Council of Europe on the reform of the European Court of Human Rights in Interlaken (2010), Brighton (2012) and Brussels (2015).

Rapporteur of the Venice Commission (as Substitute Member/independent legal expert, designated by Romania) for 30 opinions, reports and studies.

Government Agent of Romania before the European Court of Human Rights (2003-2004), Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Agent of Romania before the International Court of Justice (2004-2009) in the case concerning *Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea (Romania v. Ukraine)*, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Co-ordinator of the Romanian delegation before the International Court of Justice (2009-2010) for the advisory proceedings on the *Accordance with international law of the unilateral declaration of independence in respect of Kosovo*, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Agent of Romania before the International Court of Justice (2022-2023) in the case concerning *Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Ukraine v. Russian Federation)*, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Chief Negotiator on behalf of Romania for the Romanian/US *Agreement on the Deployment of the United States Ballistic Missile Defense System in Romania*, and for the *Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership for the 21st Century between Romania and the United States of America*, both done in Washington on 13 September 2011 (2010-2011), Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Active promoter of the acceptance by Romania of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, finalized in June 2015 during the first mandate as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

Initiator, as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, of the February 2015 proposal to establish an International Court against Terrorism, as an international law tool to prevent, deter and punish the crime of terrorism.

Initiator, as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, in 2020-2021, of the effort to promote the universal acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.

Professional bodies

Member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations for two terms (2017-2022; 2023-2024) and Co-Chair of the Study Group on "Sea-level rise in relation to international law" (2019-2024). Worked with four other members to introduce the topic "Sea-level rise in relation to international law" in the ILC's current programme of work, acting as Co-Chair of the Study Group on this issue for the law of the sea aspects relating to sea-level rise. Together with another Co-Chair, he authored the First Issues Paper (2020) and the Additional Paper to the First Issues Paper (2023) on aspects of the law of the sea relating to sea-level rise (see Document A/CN.4/740 and Corr. 1, <https://legal.un.org/docs/?symbol=A/CN.4/740> and Document A/CN.4/761, <https://legal.un.org/docs/?symbol=A/CN.4/761>).

Briefed the UN Security Council (on behalf of the ILC, on 14 February 2023) and the UN General Assembly (as expert, on 3 November 2023) on developments in this area.

Member (independent legal expert, designated by Romania) of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe (2022-2024).

Substitute Member (independent legal expert, designated by Romania) of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe (2002-2022).

Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (Romanian national group) (2002-2023).

Arbitrator designated by Romania according to Article 2 of Annex VII to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (since 2009).

President of the international law section of the Romanian Association for International Law and International Relations and of the Romanian branch of the International Law Association (London) (since 2003).

Member (on behalf of Romania) of the High Council of the European University Institute in Florence (2010-2016).

President of the Scientific Board of the Bucharest International Student Model United Nations (BISMUN) association, currently the Romanian UN Youth Association (since 2010).

Member of the Senate of the Diplomatic Academy of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2002-2005).

Member of the Centre for Euro-Atlantic Studies of the University of Bucharest (1997).

Member of the Romanian Association for International Law and International Relations (since 1996).

Awards

"Award of merit for outstanding contribution to the diplomatic activity of Romania" (2002), conferred by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania; "Award of excellence for outstanding contribution to the diplomatic activity of Romania and for the contribution made in respect of the *Maritime Delimitation in the Black Sea* case" (2009), conferred by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

Decorations

Knight of the National Order "Faithful Service" (*Serviciul Credincios*) of Romania (2002); Knight of the National Order "Diplomatic Merit" (*Meritul Diplomatic*) of Romania (2007); Knight of the National Order "The Star of Romania" (*Steaua României*) (2009); Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (2009); Officer of the National Order "The Star of Romania" (*Steaua României*) (2013); Emblem of Honour of the Romanian General Staff (2013); Gold Medal of the Polish Armed Forces (2013); Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour of the French Republic (2016); High Officer of the National Order "For Merit" of the Italian Republic (2018); Commander's Cross with Star of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland (2019); Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana, 2nd class, of the Republic of Estonia (2021); Emblem of Honour of the Romanian General Staff (2022); Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany (2023); Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise, 3rd degree, of Ukraine (2023); Order of Honour of the Republic of Moldova (2023); Commander of the National Order "The Star of Romania" (*Steaua României*) (2024).

Foreign languages

English, French.
