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WORK EXPERIENCE

[10/2014 – Current] **Researcher and Vice President**

The Romanian Institute for the Study of the Asia-Pacific (RISAP)

Main activities and responsibilities:

At RISAP, I research a series of topics about China, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Asia-Pacific and I write and edit articles for RISAP's website or other publications. I write articles about China and the BRI for publications like Foreign Policy, the South China Morning Post, The Diplomat, Nikkei Asia or others. I also manage RISAP's Facebook Page and I organize events. During RISAP's internship programs, I also coordinated the team of interns.

[10/2014 – 12/2014] **Intern**

Parliament of Romania, Chamber of Deputies

Address: Bucharest, Romania

Main activities and responsibilities:

During the internship at the Chamber of Deputies, I worked at the Department of Parliamentary Studies and EU Politics and at the Division of External Affairs, where I accomplished tasks like translations, analyses and writing fact sheets about the European Union and other regional organizations. I also completed an ample research project entitled "Energy Infrastructure in Asia", where I presented the main pipelines that carry natural gas and oil throughout Asia. My research presented a panoramic view on Asia's energy network.

[07/2014 – 09/2014] **Intern**

Government of Romania

Address: Bucharest, Romania

Main activities and responsibilities:

I took part in meetings with various members of the Romanian Government, especially those with a focus on International Relations and national security. I conducted research about social security systems in ten European countries and I worked on a project that involved presenting and comparing these systems. I also studied and researched the Romanian social security system.

[10/2013 – 06/2014] **Associate**

Geopolitica Club Cafe

Address: Bucharest, Romania

Main activities and responsibilities:

I was responsible with coordinating a group of young graduates and delivering presentations as part of the "Geopolitica Club Cafe" project.

[03/2012 – 03/2014] **Contributing editor**

Geopolitics.ro

Address: Bucharest, Romania

Main activities and responsibilities:

I wrote articles about the Asian region, from a geopolitical and economic perspective.

[05/2013 – 09/2013] **Research Intern**

Foreign Policy Romania

Address: Bucharest, Romania

Main activities and responsibilities:

I was responsible with translating various articles from the American edition of the magazine into Romanian. I closely followed political, economic and social developments in China and I was in charge of editing a weekly review column about the most important events in China. I also monitored China's involvement in international developments and wrote articles about such subjects.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[10/2016 – 10/2022] **PhD student**

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration

Address: Bucharest, Romania

Main subject / occupational skills covered:

My PhD research focused on the Belt and Road Initiative.

[09/2018 – 07/2019] **Senior Visiting Scholar**

Peking University

Address: Beijing, China

Main subject / occupational skills covered:

Conducting research based on interviews and discussions with Chinese experts, professors, diplomats and officials, for my PhD thesis.

[2011 – 2013] **MA in Security Studies, International Relations and Security Studies**

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance

Address: Bucharest, Romania

[2008 – 2011] **BS in Sociology, International Relations and EU Affairs**

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance

Address: Bucharest, Romania

[2004 – 2008] **Baccalaureate Diploma, Humanities**

Mihai Eminescu National College

Address: Buzău, Romania

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Romanian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING B2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2

French

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

Spanish

LISTENING C1 READING B2 WRITING B2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

[10/2021]

Responding to China's Influence in Southeastern, Central, and Eastern Europe

Carnegie Europe

[09/2021]

Oxford Debate: 'With the Belt and Road Initiative, China Pays for Worsening Its Own Image'

Asia Society

[11/2020]

Testimony before the European Parliament Committee on International Trade (INTA) for the public hearing on EU-China Trade and Investment Relations in a post-Covid world

European Parliament

[07/2019]

Constructing the 21st Century Silk Road: South Asia in the Race for Connectivity and Geopolitical Interests

University of Freiburg

I presented a paper on the Chinese investments in Kyaukphyu (Myanmar).

<https://www.southeastasianstudies.uni-freiburg.de/international-conferences/workshop-constructing-the-21st-century-silk-road-southeast-asia-in-the-race-for-connectivity-and-geopolitical-interests-freiburg-4-5-july-2019>

[11/2019] **Sinology in the Cold War** Indiana University (Berlin branch)

I presented a paper on Romanian Sinology during the Cold War.

PROJECTS

[2021 – 2022] **EU-Japan relations book project**

As part of a RISAP project, I coordinated 21 experts on Japan from 21 EU member states who wrote chapters about their countries' relations with Japan in the book *Developing the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership: An analysis of European Union member states' relations with Japan*.

[2021 – 2022] **Romania: Beijing's Global Media Influence Report**

I researched China's influence in Romanian media for a Freedom House project.

<https://freedomhouse.org/country/romania/beijings-global-media-influence/2022>

[2020 – 2021]

China's Influence in Southeastern, Central, and Eastern Europe: Vulnerabilities and Resilience in Four Countries

I conducted research on Romania-China relations for the Carnegie Europe report.

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2021/10/13/china-s-influence-in-southeastern-central-and-eastern-europe-vulnerabilities-and-resilience-in-four-countries-pub-85415>

[2020 – 2021] **China-CEE investments**

I conducted research on Chinese investments in Romania.

<https://www.china-cee-investment.org/the-dataset>

[2015 – 2018] **Internship RISAP**

I coordinated around 30 interns, organized various visits to Asian Embassies or other institutions, edited articles, provided feedback and held courses about China.

PUBLICATIONS

Chapter

Brînză, Andreea (2022) "Romanian sinology during the Cold War" in *Sinology during the Cold War*, eds. Antonina Łuszczkiewicz and Michael Brose, London: Routledge, pp. 156-171.

Chapter

Brînză, Andreea (2020) "China and Romania: Old Friends Drifting Apart," in *China and Central Europe. Success or Failure?*, ed. Tamas Matura, Budapest: Dialog Campus, pp. 163-188.

Article

Brînză, Andreea (2019) "The Belt & Road Initiative's Odyssey from a Vision to an Organization," *Japan SPOTLIGHT*, pp. 31-32, Available at: https://www.jef.or.jp/journal/pdf/228th_Special_Article_03.pdf

Article

Brînză, Andreea (2019) "The "17 + 1" Mechanism Caught Between China and the United States," *China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies*, 5 (2), pp. 213–231, Available at: <https://www.worldscientific.com/doi/pdf/10.1142/S237774001950009X>

Article

Popescu, Liliana and Brînză, Andreea (2018) "Romania-China Relations. Political and Economic Challenges in the BRI Era," *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, 18(2), pp. 20-38, Available at: http://rjea.ier.gov.ro/wp-content/uploads/articole/RJEA_vol.18_no.2_December-2018_art2.pdf.

Article

Pop, Adrian and Brînză, Andreea (2017) "Power Transition and Balance of Power: Comprehending the Power Dynamics of the 21st Century," *Public Administration & Regional Studies*, 1 (19), pp.59-74, Available at: <https://www.gup.ugal.ro/ugaljournals/index.php/pars/article/view/5023/4447>.

Chapter

Brînză, Andreea (2014) "Metamorfozarea Drumului Mătăsii – de la vechea rută comercială, la coridorul economic al secolului al XXI-lea (The Metamorphosis of the Silk Road - from the ancient commercial road to the economic belt of the 21st century)," in *Geopolitica Turciei pe Noul Drum al Mătăsii*, eds. Vasile Simileanu and Guven Gungor, Bucharest: Top Form, pp. 55-65.

Chapter

Brînză, Andreea (2013) "Triada SUA-Rusia-China și resurecția Marelui Joc (*The US-Russia-China Power Triangle and the Revival of the Great Game*)," in *Triunghiul de forțe geopolitice SUA-China-Rusia. O viziune a sistemului internațional actual din perspectiva celor trei mari puteri*, ed. Adrian Corobană, Bucharest: Ars Docendi, pp.70-83.

Chapter

Brînză, Andreea (2012) "Doctrina containment-ului (The Doctrine of containment)," in *Doctrină, strategii, politici – de la discursul geopolitic la operaționalizarea securității internaționale*, eds. Dan Dungaciu and Darie Cristea, Bucharest: Institutul de Științe Politice și Relații Internaționale, pp. 99-108.

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organisational skills

Leadership abilities, gained through the years of experience as Vice President of RISAP.
Good organizational and coordination skills, gained through organizing events for RISAP and managing RISAP's young interns.

Good mentoring abilities formed by mentoring over a dozen RISAP interns.

Strategic thinking and long-term planning.

Good teamwork abilities gained by working in teams on different academic projects.

Very good at offering feedback and advice, a skill I honed in years of working as an editor and peer reviewer for RISAP's website and other publications.

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and interpersonal skills

Excellent presentation and public speaking skills gained through more than 10 years of delivering public presentations, participating at conferences and conducting training sessions with RISAP interns.

The ability to write clear, focused and informative articles, a skill acquired through publishing in journals, newspapers or online magazines.

Effective communication skills - I am able not only to transmit important information, but also to persuade the listener.
Good active listening skills.

JOB-RELATED SKILLS

Job-related skills

I have excellent research skills, that I perfected in the years as a researcher specialized on China and on the Asia-Pacific region at RISAP.

I can write both academic and popularization articles, being able to tailor my writing to different target audiences.

As an editor at RISAP, I learned the importance of clear, correct and efficient writing, something that I always focus on in my own writing.

I am very well familiarized with methodological and academic standards.