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## DEGREES

- 2004      **PhD.** Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, US. PhD Thesis: State, Kinship and Urban Transformation during and after Housing Nationalization. Thesis Supervisor: Kaherine Verdery.
- 2001      **MA.** Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, US.
- 1998      **MA.** Department of History, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.
- 1998      **BA.** Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania.
- 1994-1995      **Non-degree.** Department of Anthropology, Bard College, New York, US (USAID grant).

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2013-      **Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania. Urban Anthropology, Introduction to Anthropology, Sociology of Consumption and Shopping
- 2008 -2013      **Associate Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania.
- 2005- 2008      **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania.
- 2001-2003      **Lecturer**, Department of Sociology, National School of Political and Administrative Sciences, Bucharest, Romania.
- 2001, 2003, 2004      **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. Introduction to Anthropology; Socialist and Post-socialist Eastern Europe

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017-2018      Fulbright Visiting Senior Fellowship, New School for Social Research, New York City, US

- 2012-2017 Senior researcher, Center for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands for the European Research Council (ERC) project 'Houwel: Housing Markets and Welfare State Transformations', Principal Investigator: Richard Ronald. [link](#)
- 2005-7 Researcher, European Framework 6 project, Central European University, Hungary, 'Dioscuri: Eastern Enlargement – Western Enlargement – Cultural Encounters in the European Economy and Society after Accession. Institute for Human Sciences, Principal Investigators: János Mátyás Kovács and Violetta Zentai. [link](#)
- 2006-7 Principal Investigator of the Romanian Science Foundation/CNSIS grant 'Does Bucharest Become a Post-industrial City? Deindustrialization and Urban Reconversion in Bucharest.'
- 2005-6 Postdoctoral Fellowship, New Europe College, Bucharest.
- 2001-3 International Dissertation Research Fellow (IDRF). Social Science Research Council, New York. [link](#)
- 2001-3 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant in Cultural Anthropology. National Science Foundation, Washington DC. [link](#)
- 2001 Doctoral Fellowship, Wenner Gren Foundation, New York (declined).
- 2001 Doctoral research grant, Center for International Business Education, Davidson Business School, University of Michigan.
- 2000-1 Marginal Groups in Central Places: Gentrification and Housing Restitution in Bucharest. Social Costs of Economic Transformation in Central Europe (SOCO grant #99-2-247), Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria.
- 1998-2000 Graduate Fellowship. University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology.
- 2000-1; 2003-4 Teaching Assistantship, University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology.

## BOOKS

- 2008 Postindustrial Bucharest: Memory, Deindustrialization and Urban Renewal [in Romanian]. Iași: Polirom, pp. 455 plus DVD with a documentary film.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES (selection)

- 2021 Multi-infrastructure Studies: Historical and Ethnographic Explorations. *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, accepted for publication.
- 2020 Evictions as infrastructural events. *Urban Geography*, First online. (with Irina Zamfirescu). [link](#)
- 2019 After Engels: Evictions and the Urbanization of Anti-communism. *Dialogues in Human Geography* 9(2):205-207. [link](#)
- 2016 Kinship of Paper: Genealogical Charts as Bureaucratic Documents. *PoLAR: Political and Legal*

*Anthropology Review* 39(2):294-311. [link](#)

- 2016      Zombie Socialism and the Rise of Neoliberalism in Central and Eastern Europe. *Eurasian Geography and Economics* . 57(4-5):521-544. [link](#)
- 2015      An Anthropology of Parking: Infrastructures of Automobility, Work, and Circulation. *Anthropology of Work Review* 36(2): 62-73, w/ Ioana Iancu. [link](#)
- 2015      Networked Infrastructures and the 'Local': Flows and Connectivity in a Postsocialist City. *City* 19(2-3): 344-355, Special issue Interactions with Infrastructures as Windows into Social Worlds, edited by Hillary Angello and Christine Hentschel. [link](#)
- 2015      Post-socialist Acceleration: Fantasy Time in a Multinational Bank. *Time and Society* 24(3): 348-366. [link](#)
- 2015      Postindustrial Ecologies: Industrial Rubble, Nature and the Limits of Representation. *Parcours Anthropologique* 10: 186-201. [link](#)
- 2015      Who Are the Gentrifiers and How do They Change Central City Neighborhoods: Privatization, Commodification and Gentrification in Bucharest. *Geografie* 120(2): 113-133. w/Raluca Popescu and Darie Cristea. [link](#)
- 2014      Urban Geographies of Hesitant Transition: Tracing Socioeconomic Segregation in Post-Ceaușescu Bucharest. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. doi: 10.1111/1468-2427.12073, Wiley-Blackwell, w/ Marcińczak, S., Gentile, M., Rufat, S. [link](#)
- 2012      The 'Housing Question' and the State-Socialist Answer: City, Class and State Remaking in 1950s Bucharest, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 36(2): 281-296, Wiley-Blackwell. [link](#)
- 2003      Ancestors, Domestic Groups and the Socialist State: Housing Nationalization and Restitution in Romania. *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 45(4):714-740. [link](#)
- 2002      The Culture of Shortage during Socialism: Goods, Strategies and Consumption Practices in a Romanian Village. *Cultural Studies*, 16(1):16-41. [link](#)

#### **ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES (selection)**

- 2021      Globalizing Postsocialist Urbanism. In Michele Lancione and Colin McFarlane (eds) *Global Urbanism*. London: Routledge. (with Slavomira Ferenčuhová and Gruița Bădescu).
- 2018      The Many (Still) Functional Housing Estates of Bucharest. In Hess, Daniel et al (eds.) *Housing Estates in Europe*. Springer, pp. 167-190.
- 2014      De-industrialization, fences and urban marginalia. In Jecu, Marta (ed.) *Open Monument: Research on Ephemeral Commemoration, Architecture and Modernist Patrimony*. Berlin: Revolver Publishing.
- 2014      Work-discipline and temporal structures in a multinational bank in Romania. In Makovicky, Nicolette (ed.) *Neoliberalism, Personhood and Postsocialism: Entreprising Selves in Changing Economies*. London: Ashgate/Routledge. [link](#)
- 2009      Here in Reviga, There Was Nobody to Wage the Class Struggle": Collectivization in Reviga,

Bărăgan Plain (Bucharest Region). In Iordachi, Constantin and Dobrinu, Dorin (eds.), *Transforming Peasants, Property and Power. The collectivization of agriculture in Romania, 1949–1962*. Budapest: Central Europe University Press. [link](#)

- 2006 Marginal Groups in Central Places: Gentrification, Property Rights and Post-socialist Primitive Accumulation (Bucharest, Romania). In Enyedi, György and Zoltán Kovács, *Social Change and Social Sustainability in Historical Urban Centers*. Pécs: Center for Regional Studies of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, pp. 127-146. [link](#)

### SHORT ESSAYS, FILMS

- 2016 Why Is Car Parking Important for the Urban Poor? *Sapiens: Anthropology: Everything Human*, forthcoming.
- 2008 *Bucureștiul Postindustrial: Zona Filaret*. Documentary Film on deindustrialization of Bucharest, in Romanian, 23 minutes.
- 2013 American Anthropology and the Central/East European Post-socialist Anthropologies: Immutable Mobiles and Mutable Mobiles. Panel of AAA / WCAA organized by Michal Buchowski and Setha Low. World Council of Anthropological Associations. [link](#)

### INVITED LECTURES

- 2018 An Anthropology of Parking. Department of Anthropology, Graduate Center, City University of New York, NYC, US.
- 2018 The "Housing Question" in Central and Eastern Europe Today: Gentrification in postsocialist cities. Department of Anthropology / Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US.
- 2017 Gentrification in postsocialist cities. Keynote address at the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research Forum. The 7<sup>th</sup> International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist State Conference - Cities after Transition, Kiev, Ukraine. [link](#)
- 2014 Plumbing, Repairs, and Infrastructures. Lecture at Think and Drink Colloquium Institute for Sociology, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. [link](#)

### UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017 Jury member, Gala Societății Civile.
- 2011 - Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Bucharest.
- 2011 - Member of the Senate of the University of Bucharest. Member of the University's Hiring Committee.
- 2008-2011 Vice-Dean, School of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest
- 2011 - President of the Romanian Society for Cultural and Social Anthropology ([www.antropo.ro](http://www.antropo.ro)). Each year, I organized an international conference (60-90 people).
- 2004 - Occasional article reviewer for *American Ethnologist*, *Ethnos*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Journal of Consumer Culture*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*,

*International Review of Social Research, Studia Sociologica, Slovak Ethnology, Law and Social Inquiry, Focaal, Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers.*

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Romanian	Native speaker
English	Very good
French	Good
Turkish	Poor

**RECOMMENDATIONS** (available upon request)

Katherine Verdery, Anthropology, Graduate Center, City University of New York, [kverdery@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:kverdery@gc.cuny.edu).

Bruce O'Neill, Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University, [boneill1@slu.edu](mailto:boneill1@slu.edu).

Krisztina Fehervary, Anthropology, University of Michigan, [fehervar@umich.edu](mailto:fehervar@umich.edu).