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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- ✓ Romanian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Italian (average), German (average), Latin (reading)

EDUCATION

1998 Ph.D. in History of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy (University of Bucharest)
1992-1993 Visiting Graduate Student, St Antony's College (University of Oxford)
1991 B.A. in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy (University of Bucharest)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

From 2008 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Bucharest
(on leave from 08/2011 to 07/2016)
2004-2008 Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Bucharest

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND TITLES

2019 Visiting Professor, University of Macerata
2018 and 2019 Visiting Professor, Institut d'études politiques, Rennes
From 2008 Docent (*dosentti*), Department of Social and Moral Philosophy,
University of Helsinki
1993-1996 Lecturer, Superior School of Journalism, Bucharest

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- ✓ Member of the Editorial Board, Society and Politics, <http://socpol.uvvg.ro>, from 2016
- ✓ Coordinator of *Ideii politice fundamentale* [Fundamental Political Ideas] series at Nemira Publishers 2006-2008
- ✓ Member of the Editorial Board, *Sfera Politicii* [The Sphere of Politics] 1993-1994

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- ✓ Fellow, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (South Africa) 2020
- ✓ NWO Research Fellowship, Radboud University (Nijmegen) 2019
- ✓ Research Fellow, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, (Monticello, Virginia) 2019
- ✓ Senior Fellow, Polish Institute for Advanced Study (Warsaw) 2018
- ✓ Research Fellow, New Europe College (Bucharest) 2004-2005
- ✓ Marie Curie Fellow, Facoltà di Lettere e di Filosofia (Ferrara) 2003-2004

- ✓ Lise Meitner Fellow, Institut für Geschichte (Vienna) 2001-2003
- ✓ Mellon Fellow, Herzog August Bibliothek (Wolfenbüttel) 2001
- ✓ Visiting Fellow, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study 2000
- ✓ Visiting Fellow, Sigurdur Nordal Institute (Iceland) 2000
- ✓ Short-Term Fellow, Clark Library/Centre for 17th and 18th Century Studies, University of California (Los Angeles) 1999-2000
- ✓ Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, University of Edinburgh 1999
- ✓ Norwegian Research Council Visiting Fellow, Institute of Philosophy, University of Oslo 1999
- ✓ CIMO Fellow, Department of Social and Moral Philosophy, University of Helsinki 1998-1999
- ✓ Junior Fellow, Collegium Budapest 1996-1997
- ✓ Doctoral scholarship, AUPELF/UREF Doctoral School (Bucharest) 1995-1996
- ✓ Foreign and Commonwealth Office/Soros Postgraduate Scholarship, University of Oxford 1992-1993

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2008-2011 Adviser to the President of Romania

2011-07/2016 Ambassador of Romania to the Republic of Finland and to the Republic of Estonia

PRIZES

2003 Prize for the Best Book in Humanities (*ex aequo*), Association of Romanian Editors

List of Publications

BOOKS (IN ENGLISH)

- *An Intellectual History of Cannibalism*, Princeton University Press, 2009
ISBN 978-0691133270 Paperback and Kindle editions in 2011
Reviews in *London Review of Books*, *Times Higher Education Supplement*,
Los Angeles Review of Books, *Choice*, *Isis*, *Standpoint*, *The European Legacy*, *The Historian*, etc.

BOOKS (IN ROMANIAN, selection)

- *Cum alegem? Un portret al democrației pe înțelesul tuturor* [How We Vote? A Portrait of Democracy], Humanitas, Bucharest 2016 ISBN 978-973-50-5426-7
- *Constituția Statelor Unite* [The United States Constitution], annotated edition, Humanitas, Bucharest 2010 ISBN 978-973-50-2787-2
- *Filozoful crud. O Istorie a canibalismului* [The Cruel Philosopher. A History of Cannibalism], Humanitas, Bucharest 2003 ISBN 9735003708. Second edition: *Filozoful crud. O istorie intelectuală a canibalismului* [The Cruel Philosopher. An Intellectual History of Cannibalism], Editura Trei, Bucharest 2016 ISBN 978-606-719-764-8
- *De la teologia puterii absolute la fizica socială. Finitudine și dezordine în teoria contractului social de la Hobbes la Rousseau* [From the Theology of Absolute Power to Social Physics: Finitude and Disorder in the Theory of Social Contract from Hobbes to Rousseau], Editura ALL, Bucharest 1998 ISBN 973-9392-50-4

BOOK CHAPTERS (IN ENGLISH, selection)

- *A Secret Hidden in Plain View: Lord Chesterfield's Theory of Dissimulation*, in *Secrets and Conspiracies*, Leonidas Donskis & Olli Loukola (eds.) forthcoming at Brill
- *Communism and the Experience of Light Electrification and Legitimization in USSR and Romania before 1989*, in *The End and the Beginning. The Revolutions of 1989 and the Resurgence of History*, Vladimir Tismăneanu and Bogdan C. Iacob (eds.), Central European University Press, Budapest 2012 ISBN 978-615-5053-65-8
- *Machiavelli and the Theory of Exemplary Constitutions in Niccolò Machiavelli. History, Power, and Virtue*. Donskis, Leonidas (ed.) Rodopi, Amsterdam/New York, 2011 ISBN 978 90 420 3277 4
- *The Theory of Social Contract and the Idea of Political Science in the 18th Century*, in *Esprits Modernes. Etudes sur les Modèles de Pensée Alternatifs aux XVIe-XVIIIe Siècles*, Vlad Alexandrescu and Dana Jalobeanu (eds.), University of Bucharest Press, 2003 ISBN 973-575-791-5

ARTICLES IN ENGLISH (PEER-REVIEWED)

- *Desire and Hazard from Hobbes to Barbeyrac*, in *Homo Oeconomicus, Desire and Desires* special issue edited by Timo Airaksinen, 2014 ISBN: 9783892651161
- *Isaiah Berlin and the Idea of Artificial Dialectic* in *Homo Oeconomicus* 28(4), 2011 ISBN 9783892650782

ESSAYS; ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (IN ROMANIAN, selection)

- *Critica cerșetoriei și geneza statului modern* [Critique of Beggary and the Rise of the Modern State], in *Studia Politica* (2003, 3 no. 1), pp. 193-200
- *Thomas Hobbes: Savant și Eretic* [Thomas Hobbes: Scientist and Heretic], in *Filozofia politică a lui Thomas Hobbes* [Thomas Hobbes's Political Philosophy], Polirom: Bucharest, 2000 ISBN 973-683-627-4
- *Sir Robert Filmer și primul tratat asupra guvernării* [Sir Robert Filmer and John Locke's "First Treatise of Government"], in John Locke, *Al doilea tratat asupra cârmuirii* [The Second Treatise of Government], Nemira: Bucharest 1999 ISBN 973-569-329-1
- *Anatomia neliniștii de la Pascal la Tocqueville* [The Anatomy of Uneasiness from Pascal to Tocqueville], in *Secolul XX*, May 1998

PUBLISHED ACADEMIC TRANSLATIONS (a selection)

- Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Contractul social* [The Social Contract], annotated edition, Nemira, Bucharest, 2008
- Thomas Hobbes, *Elementele dreptului* [Elements of Law], annotated edition, Humanitas, Bucharest, 2005; co-translator
- David Hume, *Eseuri politice* [Political Essays]. Humanitas, Bucharest, 2005; co-translator
- Peter Singer, *Hegel*, Humanitas, Bucharest, 1996