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Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

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Work experience

Dates 2025- to date
Occupation or position held **Vice Dean of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work**
Main activities and responsibilities Research – International Relations – Relation with the Social and Economic Environment
Name and address of employer West University of Timisoara, V. Pârvan, Nr. 4, 300223 Timișoara, Romania
Type of business or sector Higher education

Dates 2019 – to date
Occupation or position held **Associate Professor, PhD.**
Habil. in Sociology / OMEC 3299/18/02/2025

Main activities and responsibilities
Teaching
Social policies - UNITA COIL UVT-UPNA (collaborative online international learning)
Sociology of identity
Cultural understandings of international work relations – Classroom Laboratory UVT-NTNU joint course
Global market networks and labour migration
International Summer School in Social Anthropology - UVT-UniFR-NTNU-UniME-UBI BIP (blended intensive programme)
Erasmus+ Teaching mobility grants
University of Klaipeda, Lithuania (2019)
University of Zadar, Croatia (2021)
University of Messina, Italy (2022)
Public University of Navarra, Spain (2023)
Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Turkey (2024)
International University of Rabat, Morocco (2025)
University of Beira Interior, Portugal (2025)

Coordination and guidance activities for the elaboration of the dissertations

for bachelor's, master's students, and doctoral students from the study programs of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

Training

Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) and Virtual Exchange (VE) – internationalisation of the curricula in higher education institutions.

Green and digital transition to achieve Sustainable Development Goals in the 2030 Agenda

Local and national research projects

Centre for Counselling and Guidance in the Career of a Researcher – Western Region, project code 6/16.11.2022, PNRR-III-C9-2022-I10, ERA Talent Platform --- Researcher, Needs Analysis Officer (2023-2025)

Local support team for the integration of foreigners who have acquired international protection or a right of residence in Romania, as well as of citizens of the Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area, and the Swiss Confederation, according

to the Immigrants General Inspectorate request and the Timis County's Prefect's order --- Higher education expert (2021-2025)

PNRRDotari2023, Ministry of Education within Romania's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) --- Expert, evaluating the funding applications under the Call "Endowment with teaching materials and digital equipment of secondary education units" and SG PNRAS II (2023)

Actions for the integration of migrants in NUTS Region 5, AIDROM, the Timiș Prefect's Institution, the Caraș Prefect's Institution and the Bihor Prefect's Institution; National project funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund --- Researcher, implementation activities on the Education dimension

Development of the administrative capacity of the MCI to implement some of the actions established in the National Strategy for Research, Technological Development and Innovation 2021 – SIPOCA 592, Ministry of Research and Innovation --- Expert Panel on Social and Cultural Heritage, responsible for the individual and panel evaluation to update the National Roadmap for Research Infrastructures (2021 and 2016)

International projects

The International Summer School in Social Anthropology (ISSA) is an intensive program for higher education international students that provides hands-on experience with empirical research methods in social anthropology. ISSA's activities are developed in accordance with the Inter-University Agreement 80099 / 07.10.2000 between UVT and the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. The editions implemented so far are briefly presented on the website of the summer school <https://sites.google.com/e-uvt.ro/issa> (2012 to date)

Cultural understandings of international work relations/Classroom Laboratory UVT-NTNU Joint Course is a stand-alone international collaborative course forming transversal competencies (DCT) for bachelor's and master's students from the West University of Timișoara and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), <https://sites.google.com/e-uvt.ro/classroom> (2019-2025)

UNITA UVT-UPNA COIL is a Collaborative Online International Learning module integrated into the curriculum of the Social Policy course for undergraduate Sociology students from UVT and of the Social Organisations and Human Development course for the students from Universidad Pública de Navarra (UPNA). This international learning experience aligns with the European Union's Higher Education Internationalisation Strategy and was initiated within the UNITA ALLIANCE (2022 to date)

EEA Grants 2014-2021 Classroom Laboratory, Ref no 18-COP-0016, Project manager / Researcher in Sociology, UVT and Norwegian University of Science and Technology (2019-2021)

EEA Grants 2014-2021 Bringing Real Life into Virtual Classrooms, Ref no 21-COP-0004, Project manager / Researcher in Sociology, UVT and Norwegian University of Science and Technology (2022-2023)

Sustainable Accessibility to the Labour Market (SALAM), Interreg Europe ID02CO513 --- Researcher in Sociology, (2024-2027)

H2020 Smart Shrinkage Solutions – Fostering Resilient Cities in Inner Peripheries of Europe – Subprogram 33.3 Horizon 2020, nr. 66/2017 – Researcher in Sociology (2017-2020)

Common Spaces for Integration of Roma (CoSpiRom), European Union's Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020 --- Researcher and trainer (2019-2020)

Name and address of employer **West University of Timișoara**, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Department of Sociology; Bv. V. Pârvan, nr. 2-4, 300223 Timisoara, Timis County, România

Type of business or sector Higher education

Dates 2012 – 2016

Occupation or position held **Vice-Dean, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology**

Main activities and responsibilities Scientific Research and Institutional Communication

Name and address of employer **West University of Timișoara**, Bv. V. Pârvan, Nr. 4, 300223 Timisoara, România

Type of business or sector Higher education

Dates	2007 - 2019
Occupation or position held	Lecturer, PhD.
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>Teaching</p> <p>Social Policies Sociology of Identity Sociometry Intercultural Education Political Anthropology Qualitative Research Methods International Summer School in Social Anthropology - UVT-UniFR</p> <p>Erasmus+ Teaching mobility grants</p> <p>University of Coruna, Spain (2010) University of Ghent, Belgium (2013) Aristotle University, Greece (2015) University of Jelgava, Latvia (2016 and 2018) University of Canakkale Onsekiz Mart, Turkey (2017)</p> <p>Coordination and guidance activities for the elaboration of the dissertations</p> <p>for bachelor's and master's students, study programs of the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology</p> <p>Local and national research projects</p> <p>Development of the administrative capacity of the MCI to implement some of the actions established in the National Strategy for Research, Technological Development and Innovation 2021 – SIPOCA 592, Ministry of Research and Innovation --- Expert Panel on Social and Cultural Heritage, responsible for the individual and panel evaluation to update the National Roadmap for Research Infrastructures (2021 and 2016)</p> <p>PNIIIP1-1.1BSH-2016-0002. West University of Timișoara research program Sustaining Research on Migration and Romanian Diaspora, Ministry of Research and Innovation --- Researcher in sociology (2016 – 2017)</p> <p>Social Data Research Infrastructure for the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work – CC Romanian Archive of Social Data RODA, University of Bucharest --- Researcher (2013 – 2014)</p> <p>Visual Sociology Workshop, Access ART Festival (7th edition), Timișoara – coordinator of the impact study, Cultural Map of Timișoara (2014)</p> <p>Access of local authorities to development opportunities offered by European funds, P23, Foundation for an Open Society Romania --- Researcher (2009 – 2010)</p> <p>Group Status and Cultural Identity in Multiethnic Schools in Romania, Education 2000+ Centre --- Consultant Researcher (2008)</p> <p>Timișoara Public Opinion Barometer for 2008, 2009 and 2010, Department of Sociology – Anthropology of the West University of Timișoara --- Sociological Research Coordinator (2008-2010)</p> <p>Think Green Policies, a project carried out by the Quality-of-Life Research Institute at the request of the Terra Millennium III Foundation --- Regional Researcher Surveys (2008)</p> <p>Support Network for Social Development Programs at National and Local Level, Project developed in accordance with item 10.3 of the Application for Funding for Multiannual Scientific Research Projects, CNCSIS code 106. Subcontract no. 6/2007 between the University of Bucharest (20727/6.11.2007) and the West University of Timișoara --- Researcher (2007)</p> <p>International projects</p> <p>The International Summer School in Social Anthropology (ISSA) is an intensive program for higher education international students that provides hands-on experience with empirical research methods in social anthropology. ISSA's activities are developed in accordance with the Inter-University Agreement 80099 / 07.10.2000 between UVT and the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. The editions implemented so far are briefly presented on the website of the summer school https://sites.google.com/e-uvt.ro/issa (2012 to date)</p> <p>H2020 Smart Shrinkage Solutions – Fostering Resilient Cities in Inner Peripheries of Europe – Subprogram 33.3 Horizon 2020, nr. 66/2017 – Researcher in Sociology (2017-2020)</p> <p>Common Spaces for Integration of Roma (CoSpiRom), European Union's Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020 --- Researcher and trainer (2019-2020)</p>

	<p>Qualitative Research on Professional Integration of Vulnerable Categories. SEE13. EEA Grants E-QUAL. Nord University, Norway, West University of Timișoara, România --- Research assistant (2014 – 2016)</p> <p>FP7 Governance of Shrinkage within a European Context, European Commission – European Research Area, FP7 no. 225193 --- Researcher (2010 – 2011)</p> <p>Socio-graphic mapping of the Roma Communities in Romania for a community-level monitoring of changes about Roma integration, Norway Grants RO25_04 --- Sociologist (2015)</p> <p>Economic Statistics Development, National study for elaborating economic indicators compatible with the European regulations, normative and indicators of the EUROSTAT; Research domain: Informal economy in Romania; EuropeAid 123275/D/SER/RO, PHARE 2005/017 --- Non-Key Short Term Local Junior Expert, Regional Survey Coordinator (2007-2009)</p>
Name and address of employer	West University of Timișoara , Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Department of Sociology; Bv. V. Pârvan, nr. 2-4, 300223 Timisoara, Timis County, România
Type of business or sector	Higher education
Dates	2002-2007
Occupation or position held	University Assistant PhD Candidate (2003-2007)
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>Teaching seminars</p> <p>Political science</p> <p>Political Anthropology</p> <p>Intercultural Education</p> <p>Interethnic Relations</p> <p>Urban Anthropology</p> <p>Research projects</p> <p>Scientific research activities for the doctoral program in the field of Sociology, on Cultural Models and the Construction of Social Identity, University of Bucharest (01/03/2004 - 31/10/2007)</p> <p>Doctoral grant for one academic year at the Institute d'Anthropologie Sociale, Université de Fribourg, Switzerland, funded by the SCOPES Program of the Swiss National Science Fund, from 01/09/2005 to 31/08/2006.</p> <p>Diagnosis of the need for professional training in disadvantaged areas. Case study Hunedoara and Petroșani, Duplex MECCA PHARE, Ministry of European Integration, no. 2019/6F/2004 --- Sociologist, responsible for coordinating and carrying out the sociological survey in Hunedoara, Petroșani (2005)</p>
Name and address of employer	West University of Timișoara , Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Department of Sociology-Anthropology; Bv. V. Pârvan, nr. 2-4, 300223 Timisoara, Timis County, România
Type of business or sector	Higher education
Dates	1999 - 2002
Occupation or position held	University tutor
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>Teaching seminars</p> <p>Sociology of Education</p> <p>Sociology of Culture</p> <p>Sociology of Public Opinion</p> <p>Sociology of Deviance</p> <p>Sociology of Health</p>
Name and address of employer	Banat University of Timișoara , Calea Martirilor, Timisoara, Timis County, România
Type of business or sector	Higher education

Education and training

Dates	18/02/2025
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate of Habilitation in the field of Doctoral Studies in Sociology
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Coordination of research teams and doctoral studies programs in the field of Sociology
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Romanian Ministry of Education and Research OMEC 3299 / 18.02.2025
Level in national or international classification	Habil. in Sociology
Dates	07/04/2024 – 13/09/2024
Title of qualification awarded	Developing Competencies and Innovative Designs for International Virtual and Blended Modalities
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP), collaborative curricular design, analysis phase, development, implementation, assessment phase for COIL and BIP - Path for higher education teachers
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	INVITE training module, Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union
Level in national or international classification	Certificate of completion
Dates	04/11/2019 – 10/11/2019
Title of qualification awarded	Training in Process Model learning method (40 hours) training made in the frame of the EEA Grants 2014 – 2021, Nr. 18-COP-0016, Project title: Classroom Laboratory
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using advanced technologies for representation and communication across distance (VR/AR) for HE co-teaching and co-learning activities developed for international project-based groups, with a strong interdisciplinary component - Learning by doing – experiential process model learning methods - Developing transversal competencies for HE students: communication skills, digital skills, teamwork, professional integrity, understanding international working relations
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Norwegian University of Science and Technology NTNU, Trondheim, Norway
Level in national or international classification	Certificate of completion in the Process Model learning method
Dates	07/09/2014 – 13/09/2014
Title of qualification awarded	Training in Institutional Ethnography Research Methods (21 hours) Qualitative participatory research methods, institutional ethnography, and feminist research methods. The training was done in the frame of the 13SEE/30.06.2014 Project: E-QUAL - Qualitative Research on Professional Integration of Vulnerable Categories.
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A sociology for people – a theoretical introduction to Institutional ethnography - Institutional ethnography – the theoretical and methodological arguments - Working with institutional ethnography, analysing interviews and texts - Institutional ethnography applied – practical examples
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Nordland, Bodø, Norway
Level in national or international classification	Certificate of Competence in Institutional Ethnography research methods, Universitetet i Nordland
Dates	05/2013 – 12/2014
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate of Completion of Educational Component – Postmaster 's Program to Promote Successful Domestic Adoption (3 semesters) Certificate of Achievement – 6 months of Clinical Supervision in the Adoption Mental Health
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Legislation of Internal adoption, psychology, health issues of adopted children, family and social integration, self-esteem, and personal and social identity dynamics of adopted children.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Case Western Reserve University –Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, USA West University of Timișoara, Romania

Level in national or international classification	Post-master studies
Dates	11/2013
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate of Competency in Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) (40 hours)
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	LSCI Training – attachment theories, the relation between school-family-community in solving children's crises, children from disadvantaged families
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	The Institute of Life Space Crisis Intervention, Maryland, USA; European Federation of Conflict Management and Treatment in Education and Care - EFECT
Level in national or international classification	LSCI counselling (http://www.lsci.org/)
Dates	03/2004 – 10/2007
Title of qualification awarded	PhD in Sociology , main domain: Political and Social Sciences
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Sociology, Social Anthropology, Research methods in social sciences, Sociology of Culture, Social Psychology, Sociology of Identity Title of thesis: Cultural Models and Social Identity Construction
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Bucharest
Level in national or international classification	PhD
Dates	10/2010 – 08/2012
Title of qualification awarded	„Doctoral School in Support of Research in the European Context” POSDRU/21/1.5/G/13798 The project addresses teachers and researchers with a PhD who aim to become PhD coordinators (http://www.upt.ro/pfe8.php), Professor Coordinator: Professor Dr V. Ostafe
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	PhD supervision , counselling doctoral students in developing essays, thesis writing, etc., writing scientific publications, research mobility to an EU research centre/university, participation in eight lectures/conferences given by the project management team, participating in a specialised scientific event organised by a HEI from the EU.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Polytechnic University of Timisoara , in partnership with the West University of Timișoara
Level in national or international classification	Postdoctoral
Dates	05/2012 – 07/2012
Title of qualification awarded	Research internship in the frame of the program „Doctoral School in Support of Research in the European Context” POSDRU/21/1.5/G/13798 (http://www.upt.ro/pfe8.php)
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	In-depth analysis in community studies, social network research (Venn diagrams), applied qualitative research techniques and instruments.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Universität Trier , Universitätsring 15, D-54296 Trier
Level in national or international classification	Postdoctoral
Dates	10/2010 – 09/2012
Title of qualification awarded	Social Economy Master Program
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Social Economy, Social Psychology, Social Entrepreneurship, Strategic Management, European Structures and Mechanisms
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	West University of Timișoara , Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Sociology-Anthropology Department; Bv. V. Pârvan, nr. 2-4, 300223 Timisoara, Timis County, România
Level in national or international classification	Master
Dates	22/11/2010 – 26/11/2010
Title of qualification awarded	MMCP Certificate (Managing Multiethnic Communities Program) in Training for Trainers - Skills and Competencies in Diversity Management (40 hours) by Multiethnic Communities Program Management (MMCP)
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Training for Trainers - Basic Skills and Competences in Diversity Management

Name and type of organisation providing education and training	LGI - program funded by Open Society Foundation, Budapest , Hungary
Level in national or international classification	Certificate LGI (Local Government Initiative)
Dates	10/2009 – 06/2011
Title of qualification awarded	Internship training in Classical Psychodrama (Morenoian) (2 years)
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Personal Development, Classical Morenoian Psychodrama, Sociometric techniques, Psychodrama and Sociodrama Techniques, Methods and Techniques to conduct interventions using the psychodrama methods, Sociodrama Techniques Applications
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Romanian Association of Classical Psychodrama (accredited C.P.R., F.R.P. and F.E.P.T.O.), College of Psychologists of Romania
Level in national or international classification	Postgraduate
Dates	07/2009 – 08/2009
Title of qualification awarded	certificate of completion
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Training in developing projects to promote tangible and intangible cultural heritage . The course aimed to inform, document, and initiate fundraising for the rehabilitation, conservation, recovery, and promotion of tangible and intangible cultural heritage.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	School projects ASER (Association of Science Ethnology in Romania)
Level in national or international classification	The project was developed with funding from the National Cultural Fund Administration
Dates	student
Title of qualification awarded	09/2005 – 07/2006
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Doctoral grant at the Institute of Ethnology , Université de Fribourg, Switzerland (1 year)
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Sociology, Research methods in social sciences, social anthropology, Sociology of culture, documentary research on social identity process
Level in national or international classification	Université de Fribourg , Av. de l'Europe 20, CH-1700 Fribourg, Suisse
Dates	SCOPES Program of the National Swiss Fund for Scientific Research
Title of qualification awarded	Doctoral scholarship
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	07/2002 – 06/2003
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Certificate of competencies in academic teaching
Dates	Pedagogical practice, didactics, pedagogical psychology, social psychology, sociology of education
Title of qualification awarded	West University of Timisoara, Department for Teacher Training
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	05/2003 – 07/2003
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Training in Social Anthropology at Université de Fribourg, Switzerland
Dates	Social anthropology research
Title of qualification awarded	Coordinator: Prof. Christian Giordano, PhD
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Université de Fribourg, Institute of Social Anthropology, Switzerland
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	SCOPES Program of the National Swiss Fund for Scientific Research
Dates	09/1999 – 06/2000 (one year)
Title of qualification awarded	Completion of a diploma in the post-university course in Organisational Psychology
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.	Thesis theme: Organisational Roles and Disharmonic Personalities. Coordinator: Professor Corneliu Mircea, PhD
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Psychology Department
Level in national or international classification	MA
Dates	09/1995 – 06/1999
Title of qualification awarded	BA in Sociology

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered.

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

Level in national or international classification

Personal skills and competencies

Mother tongue(s)

Romanian

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (*)

	Comprehension		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	5	5	4	4	5
French	3	4	2	2	2

(*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competencies

Professional competencies in social sciences

Organisational skills and competencies

Conducted and led fieldwork in social research and team-based learning and teamwork activities.

Computer skills and competencies

MS OFFICE, SPSS, Venn Maker, MAXQDA
digital skills, effective communication and collaboration across distance

Artistic skills and competencies

Certificate of Competence in Graphic Design (1995) – Fine Arts High School.

Driving license

B-category

Additional information

Scientific and professional affiliations:

since 2000 – Romanian Sociologists' Association (ASR)

since 2005 – The International Association for Southeast European Anthropology (InASEA),
Institut für Volkskunde/European Ethnology, <http://inasea.net>

since 2005 – Network of Young European Social Scientists (NYESS)

since 2009 – founder member of the Association "Against Cancer" (AIC)

since 2009 – The Sociologists' Society of Romania (SSR)

since 2016 – European Association of Social Anthropologists / Association Europeenne des
Anthropologues Sociaux (EASA), <http://www.easaonline.org>