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EDUCATION

- 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. Current teaching assignments: Urban Anthropology, Introduction to Anthropology, Sociology of Consumption and Shopping, PhD supervision (about 360 students each year).
- 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; Department of Sociology, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj, 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

- 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. [link](#)
- 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.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Anthropology, Undergraduate
Urban Anthropology, Undergraduate
Sociology of Consumption and Shopping, Graduate
Anthropology of Infrastructures, Graduate

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

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

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES (selection)

- n/a Zombie Socialism: Postsocialism from Post to Ghost. *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, Special Issue on Postsocialist Cities and Urban Theory, editors Michael Gentile and Slavka Fenchurova, accepted for publication.
- 2016 Kinship of Paper: Genealogical Charts as Bureaucratic Documents. *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, accepted for publication, Vol. 39(2), November. [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)

- 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 Dobrinicu, 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? [link](#).
- 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

- 2014 Plumbing, Repairs, and Infrastructures. Lecture at Think and Drink Colloquium Institute for Sociology, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. [link](#)

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 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). 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*.

PHD SUPERVISION

Irina Zamfirescu, PhD expected 2017, 'Shrinking Citizenship: Technologies of Housing Eviction in Bucharest';
Cristina Stermatis, PhD expected 2017, 'Landscapes of Consumption in European Capital Cities';
Carmen Voinea, PhD expected 2018, 'Cosmetic Surgery in South Korea and Romania';
Georgiana Neculau, PhD expected 2018, 'Social Housing and Social Dumping in Romania';
Silvia Popa, PhD expected 2018, 'Testing Infrastructures: Upgrading TV Studio Technology'.

PRACTICUM ACTIVITIES WITH STUDENTS (VOLUNTARY)

2006 Fieldwork research in Slava Rusa, Tulcea County. Seven BA students, two weeks.

2006-2011 Applied cultural policy and cultural sociology research at the Center for Research on Culture, the Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs, The Government of Romania. Each year, I was able to organize several internships and practicum activities for about 10 students every year.

2015, 2016 Survey of industrial and residential customers of the waterworks company in Bucharest (www.apanovabucuresti.ro). I worked with 8 students every year.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

2015 Member of a group in Romania who organized relief and donations for the victims of Nepal earthquake. Donated money and time.

2011 – Co-cordinator (with Lazar Vlasceanu) of the Book Series 'Sociologie.Antropologie' of Polirom Publishing, the largest social sciences and literature publishing in Romania.

2009 – Volunteered with stray dog rescuing associations in Bucharest. Donated money and time.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Romanian	Native speaker
English	Fluent
French	Good
Turkish	Poor

RECOMMENDATIONS

Katherine Verdery, Anthropology, Graduate Center, City University of New York, kverdery@gc.cuny.edu.
Bruce O'Neill, Sociology and Anthropology, Saint Louis University, boneill1@slu.edu.
Krisztina Fehervary, Anthropology, University of Michigan, fehervar@umich.edu.