

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional Activity and Workplace

Scientific Researcher, 'Fr. I. Rainer' Institute of Anthropology, Romanian Academy.

Studies, specialization, competences

- 2020: Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA. Thesis advisors: Krisztina Fehérváry (chair), Matthew Hull, Stuart Kirsch, Alaina Lemon, Dario Gaggio.
- 2011: MA in Social and Cultural Anthropology, National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania.
- 2008: MA in Nationalism Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. Graduated with Distinction.
- 2007: BA in Journalism, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania. Fellowships and Grants

Fellowships and grants

2024: Research residency, Social Fabric #3, funded by Municipality of Timișoara and National Cultural Fund.

2023: European Research Council Grant (via Erica Weiss), research on coexistence, Timișoara.

2021: Nomis Grant (via Stuart Kirsch), research on concrete and waste recycling.

2020: ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award (\$1,000)

2020: Louise Williams Distinguished Dissertation Award (\$1,000)

2019: Marshall Weinberg Dissertation Fellowship (\$13,500)

2018: Rackham Humanities Fellowship (\$16,000)

2018: CREES Research, Internship, and Fellowship program Grant (\$1,500)

2015: Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$19,817)

2014: Department of Anthropology summer funding (\$2,000)

2014: International Institute Individual Fellowship (University of Michigan, \$2,600)

2014: Center for European Studies Research Grant (University of Michigan, \$2,000)

2014: Department of Anthropology summer funding (University of Michigan, \$2,000)

2013: Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (University of Michigan, \$1,500)

2012: Fellow of the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (University of Michigan, \$16,000)

2008: Best MA thesis award, Nationalism Study Program, CEU, Budapest, Hungary

2007: Open Society Foundation Scholarship to pursue Master of Arts in Nationalism Study, CEU

2007: Open Society Foundation Scholarship to pursue studies at Ithaca College, NY (declined)

Publications (selection)

2025. 'The Broken Tracks of Post-Socialism: Distributed Agency and Political Accountability along Romanian Railroads.' *Anuac: Journal of the Italian Society of Cultural Anthropology*.

2024. 'Musical enchantment. Affective pragmatics and the making of intersubjective grief in lăutari funeral performance.' *Annuaire Roumain d'Anthropologie*. 61: 21-38.
<https://www.doi.org/10.59277/annanthrop.2024.61.03>

2023. Report for policymakers regarding the islands of the Lower Danube, co-authored Ștefan Dorondel, Stelu Șerban, Gabriela Toroimac, Cornelia Florea and Marina Vîrghileanu, deliverable in the research PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2020-1238 „Stat, comunitati si natura in zona Dunarii de Jos: O istorie a insulelor dunarene (1830-2020)” [State, communities and nature in the Lower Danube: A history of Danube Islands (1830-2020)].

2022. “Sălașul tainic al reparațiilor.” [The Hidden Abode of Repair]. *Scena9*, Nr. 4

2021. “(Dis)Connected: Phatic Politics and the (Dis)Enchantment of Infrastructure in Romania,” *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies*.
<https://doi.org/10.3167/TRANS.2020.10020312>;

2020. Book review for *Social Anthropology*: “Repair, Brokenness, Breakthrough:

Ethnographic Responses” (eds. Francisco Martinez and Patrick Laviolette), Berghahn 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1469-8676.12773>;

2017. “Class Politics and Romania’s ‘White Revolution.’” *Anthropology News* website. July 6. doi: 10.1111/AN.502.;

2012. “Suspendarea consensului in ‘Piețele Universității’: Tehnopolitică, Anticomunism și Hegemonia neoliberalismului” [The Suspension of Consensus: Technopolitics, Anticommunism and the Neoliberal Hegemony] In *Iarna Vrajbei Noastre: Protestele din Romania, ianuarie-februarie 2012* [The Winter of our discontent: protests in Romania, January-February 2012]. Cătălin Stoica and Vintilă Mihăilescu (eds.). Bucharest: Paideia; ISBN: 978-973-596-748-2;

Conferences and Presentations (selection)

2024a. ‘The Petrification of Social Life? Concrete ethnographies of late industrialism’, Panel co-organized with Giuseppe Tateo at the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Barcelona, Spain, 23-26 July.

2024b. ‘Green cement and other corporate oxymorons.’ Paper presented at the 18 Biennial Conference EASA 2024: Doing and Undoing with Anthropology, Barcelona, 23-26 July.

2024c. ‘Infrastructural Dispossession in Central and Eastern Europe’, Panel co-organized with Mihai S. Rusu, at the international conference Historical Materialism, Cluj, Romania, 29-31 August.

2024d. ‘All this filth: Dispossession and Abject Labor in a Romanian Locomotive Depot.’ Paper presented at the Historical Materialism Conference: Polycrisis Across Divides. Cluj, 29-31 August.

2023a. ‘Shifty Muds. Land Water and Life in a “Patchy Anthropocene”’ international workshop and conference, co-organized with Ș. Dorondel and S. Șerban, New Europe College, Bucuresti, 8-10 June.

2023b. “Muddy Waters: Dirty Landscapes and Muddled Institutions along the Lower Danube.” (with Stelu Șerban and Marina Virghileanu) Paper presented international conference Shifty Muds: Land, Water, and Life in a “Patchy Anthropocene”, NEC, Bucharest, 8–10 June.

2023c. ‘Necazu’ cu Macazu’: Ce-are cultura cu infrastructura.’ [The Trouble with the Switch: What Does Culture Have to Do with Infrastructure?]invited keynote at the Anthropology Toolkit Conference (7–8 October 2023, Horia Bernea Studio, Romanian Peasant Museum), organized by Antropedia, EASA Applied Anthropology Network, and

Why The World Needs Anthropologists.

2022a. 'Unsettling the Carbon Economy: Innovation, Adoption and Resistance to New Technology,' Panel at the *2022 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – 'Unsettling Landscapes'* Seattle, WA, November 9-13;

2022b. 'Burning trash: The grey politics of 'green' cement' Presentation at the *2022 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting – 'Unsettling Landscapes'* Seattle, WA, November 9-13;

2022c. 'Natură, Infrastructură, Stat' [Nature, Infrastructure, and the State]. Presentation at *Congresului Național al Istoricilor Români* (The National Congress of Romanian Historians), Universitatea „1 Decembrie 1918” din Alba Iulia, 8-10 septembrie;

2022d. 'Workers' Skin: Filth and Abjected Labor,' *The Group for Anthropological Research and Debates* (GARD), New Europe College, București, România

2019a. "Workers' Skin: Contradictions of Dirtiness in a Romanian Depot," *The Maintainers III*, Washington D.C., (6-9 October)

2019b. "The Political Economy of Repair: Bricolage and Precarity in a Romanian Depot," 17th "Border Crossings" International Student Conference, Bucharest, Romania (April)

2019c. Co-chair and co-discussant (with Dr. Alik Angelidou, Panteion University of Athens) for the panel "Spaces of (In)Stability and Exclusion," 17th "Border Crossings" International Student Conference, Bucharest, Romania (April);

2018a "Railroad Blues: The Politics of Waiting for Infrastructure in Romania." *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, San Jose, California (14-18 Nov);

2018b "Filth!: Abjection and Postsocialist Affect in a Romanian Locomotive Repair Yard." *15th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists* (EASA), University of Stockholm, Sweden (14-17 August)

2016. "Trains of Affect: Slowness and Postsocialist Imaginaries." Paper for the panel "Slow travelling: A precious heritage or a sustainable strategy for future mobilities?" at 2016. EASA [European Association of Social Anthropologists] Biennial Conference, Università degli Studi di Bicocca, Milan, Italy, July 20-23;

2015. "Tracks of Postsocialism: Rail Reform, Time and Mobility in Romania." Paper presented at the Technosciences of Post/Socialism Conference, Budapest, Hungary, September 03-05;

2013a. "Trains as Sign Vehicles: The Materiality of Rail Travel in Post-Socialist Romania". Paper delivered at the 112th Annual Convention of the American

Anthropological Association. Chicago, Illinois, November 20-24;

2013b. “Regimes of Infrastructure”. Panel co-organized with Prash Naidu and John Doering- White (University of Michigan) at the 112th Annual Convention of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, Illinois, November 20-24;

2012. “‘Etre démoli’ à Bucarest, entre continuité et ruptures” (with Gruia Bădescu, University of Cambridge). 12th European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Biennial Conference, Paris, France, July 2012;

2011 “Technologies of authenticity: Building, Preserving and Marketing Stone-Built Houses in Epyrus, Greece.” Romanian Society for Cultural Anthropology (SACR) Conference, Bucharest, Romania;

2009. “Euronationalism in Intellectual Debates about European Identity” Paper delivered at the 2nd Annual Conference of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Central European University, Budapest.

Languages

Romanian (native), English (proficient), French (intermediate), Italian (reading), Spanish (reading), Russian (beginner).

Memberships

American Anthropological Association, European Association of Social Anthropologists, SOYUZ, ASEES, Romanian Society for Cultural Anthropology.

Peer Review

Occasional reviewer for Focaal, Social Movement Studies, Annuaire Roumain d’Anthropologie, Martor.

Citations, h-index

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=ro&user=tfghJBIAAAAJ>

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