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Studies, specialization, competences:

- PhD in History (2021): Faculty of History, University of Bucharest.
- MA in History (2016): Faculty of History, University of Bucharest.
- BA in History (2014): Faculty of History, University of Bucharest.

Fellowships

- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (2022-2023): Doctoral School of History, “1 Decembrie 1918” University, Alba Iulia, Romania.
- Fulbright Visiting Student (2019-2020): University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of History, Gainesville, FL, USA.
- Fulbright English for Graduate Studies Program Fellow (2019): University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, USA.
- Erasmus Student (2018): Université Lumière Lyon 2, Lyon, France.

Editorial Experience

Assistant Editor: MDPI – Open Access Publishing (2020-2021)

- Oversaw the peer-review process and coordinated editorial workflows for international open-access journals including the [International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health](#), [Humanities](#), and [Social Sciences](#).
- Ensured editorial content met rigorous academic and formatting standards.
- Acted as liaison between authors, reviewers, and editorial boards, maintaining timely and professional communication throughout the publication cycle.
- Assisted in manuscript screening and provided guidance to authors on submission requirements, revisions, and ethical standards in publishing.

PUBLICATIONS

Book: Crețu, C. (2022). *Practici funerare în mormintele de epocă romană și romano-bizantină de la Histria (secolele II–VII p. Chr.)*. Cluj-Napoca: Editura Mega. 456 pages. ISBN: 978-606-020-580-7 (Publisher classified in Category A according to the 2020 CNCS evaluation).

Chapters in International Academic Books (3)

- **Crețu, C., Soficaru, A.** (in press). “Martyrdom Narratives and Identity Formation at the Edge of the Roman Empire: The Case of Epictetus and Astion from Halmyris.” In A. Diana, D. Marcu Istrate & A. Toso (eds.), *Human Identities in the Archaeological Record: An Interdisciplinary Perspective from Late Antiquity to the Early Modern Period*. Bloomsbury Academic.
- **Crețu, C., Soficaru, A. D.** (2024). “Death at the Edge of Empire: Burial Practices in the Province of Scythia (4th–7th c.).” In A. Dolea & L. Lavan (eds.), *Burial and Memorial in Late Antiquity. Volume 2: Regional Perspectives (Late Antique Archaeology, Vol. 13/2)*, De Gruyter Brill, pp. 764–778. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004687974_012
- **Crețu, C.** (2024). “Meaningful Vaults: Creating and Experiencing Deathscapes in Late Roman and Early Byzantine Scythia.” In A. Cristilli, G. Di Luca, et al. (eds.), *Experiencing the Landscape in Antiquity. III International Conference on Ancient Studies*, BAR Publishing (International Series S3178), pp. 225–231. <https://www.barpublishing.com/book/experiencing-the-landscape-in-antiquity-3/>

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals Indexed in International Databases (e.g. Scopus, Web of Science, CEEOL, Persée, etc.) (10)

- **Crețu, C.** (in press). “Diffuse Idiopathic Skeletal Hyperostosis in an Individual from the Late Roman Cemetery at Histria.” *Revista de Arheologie, Antropologie și Studii Interdisciplinare (RAASI)*, 7. Indexed in CEEOL, ERIH PLUS, and EBSCO.
- **Crețu, C., Soficaru, A. D.** (in press). “Bioarchaeology of Sacred Bodies: Martyrs’ Identity in the Roman Province of Scythia.” *Peuce*, SN 23. Indexed in CEEOL, ERIH PLUS, and EBSCO.
- **Crețu, C., Dabîca, M., Soficaru, A. D.** (2024). “Insights from the South Sector at Histria: New Archaeological and Anthropological Data.” *Materiale și Cercetări Arheologice*, 20: 171–209. https://www.persee.fr/doc/mcarh_1220-5222_2024_num_20_1_2330
- Wright, S. L., et al., including **Crețu, C.** (2024). “Ancient DNA and Paleoproteomic Analysis on Roman Imperial-Era Individuals from Histria, Romania.” *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*, 56, 104510. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2024.104510>
- **Crețu, C.** (2023). “The Mortuary Treatment of Children in Late Roman/Early Byzantine (L) Ibida (4th–6th Centuries AD).” *Materiale și Cercetări Arheologice*, 19: 99–112. https://www.persee.fr/doc/mcarh_1220-5222_2023_num_19_1_2301
- Soficaru, A., **Crețu, C.** (2022). “Anthropological Analysis of the Graves Discovered at the Site of Piscu Crăsani (Ialomița County).” *Istros*, 27: 209–255. <https://www.ceeol.com/search/article-detail?id=1064387>
- **Crețu, C., Dabîca, M., Soficaru, A.** (2020). “Digging up the Archives: A Reassessment of Burial Practices in the Cemeteries from the ‘Extra Muros Basilica’ Sector at Histria.”

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- Crețu, C. (2016). “The Human Body Within Funerary Archaeology Research: From the Bearer of Material Culture to the *Raison d’Être* of the Funerary Complex.” *CICSA Journal*, II: 6–18. <https://www.cceol.com/search/article-detail?id=770412>
- Crețu, C. (2015). “Anthropological and Archaeological Approaches to Mortuary Rituals: A Synthesis.” *CICSA Journal*, I: 4–16. <https://www.cceol.com/search/article-detail?id=771463>

International Conferences (9)

- 2025 – Crețu, C. “(Bio)archaeology of Children at the Edge of the Roman Empire: A View from Late Antique Scythia (Southeastern Romania).” *Child Space: Narratives and New Perspectives on the Bioarchaeology of Children and Their Biosocial Complexity*, Budapest, Hungary, June 4–6, 2025.
- 2025 – Crețu, C., Ștefan, A., Sendroiu, C., Soficaru, A.D. “Fractured Histories: Cranial Trauma in a Mass Grave at Igrîș Linked to the Mongol Invasion of 1241.” *Homines, Funera, Astra. International Symposium on Funerary Archaeology*, 9th Edition, Alba Iulia, Romania, May 12–14, 2025.
- 2024 – Crețu, C., Dabîca, M. “Late Roman and Early Byzantine Burials from the South Sector at Histria (2012–2021).” *Pontica. 57th International Scientific Session: History and Archaeology in the West Pontic Region*, Constanța, Romania, September 25–27, 2024.
- 2024 – Crețu, C., Soficaru, A. D., Dabîca, M. “Osteobiographies and Paleopathology in the Skeletal Sample from the Histria South Sector.” *Pontica. 57th International Scientific Session: History and Archaeology in the West Pontic Region*, Constanța, Romania, September 25–27, 2024.
- 2023 – Crețu, C. “Equals in Death? The Mortuary Treatment of Children in Late Roman and Early Byzantine Scythia.” *15th Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of Childhood in the Past (SSCIP)*, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 18–20, 2023.
- 2023 – Crețu, C. “Deathscapes in Late Roman and Early Byzantine Scythia.” *Experiencing Landscape in Late Antiquity. III International Conference on Ancient Studies*, Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy, May 29–31, 2023.
- 2022 – Crețu, C., Soficaru, A. D. “Survival of the Weakest: A Case of Disability in the Late Roman City of Ibida (Slava Rusă, Romania).” *28th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)*, Budapest, Hungary, August 31–September 3, 2022.
- 2020 – Crețu, C., “Facing Infant Mortality: Parental Grief in the Roman World.” *International Lecture Series*, Department of History, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA, 2020.
- 2017 – Crețu, C. “Domestic Corpses: Household and Funerary Practices from the Early Neolithic of Romania.” *Skeletons, Stories, and Social Bodies Conference*, University of Southampton, UK, March 24–26, 2017.