

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2023–Onwards

Associate Professor

Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Department of Social Work, Journalism, Public Relations, and Sociology

October 2017–October 2023

Lecturer

Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Department of Social Work, Journalism, Public Relations, and Sociology

February 2016–October 2017

Assistant Lecturer

Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Department of Journalism, Public Relations, Sociology, and Psychology

October 2013–June 2014

Adjunct Lecturer

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

May 2022

Habilitation in Sociology

University of Bucharest (Romania);

- Ministerul Educației: Ordin privind acordarea atestatului de abilitare nr. 3750/12.05.2022.
- Title of habilitation thesis: "Power, Memory, and Identity: The Politics of the Past in Postsocialist Romania."

August 2014–December 2015

Postdoctoral studies in Sociology

ISCED 31

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

- Title of research: "Shifting Loyalties: Romanian Patriotism in the Age of Postnationalism" (advisor: Prof. Maria Roth).

September 2010–April 2014

Ph.D. studies in Sociology

ISCED 31

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

- Ph.D. thesis title: “Romanian National Memory: The Discursive Making and Remakings of the National Past. Structural Resistances and Substantial Transformations in the Political Management of the Romanian Past” (thesis advisor: Prof. Petru Iluţ), 2014.

2008–2010 **Master studies in Advanced Sociological Research** ISCED 31

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania), Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

- Dissertation title: “Collective Memory and the Social Construction of the Past” (thesis advisor: Prof. Petru Iluţ), defended in June 2010.

2004–2008 **B.A. studies in Administrative Sciences** ISCED 34

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania), Faculty of Political, Administration and Communication Sciences

- Political theories
- Organizational theories
- Administrative law

RESEARCH STAGES

11 December 2022–23 December 2022 (two weeks) **Visiting Research Fellow** ISCED 31
Università degli Studi di Palermo, Department of Culture and Society, Palermo, Italy.

- Principal subjects studied: Sociology of memory; Politics of place names.

September 2021–October 2021 (two months) **Visiting Research Fellow**
Alma mater studiorum – Università di Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Bologna, Italy, liaison professor: Asher Colombo

- Principal subjects studied: Critical place-name studies; Political geography; Sociology of death

January 2020–February 2020 (one month) **Visiting Research Fellow** ISCED 31
European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization, Florence, Italy, liaison professor: Pieter M. Judson

- Principal subjects studied: Fascism; Political extremism; Politics of death

April 30, 2015–June 5, 2015 (one month) **Visiting Research Fellow** ISCED 31
Oxford Brookes University, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of History, Philosophy and Religion, Oxford, United Kingdom, supervised by Prof. Roger Griffin

- Principal subjects studied: Fascism; New Man Utopia; Sacrificial Patriotism; Heroic Martyrdom

October 2012–March 2013 (six months) **Visiting Research Fellow**
Leibniz-Institut für Bildungsmedien | Georg-Eckert-Institut, Braunschweig, Germany

- Principal subjects studied: Textbook Research; Sociology of Education; Social Memory Studies

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING	WRITING	
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Teaching experience I have taught the following courses:

- Sociological paradigms (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca – BBU)
- Sociology of the body (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu – LBUS)
- Contemporary sociological theories (BBU, LBUS)
- Sociology of public opinion (BBU)
- History of Romanian social thought (BBU)
- History of social thought (LBUS)
- Social psychology (BBU, LBUS)
- Team formation and group dynamics (LBUS)
- Sociology and anthropology of the family (BBU)
- Academic writing (LBUS)

Summer schools /
International and national
seminaries

- Erasmus+ Staff Teaching Mobility at Dhaffodil International University (DIU), Dakha, Bangladesh, 13–18 February 2023, 2020-1-RO01-KA107-078832.
- Lecturer in the international Intensive Programme Anti-Semitism and Anti-Ciganism and the Pursuit of Reflective Social Work, Budapest, 26 May–5 June 2014, organizing university: Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften Coburg, Germany.
- Lecturer in the Junior Summer University, 17–24 July 2012, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with lectures on “Social Influence, Conformity, and Obedience to Authority,” and “Sociological Conceptions of Social Deviance.”

Invited talks / lectures

- Xi'an University of Science and Technology, China, 27 May 2023, with the title “The Power of Names and Naming: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Critical Place-Names Studies.”
- Doctoral School of Sociology, University of Bucharest, 24 March 2022, with the title “Present Past: The Politics of Memory in Postsocialist Romania.”
- Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna, 5 February 2020, with the title “The Thanatopolitics of Mourning: The National Days of Mourning in European Countries,” discussant: Asher Colombo, University of Bologna.
- The Center for Social Research, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, 4 May, 2018, with the title “States of Mourning: A Quantitative Analysis of National Mournings across European Countries.”

- Syllabi
- My publications are included in syllabi and course outlines from the following universities:
 - **Yale University**, New Haven, Connecticut, United States of America, Rivendell Institute, “Outrageous Ideas: Metaphysics, Method & the Social Sciences”.
 - **Université du Québec** à Montréal, Canada, Département de sociologie, “Approches et débats contemporains en sociologie des intimités.”
 - **Deakin University**, Australia, Faculty of Arts and Education, “Love, Sex and Relationships.”
 - **University of Indonesia**, Jakarta, Faculty of Humanities, “Cultural Studies.”
 - **Mahatma Gandhi Central University**, Motihari, Bihar, India, Department of Sociology, “Love, Suffering and Society.”
 - **University of Worcester**, United Kingdom, School of Humanities, “Family Lives.”
 - **University of Warsaw**, Poland, Department of Central and East European Intercultural Studies, “Sociology of Culture.”
 - **Charles University**, Prague, Czech Republic, Department of Sociology, “Sociology of Love and Relationships.”

Research grants and
scholarships

Coordinated as Principal Investigator (PI)

- “Names, Places, and Identities: The Nominal Order and Toponymic Regime of Post-Socialist Romania” – ONOMA, LBUS Excellence Grants, January 4, 2020–December 31, 2022, project code LBUS-HPI-ERG-2020-05 – project coordinator.
- “The Politics of Street (Re-)Naming Practices: Symbolic Geographies and Identity Landscapes in Postsocialist Romania” – NAMESPACE, Projects for Young Research Teams TE 2019, November 2020–November 2022, project code PN-III-P1-1.1-TE-2019-0238 – project coordinator.
- “The Sacralisation of Politics within the Iron Guard’s Ideology of Thanatic Ultra-Nationalism” – THANATOS, Postdoctoral Project Competition PD 2016, 2018–2020, project code PN-III-P1-1.1-PD-2016-0466 – project coordinator.
- “States of Mourning: A Quantitative Analysis of National Mournings across European Countries,” UEFISCDI Mobility Projects for Researchers 2018, Mobility grant PN-III-P1-1.1-MC-2018-0009 – project director.
- “Understanding Transnational Roma Migration: Challenges and Perspectives for Romania and Norway,” funded through the Financial Mechanism SEE 2009-2014, EEA Grants and Norway Grants, 1 September 2016–30 January 2017, in partnership with the University of South-Eastern Norway – project coordinator.

Research team member

- „Analiza digitală a poeziei române de la origini până la 1900: Regimuri stilistice, modele tematice, dispersii geografice”, LBUS Excellence Grants, July 2023–June 2025, project director: Prof. Radu Vancu, project code LBUS-HPI-ERG-2023-08 – team member.
- “Establishing a Laboratory of Cultural Heritage in Central Romania” (ELABCHROM), HORIZON Europe, January 2023–December 2025, project director: Prof. Andrei Terian – researcher (WP coordinator).
- “Negotiating Return to Work in the Age of Demographic Change through Industrial Relations” – REWIR, European Commission, March 2019–February 2021, project director: Assoc. Prof. Adela Elena Popa, project code VS/2019/0075 – team member.
- “Community Participation for Reducing the Burden of Cancer: Stakeholders’ Involvement in Facilitating the Return to Work of Cancer Patients,” project director: Assoc. Prof. Adela Elena Popa (June 2016–September 2017), project code PN II RU-TE 2014-4-0478 – team member.
- “Models of Interaction between Formal and Informal Social Capital. Investigating the Supporting and Mediating Role of the Kinship,” project director: Prof. Petru Iluț, 2011–2012, project code PN II IDEI 2572/2008 – involved as a Ph.D. student.

Other grants and scholarships

- Internal research grant provided by Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, grant number LBUS-IRG-2022-08, for the project “Selling Stadium Names: A Multi-level Regression Analysis.”
- Internal research grant provided by Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, grant number LBUS-IRG-2020-06, for the project “The Privatization of Death: The Emergence of Private Cemeteries in Romania’s Postsocialist Deathscape.”
- Internal research grant provided by Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, grant number LBUS-IRG-2019-05, for the project “Street Name Changes in Postsocialist Romania.”
- Internal research grant provided by Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, grant number LBUS-IRG-2018-04, for the project “National Memory, Public Education, and Institutional Namescapes: A Quantitative Analysis of Romanian School Names.”
- Internal research grant provided by Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, grant number LBUS-IRG-2017-03, for the project “Coming to Terms with the Past: The Politics of Memory in Post-Communist Romania.”
- Internal research grant provided by Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, grant number LBUS-IRG-2016-02, for the project “Politics of Remembering in Post-Communist Romania.”
- Recipient of the Postdoctoral Scholarship “Young Successful Researchers – Professional Development in an International and Interdisciplinary Environment,” (September 2014–August 2015), POSDRU/159/1.5/S/132400.
- Recipient of the Ph.D. Scholarship “Modern Doctoral Studies: Internationalization and Interdisciplinary,” (October 2010–September 2013), POSDRU/107/1.5/S/76841.

Organisational / managerial skills

- **Co-editor** of the following special issues in academic journals:
 - “‘Mister Gorbachev Tear Down this Wall!’ Socio-economic and Political Consequences 30 Years After,” *History of Communism in Europe*, 2019, 10, in collaboration with Dalia Báthory (The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile) and Corneliu Pintilescu (“George Barițiu” Institute of History in Cluj-Napoca).
 - “The Sociology of Celebration,” *Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology*, 2016, 7(1), in collaboration with Ismo Kantola (University of Turku, Finland).
- **Reviewer** for the following peer-reviewed journals:
 - *Political Geography*; *Journal of Historical Geography*; *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*; *Omega–Journal of Death and Dying*; *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*; *Nationalities Papers*; *European Societies*; *Politics, Religion & Ideology*; *Critical Research on Religion*; *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*; *Review of Religious Research*; *Cultural Sociology*; *Current Oncology*; *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*; *Frontiers in Sociology*; *Frontiers in Psychology*; *Frontiers in Sustainable Cities*; *Emotions and Society*; *Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics*; *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*; *Human Arenas*; *Societies*; *Religions*; *Arts*; *Social Sciences*; *History of Communism in Europe*; *Journal of Geography, Politics and Society*; *Acta Universitatis Carolina – Studia Territoria*; *Behavioral Sciences*; *Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology*; *Social Change Review*; *Calitatea Vieții (Life Quality)*; *Cypriot Journal of Educational Sciences*; *Romanian Journal of Sociological Studies*; *Journal of Romanian Studies*; *Revista Transilvania*.
- **Reviewer** for the following publishing houses:
 - Routledge (UK) (4 book proposals in the field of death studies/thanatology, political geography/place-names studies, and history).
- **Review editor** for *Frontiers in Sustainable Cities*.
- **Reviewer for grant applications** for The National Science Centre (Polish: Narodowe Centrum Nauki, NCN).
- **Co-organizer** of the following conferences:
 - International Conference “Revisiting Cultural Heritage: Novel Approaches, Innovative Methods, and Transnational Connections,” October 26–27, Sibiu, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.
 - National Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society “European and National Identities at Crossroads: Reshaping Boundaries, Changing Political Cultures, and Re-Imagining the Future,” October 13–14 2017, Sibiu, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.
 - International Conference “New Societies, Old Minorities / New Minorities, Old Societies?,” 29 September–1 October 2016, Sibiu, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.
 - International Student Conference “Youth Participation to Research and Psychosocial Intervention in Contemporary Society,” 21–22 April 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Babeș–Bolyai University.
- **Moderator** of panels in various conferences.

- Media coverage Berbeceanu, Iancu (2023). Mihai S. Rusu – „Locuri ale memoriei. Politicile simbolice ale spațiului public într-un oraș memorial”. *Tribuna*, 31 decembrie 2023, <https://tribunasnm.ro/2023/12/31/mihai-s-rusu-locuri-ale-memoriei-politicile-simbolice-ale-spatiului-public-intr-un-oras-memorial/>
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- Totok, William (2023). „Kulturhauptstadt Europas 2023: Ehrung für Faschisten” (European Capital of Culture 2023: Honor for Fascists). *Die Tageszeitung*, 15 April 2023, <https://taz.de/Kulturhauptstadt-Europas-2023!/5927997/>
- Luțac, Răzvan (2023). „Am găsit în România zero localități cu numele unor personalități feminine și 146 cu numele unor bărbați celebri. 11 sate Tudor Vladimirescu, niciun sat Ana Aslan”. *Libertatea*, 9 martie 2023, <https://www.libertatea.ro/stiri/am-gasit-in-romania-zero-localitati-cu-numele-unor-personalitati-feminine-si-146-cu-numele-unor-barbati-celebri-11-sate-tudor-vladimirescu-nici-un-sat-ana-aslan-4473282>
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- / Străzile Paulescu, Goga și Cioran, considerate de un profesor sibian "sicriile nominale în care Timișoara și-a îngropat demnitatea democratică". *G4Media*, 18 ianuarie 2023, <https://www.g4media.ro/semnal-legat-de-denumirea-unor-strazi-din-timisoara-aceste-placute-stradale-arata-a-sarcofage-memoriale-strazile-paulescu-goga-si-cioran-considerat-de-un-profesor-sibian.html>
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- Chiruță, Răzvan (2021). Puterea politică, exercitată prin numele stadioanelor de fotbal. O cercetare românească [Political Power

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Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user

Levels: Basic user – Independent user – Proficient user
[Digital competences - Self-assessment grid](#)

- Excellent command of the following software packages: Microsoft Office Suite, IBM SPSS Statistics, STATA, RStudio, ArcGIS, QGIS, Documentum EMC²

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PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Rusu, M. S. (2023). *Locuri ale memoriei: politicile simbolice ale spațiului public într-un oraș memorial* [Places of Memory: The Symbolic Politics of Public Space in a Memorial City]. Sibiu: Editura Universității Lucian Blaga din Sibiu, 478 pp.
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- The British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference 2018, Identity, Community and Social Solidarity, 10–12 April 2018, Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, with the paper “Transitional Politics of Memory: Political Strategies of Managing the Past in Post-Communist Romania.”
- The 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA), (Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities, September 29–August 1 2017, Athens, Greece, with the paper “Celebrating Death in the Romanian Iron Guard’s Ideology of Thanatic Nationalism.”
- The American Comparative Literature Association’s 2017 Annual Meeting, July 6–9, 2017, Utrecht, the Netherlands, with the paper “Staging Death: Necropolitics and the Theatrics of Death in the Romanian Legionary Movement.”
- The International Conference “Children of Transition, Children of War. The ‘Generation of Transformation’ from a European Perspective,” 3–5 November 2016, University of Vienna, Austria, with the paper “Civilizing the Transitional Generation: The Politics of Civic Education in Post-Communist Romania.”
- The International Workshop “After the War–A New Beginning? A Comparative Examination of Reading Primers Published and Used in 1945 in Europe,” 13–14 November 2015, Braunschweig, Germany, with the paper “Between Structural Continuity and Ideological Rupture: Romanian Primers for Children and Adults before, during, and after 1945” (in collaboration with Simona Szakács).
- The 12th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA) “Differences, Inequalities and Sociological Imagination,” 25–28 August 2015, Prague, Czech Republic, with the paper “Celebrating the Royal Liturgy within the National Calendric Memory – The Politics of Commemoration in Romanian Kingdom.”
- The 11th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA) “Crisis, Critique and Change,” 28–31 August 2013, Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy, with the paper “Revertebrating Collective Memory’s Backbone: The Changing Logic of Periodization in Romanian Historical Consciousness.”

International conferences (in Romania)

- Revisiting Cultural Heritage: Novel Approaches, Innovative Methods, and Transnational Connections (ELABCHROM Conference), 26–27 October 2023, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania, with the paper “Dissonant Heritage: The Memorial Afterlives of Communist Monuments in Postsocialist Romania.”
- Revisiting Cultural Heritage: Novel Approaches, Innovative Methods, and Transnational Connections (ELABCHROM Conference), 26–27 October 2023, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania, with the paper “‘Mihai Eminescu is Everywhere’: Charting the Memorial Spatialization of a National Icon.”
- The 11th Edition of the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication (ACUM 2022) and the National Romanian Sociologists Society Conference, 27–28 October 2022, Transylvania University of Braşov, Romania, with the paper “Street Renaming in Postsocialist Romania: A Quantitative Approach.”
- The 11th Edition of the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication (ACUM 2022) and the National Romanian Sociologists Society Conference, 27–28 October 2022, Transylvania University of Braşov, Romania, with the paper

- “Surveying Attitudes towards Street Name Changes and Statues’ Removal: A Quantitative Analysis at the National Level in Postsocialist Romania” (co-author Alin Croitoru).
- The 11th Edition of the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication (ACUM 2022) and the National Romanian Sociologists Society Conference, 27–28 October 2022, Transylvania University of Braşov, Romania, with the paper “‘Guşterland’ – What’s in a Name? The Promise and Perils of Entrepreneurial Governance and Toponymic Democracy for Community Development” (co-author Anabella M. Beju).
- The Society for Romanian Studies (SRS) Conference “Borders and Transfers,” The West University of Timisoara, Romania, 15–17 June 2022, with the paper “Fallen into Disgrace: The Memorial Afterlives of the Communist Monuments in Postsocialist Romania.”
- The 6th International Conference of the Romanian Sociologists Society “Curators and Actors of the Social Fabric: Views Through ‘Post-Lenses’” (online conference), Transylvania University of Braşov, Romania, 16–18 June 2021, with the paper “Post-socialist Changes in Urban Nomenclatures: A Quantitative Analysis of Three Romanian Cities.”
- East-Central Europe: From Communism to Populism. Political Agency, Institutional Design, Social Networks (online conference), University of Bucharest and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Romania, 30 October 2020, with the paper “Patterns of Toponymic Decommunization: Dismantling the Urban Namescapes in Post-Socialist Romanian Cities.”
- The International Colloquium on Social Sciences and Communication ACUM 2019, Braşov, 17–19 October 2019, with the paper “Ritual Violence and Political Radicalism: Exploring Patterns of Youth Hooliganism in Romania’s Interwar Far-Right Movement.”
- International Colloquium “Contemporary Memorialisation of the Holocaust in Central and Eastern European Countries,” Bucharest, October 11–12, 2019, the “Elie Wiesel” National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania, with the paper “Geographies of Commemoration: Remembering the Holocaust in Romania’s Educational System.”
- The 11th International Conference of Dying and Death in 18th-21st Century Europe, International Conference (ABDD11), Alba Iulia, September 26–27, 2019, with the paper “The Sacralisation of Politics within the Iron Guard’s Ideology of Thanatic Ultra-Nationalism.”
- The 5th International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society, Living in a Liquid Society, 14–15th September 2018, Timişoara, Romania, with the paper “Mapping the Political Toponymy of School Names in Romania: A Quantitative Analysis.”
- The International Conference of the Society for Romanian Studies, #Romania100: Looking Forward through the Past, 26–30 June 2018, Bucharest, Romania, with the paper “‘The Legion of the Beyond’ (*Legiunea de dincolo*): Necropolitics and Christofascist Funeral Rites in the Legionary Movement.”
- The International Conference “War Hecatombe: Effects on Health, Demography, Territory and Modern Thought (19th–21st Centuries),” 13–16 June 2018, Cluj, Romania, with the paper “From Student Thugs to Legionary Martyrs: The Sacralization of Violence in the Romanian Iron Guard.”
- The 10th edition of Dying and Death in 18th–21st century Europe, International Conference (ABDD10), 26–28 September 2017, Alba-

- Iulia, Romania, with the paper "From the Cradle to the Grave: The Politicization of Life and Death in the Romanian Legionary Movement."
- The 2nd International Conference on Non-Communicable Diseases: Hold the Door against Injury and Disease – ICONiC –, 22–24 May 2017, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with the paper "Returning to Work after Cancer in Romania."
- The 4th International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS), "New Societies, Old Minorities / New Minorities, Old Societies?" 29 September–1 October 2016, Sibiu, Romania, with the paper "Commemorating the Holocaust in Romania. A National Topography of Remembrance."
- Midterm conference of ESA RN 36 "Social Transformations: New Challenges, Practices, and Critique," 28–29 September 2016, Sibiu, Romania, with the paper "Fashioning the Post-national Self: The Changing Politics of Civic Education in Pre- and Post-accession Romania."
- The International Conference of the Doctoral School "History. Civilization. Culture" of Babes-Bolyai University, 9–10 July 2015, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with the paper "From 'Obedience towards Sovereignty' to the Supreme Sacrifice for the Nation: The Contortions of Romanian Patriotism from the Organic Rules to the Second World War."
- The Society for Romanian Studies 2015 International Conference "Linking Past, Present and Future: The 25th Anniversary of Regime Change in Romania and Moldova (1989/1991)," 17–19 June 2015, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, Romania, with the paper "Transitional Memory: Political Strategies for the Public Management of the Past in Transitional Times."
- The International Student Conference "Youth Participation to Research and Psychosocial Intervention in Contemporary Society," 21–22 April 2015, Cluj Napoca, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania, with the paper "Yearning after a Pre-biographic Past: Romanian Teenagers' Nostalgia over the Communist Regime," (*Keynote address*).
- The 7th Edition of ABDD International Conference "Dying and Death in 18th–21st Century Europe," 4–6 September 2014, University "1st of December 1918" of Alba Iulia, Romania, with the paper "Thanatic Nationalism, Sacrificial Patriotism: Dying for the Country in the Nationalist Century of Romanian Historical Existence (1848–1947)".
- The 3rd International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society, "Society of the 21st Century. Challenges, Trends, and Perspectives," 9–10 May 2014, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, with the paper "Romanian Post-National Memory. Coming to Terms with the Challenge of European Identity."
- The 2nd International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS), "Beyond Globalization," 31 May–3 June 2012, University of Bucharest, Romania, with the paper "The Canon of Sociology and the Sociology of Canonization."
- The First International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS), 2–4 December 2010, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with the paper "The Structure of Mnemonic Revolutions."

National conferences

- Atelierul de cercetare muzeală „Depășite, adormite sau periculoase? Trasee incerte ale rămășițelor muzeale și memoriale socialiste”,

- Muzeul Național al Țăranului Român, 8 decembrie 2023, cu lucrarea „Molozuri monumentale: Viețile memoriale de apoi ale monumentelor comuniste în România postsocialistă”.
- Conferința anuală a Academiei Transilvania din Sibiu „Violență politică și practici ale memoriei în Europa de Est în perioada comunistă și postcomunistă”, Sibiu, 29-30 septembrie 2023, with the paper “O ‘cultură a anulării’ postsocialistă? Politicile contestate ale memoriei în România postsocialistă.”
- Congresul Național al Istoricilor Români (CNIR), Universitatea „1 Decembrie 1918” din Alba Iulia, 8–10 septembrie 2022, with the paper “Geografia memorială a lui Avram Iancu: monumente, nume de străzi și toponimie școlară.”
- Congresul Național al Istoricilor Români (CNIR), Universitatea „1 Decembrie 1918” din Alba Iulia, 8–10 septembrie 2022, Roundtable: Politici și proiecte educaționale privind comunismul românesc, with the paper “Pedagogia comunismului românesc: dincolo de paradigma traumei.”
- #România100+, The CoMIST Conference 2021b, “Trecuturi controversate, prezent conflictual, viitor incert?,” University of Bucharest, 26 November 2021, with the paper “Recunoștință fără recunoștință: politicile germanității în Sibiu.”
- #Comunismul în România100, The CoMIST Conference 2021a, University of Bucharest, Romania, 14 May 2021, with the paper “Relicve memoriale: atitudini sociale față de redenumirea străzilor și înlăturarea statuiilor în România postsocialistă” (co-author Alin Croitoru).
- The National Conference “Științele socio-umane la începutul mileniului III,” Ediția a XI-a, Sibiu, 6 December 2019, Institutul de Cercetări Socio-Umane Sibiu, Academia Română, with the paper “Ziua Națională a Holocaustului în școlile românești: o analiză cantitativă la nivel național.”
- The National Conference “Tendențe ale cunoașterii și dezvoltării sociale în secolul XXI,” Alba Iulia, 25–26 October 2019, with the paper “Redenumirea toponimiei urbane în România postsocialistă: o analiza cantitativă asupra nomenclatorului stradal la nivel național.”
- The National Conference CoMIST 2019 “Communism in Romania: Memory and History,” University of Bucharest, 16–17 May 2019, Bucharest, Romania, with the paper “Topographies of Memory: Street Name Changes in Postcommunist Romania.”
- The LBUS Annual Conference of Research in Sociology and Social Work, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, 14–15 December 2018, Sibiu, Romania, with the paper “Street Nomenclature as a Heterotopic Place of Memory: A Quantitative Longitudinal Analysis of Street Names in a Transylvanian City.”
- The LBUS Annual Conference of Research in Sociology and Social Work, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, 14–15 December 2018, Sibiu, Romania, with the paper “Empirical Imagination in Gathering Social Data: A Plea for ‘Methodological Opportunism’.”
- The National Conference “Memory and Collections of Memories: New Perspectives on Communism in Romania,” University of Bucharest in partnership with Evangelische Akademie Siebenbürgen, 1–3 November 2018, Sibiu, Romania, with the paper “Transitional Politics of Memory: Amnesia, Anamnesis, and Nostalgia in Post-communist Romania.”
- The National Conference “The Romanian Identity Project. 1848–1947,” University of Sibiu, 20–22 September 2018, Sibiu, Romania, with

- the paper "The Politics of School Names: A Longitudinal Study on the Names of Romanian High Schools."
- The National Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS), European Identity at Crossroads: Reshaping Boundaries, Changing Political Cultures, and Re-Imagining the Future, 13–14 October 2017, Sibiu, Romania, with the paper "Celebs' Posthumous Reputation: An Exploration into Romanian Public Deathscape."
- Politics & Society Conference 2017 – Democracy and Governance in the 21st Century, 2–3 June 2017, Sibiu, Romania, with the paper "Constructing a Postnationalist Selfhood: Civics and the Politics of Identity in Post-Socialist Romania."
- The National Congress of Romanian Historians, 25–28 August 2016, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with the paper "Feminități legionare: o analiză vizuală și de conținut a imaginii femeii în presa legionară."
- The Symposium of the Seminary of Historical Anthropology, 2–4 June 2016, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with the paper "The Sacralization of Self-Sacrificial Death in the Legionary Ideology: Self-Sacrificial Patriotism, Heroic Martyrdom, and Thanatic Nationalism."
- National Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS) and Communication Sciences ACUM 2015, 19–21 November 2015, Brașov, Romania, with the paper "The Royal and Republican Politics of Commemoration: Calendric Struggles over Mastering Symbolic Time in Romanian Modern History."
- National Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS) and the International Colloquium of Social and Communication Sciences ACUM 2015, 19–21 November 2015, Brașov, Romania, with the paper "From Amnesia to Anamnesis to Mnemology: The Politics of Memory in Post-Communist Romania."
- POSDRU Conference, 22–26 September 2015, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with the paper "Transitional Politics of Memory in Post-Communist Romania."
- The International Scientific Conference "Literature, Discourse and Multicultural Dialogue (LDMD)," 2nd Edition, 4–5 December 2014, Tîrgu Mureș, "Petru Maior" University, Romania, with the paper "Metaphors of Historical Memory: Site, Construction, Archive, Palimpsest."
- The Annual Conference of the Hungarian Sociological Association, "Nationhood in the Carpathian Region: Hungarians and their Neighbours – Sociological Perspectives," 27–29 November 2014, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with the paper "Emplotting the Nation: The Narrative Construction of the 'Romanian Master Story'."
- Conference of the Romanian Society for Social and Cultural Anthropology (SASC) "Modes of Appropriation and Social Resistance," 11th Edition, 21–22 November 2014, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, with the paper "'Sub specie Europæa'. Reforms and Resistances in Remembering the Romanian Past within the New European Ethics of Memory."
- The 3rd Edition of the International Scientific Conference "Communication, context, interdisciplinarity," (CCI3) 23–24 October 2014, "Petru Maior" University, Tîrgu Mureș, Romania, with the paper "Making The New Romanian. An Overview of the Romanian Programs of Political Anthropogenesis."
- The Annual National Conference of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, "Distance and Togetherness through Time and Space," 7–9 June 2013, University of Bucharest, Romania, with the paper

“More than a ‘Story’: Sociology’s Grip on Reality.”

The National Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS), “Social Challenges: Institutions, Values, Trends” 16–18 May 2013, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, with the paper “‘Societal Schizophrenia’: The Memory of Romanian Communism between Elitist Cultural Trauma and Popular Red Nostalgia.”

National Colloquium for Social Sciences (ACUM), 17–18 November 2011, Transylvania University of Brașov, Romania, with the paper “Sociopsihologia canonizării: Petru Iluț în structura memoriei sociologice.”

The Annual Research Conference in Sociology and Social Work, 27–28 May 2011, University of Bucharest, Romania, with the paper “Sociopsychology of Collective Memory: An Exercise in (Macro)Theorizing.”

Professional membership

The Global Council for Anthropological Linguistics (GLOCAL) (<https://glocal.soas.ac.uk/rac/>), member in the Regional Advisory Committee, since May 2023.

The International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS) (<https://icosweb.net/>), member since May 2021.

The Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) (<https://nationalities.org/>), member since February 2021.

Memory Studies Association (MSA) (<https://www.memorystudiesassociation.org/>), member since February 2021.

The Centre for Social Research (CSR), Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, member since April 2018.

The British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), member since 2018.

The British Sociological Association (BSA) (<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/>), member since 2018.

H-Celebration on H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online, (<https://networks.h-net.org/h-celebration>), editor between March 2017 to February 2019.

The International Group for the Cultural Studies of the Body (CORPUS) (<http://corpus.comlu.com>), member since March 2016.

Transnational Memory & Identity in Europe Research Network (<http://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/research/research-networks/transnational-memory>), member since June 2015.

The Society for Romanian Studies (SRS) (<http://www.society4romanianstudies.org>), member since 2014.

The European Sociological Association (ESA) (<http://www.europeansociology.org>), member since May 2013.

The Romanian Sociological Society (SSR) (<http://societateasociologilor.ro>), member since 2011.

