

PERSONAL
INFORMATION

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**WORK
EXPERIENCE**

February 2016 –
Present

Lecturer (2016-2021); Associate Professor (since 2021- present)
Director of the Center for European Studies SNSPA (since 2019 -present)
PhD advisor, Habilitated, affiliated to SNSPA Doctoral School (since 2019-present);
Department of International Relations and European Integration,
[National University of Political Sciences and Public Administration \(SNSPA\), Bucharest, Romania](#)

- teaching classes and seminars for MA students (in English and Romanian);
- conducting academic research;
- participating in international conferences;
- organising student workshops on EU studies and coordinating PhD Theses
- **Business or sector:** Higher Education, International Relations, European integration, Political Science

April 2014-July
2014

Political Officer (Internship)
[European External Action Service \(EEAS\), Delegation of the European Union in Prishtina \(Kosovo\)](#)

- daily political briefings on current political events in Kosovo;
- participating in meetings and taking minutes;
- electoral observation in the EU Election Mission on 8th of June 2014.
- **Business or sector:** international organisations

EDUCATION

2010-2013

Ph.D. in Political Sciences

National University of Political and Administrative Studies, (SNSPA) Department for International Relations and European Integration, Bucharest, Romania

PhD Dissertation topic – “A Discursive Institutional Analysis of the Europeanization of Bosnia and Herzegovina”. PhD Advisor Prof. Dr. Iordan Barbulescu (written in English)

Research interests: EU Enlargement, Europeanization of Foreign Policy, Post-conflict Democratization, Security studies, Western Balkans

- *Beneficiary of the „Doctoral Scholarships for a Sustainable Society” project, co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013. POSDRU/107/1.5/S/76844*
- March – July 2012 - **Guest Researcher** at **Berlin Graduate School of Transnational Studies, (Hertie School of Governance)**, Germany, under the supervision of Prof Dr Thomas Risse.
- October 2012 – January 2013 – **Guest Researcher** at the **Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana**, Slovenia, under the supervision of Prof Dr Petra Roter.
- January – April 2013 – conducted field research in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2008-2010

M.A. in Political Theory and Analysis

National University of Political and Administrative Studies, (SNSPA) Bucharest, Romania

- February – April 2008 - internship at the NATO Summit in Bucharest- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania (media contact team).
- September 2009 – February 2010 - One-semester study scholarship at Karl Franzens University, Center for South East European Studies, (Graz, Austria).

2005-2008 **B.A. – major in Political Sciences (minor in International Relations)**

National University of Political and Administrative Studies, (SNSPA) Bucharest, Romania

- Graduated Pedagogy and Teaching skills module.
- Student internships at the Pro Democracy Association, Foundation for the Development of Civil Society (FDSCO, “22” magazine (the Group for Social Dialogue)

RESEARCH GRANTS

National Funds

October 2019-April 2020

- **Expert-Researcher** in the study led by Prof. Dr Mircea Brie (University of Oradea) ‘Modalități de aprofundare a Parteneriatului Estic’ în proiectul „Consolidarea și promovarea poziției României ca actor relevant în cadrul proceselor de luare a deciziilor la nivel european” cod **SIPOCA/mySMIS nr. 400/115759**, coordinated by the European Institute Romania (Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

December 2015-July 2017

- **Postdoctoral researcher in the project** “Un nou Război Rece în Europa? Cum (re-)interpretează Rusia experiența Balcanilor pentru a contesta ordinea europeană”, **PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4-0534** la DRIIE, SNSPA funded by Unitatea Executivă pentru Finanțarea Învățământului Superior, a Cercetării, Dezvoltării și Inovării (**UEFISCDI**).

May-December 2017

- **Researcher** in the study led by Prof. dr. Iordan Bărbulescu SPOS 2 „România – furnizor de expertiză în tranziție democratică pentru țările Parteneriatului Estic și Balcanii de Vest” (offered by the European Institute Romania - Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

March 2014- September 2015

- **Postdoctoral Researcher** in the project “Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships for young researchers in the fields of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences and Sociology” (**POSDRU/159/1.5/S/134650**) in SNSPA.

International funds

September 2018-September 2022

- **Lead Researcher** for SNSPA in the Jean Monnet Academic Network “OpenEUdebate: Matching politics with policy, project number **600465-EPP-1-2018-1-ES-EPPJMO-NETWORK**”, coordinated by Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (Spain) funded by the European Commission, Erasmus +.

September 2019- September 2023

- **Lead Researcher** for SNSPA in the Jean Monnet Academic Network “Linking Europe at the Periphery LEAP”, project number **612019-EPP-1-2019-1-TR-EPPJMO-NETWORK** coordinated by Middle East Technical University, Ankara, (Turkey), funded by the European Commission, Erasmus +.

July-September 2021

- **Lead Researcher** from SNSPA in the project „Building an innovative network for sharing of best educational practices, incl. game approach, in the area of international logistics and transport“, nr of project **KA203 / HE-25 / 13.09.2019**, coordinated by UNWE Sofia (Bulgaria) funded by the European Commission, Erasmus +.

March-July 2018

- **Researcher** in the Jean Monnet Excellence Center „Structures of interconnectivity in EU’s Neighborhood” **566765-EPP-1-2015-1-RO- EPPJMO-CoE** in SNSPA funded by the European Commission, Erasmus +.;

september 2018 - November 2019

- **Expert** in the project „A new narrative for EU elections and beyond:How to engage Youth” finanțat prin **KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices KA205 - Strategic Partnerships for youth** (coordinated by the Inter for European Policies in Romania in cooperation with SNSPA and Inter-Alia (Greece) funded by the European Commission, Erasmus +.

september 2018 - November 2019

- **Lead Researcher** in the project “A new narrative for Europe: Bringing More Union into The European Union”coordinated by Centrul Român de Politici Europene (CRPE), in partnership with SNSPA, Inter Alia (Greece), Institutul de Politici Publice RiskMonitor (Bulgaria) and Institut für Europäische Politik (Germany) funded by the European Commission, Europe for Citizens.

May 2017- August 2018

- **Academic Coordinator** of the Jean Monnet Module „EU-Ro Media European Standards, Romanian Application: The Media Roadmap for Romania’s EU Council Presidency” nr of project **565269-EPP-1-RO-EPPJMO-MODULE** in SNSPA funded by the European Commission, Erasmus +.

Most relevant publications

Books

1. Troncotă, Miruna, 2016, *Post-Conflict Europeanization and the War of Meanings. The Challenges of EU Conditionality in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo*, Tritonic Publishing House, Bucharest, ISBN 978-606-749-087-9.
2. Troncotă, Miruna, 2014, *Bosnia and Herzegovina a Critical Case Study of Europeanization*, Tritonic Publishing House, Bucharest, ISBN 978-606-8571-36-2.

Co-edited books

1. Bărbulescu, Iordan-Gheorghe (coord.), Clara Volintiru, Miruna Troncotă, Nicolae Toderaș, 2018, *România - furnizor de expertiză în tranziție democratică pentru țările Parteneriatului Estic și Balcanii de Vest*, Institutul European din România, available at http://www.ier.ro/sites/default/files/pdf/SPOS%202017_Studiul_2_FINAL.pdf
2. Rotaru, Vasile and Miruna Troncotă, 2017, *Russia and the Former Soviet Space - Instrumentalising Security, Legitimizing Intervention*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, ISBN (13): 978-1-5275-0032-7

Chapters in edited books

1. Butnaru Troncotă, Miruna and Dragoș Ioniță, 2021, "The Commission Takes the Lead? 'Supranational Politicisation' and Clashes of Narratives on Sovereignty in the 'Future of Europe' Debates" in Taru Haapala and Álvaro Oleart (eds) *Tracing the Politicisation of the EU. The Future of Europe Debates Before and After the 2019 Elections*, Palgrave Macmillan. p 217-243. Butnaru Troncotă, Miruna, 2020, "Corectitudinea politică și exploatarea divizării sociale în România" în Mihăilescu, G, Csibi, M. și Stoian, M, (eds) *Caiete Documentare 5 "Calitatea vieții" Tehnologie în retroumanism. Viitorul cu puterea comunităților* vol II, (Ed. Club România). ISBN 978-606-94561-7-0
2. Troncotă, Miruna, Dragoș Ioniță, 2018, "Between Domestic Politics and International Law: Assessing Romania's Non-recognition Policy of Kosovo's Declaration of Independence" in Dušan Proroković (ed.), *Kosovo: sui generis or precedent in international relations*, Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade, pp 208-239, ISBN 978-86-7067-249-9.
3. Troncotă, Miruna, 2017, "Interventionism and Biopolitics in the Ukrainian Crisis: The Disputed Claims of Humanitarian Intervention in Russia's Legitimizing Narratives for the Annexation of Crimea", in Rotaru, Vasile and Miruna Troncotă, (2017) *Russia and the Former Soviet Space - Instrumentalising Security, Legitimizing Intervention*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp 243-279, ISBN (13): 978-1-5275-0032-7.
4. Troncotă, Miruna, 2017, "Four Years of EU Mediation Efforts in the 'Brussels Dialogue of the Deaf': Analysing the Negotiations for the Association/Community of Serb Municipalities in Kosovo" in *State-building in postindependence Kosovo: Policy Challenges and Societal Considerations* edited by Ioannis Armakolas, Agon Demjaha, Arolda Elbasani, Stephanie Schwandner-Sievers, Elton Skendaj, Nikolaos Tzifakis, Kosovo Foundation for Open Society, Prishtina, pp 215-247. ISBN 978-9951-503-04-4.
5. Troncotă, Miruna, 2016, "Europeanizarea post-conflict și 'politica excepțiilor de la regulă' în reconstrucția Balcanilor de Vest" in Șerban Cioculescu, Octavian Manea și Silviu Petre, *Fața întunecată a globalizării. Războaie civile, state eșuate și radicalizare religioasă în lumea contemporană*, Rao publishing house, Bucharest, pp 111-146.
6. Troncotă, Miruna, 2016, "The Constructivist turn in IR Theory and its Follow-up", in Oana-Andreea Ion (coord.), *Studying Europeanization. Different Theoretical Lenses and New Methodological Approaches*, Tritonic Publishing, Bucharest, 2016, pp 87-117. ISBN: 978-606-749-083-1
7. Troncotă, Miruna, 2016, "The Constructivist Contributions to the Europeanization Research Agenda", in Oana-Andreea Ion (coord.), *Studying Europeanization. Different Theoretical Lenses and New Methodological Approaches*, Tritonic Publishing, Bucharest, pp 153-195 ISBN: 978-606-749-083-1
8. Troncotă, Miruna, 2015, "Still 'waiting for Godot' in Sarajevo? Europeanization of Bosnia and Herzegovina – between the Contradictions of EU Conditionality and Local Ownership" in Nikolaos Papakostas and Nikolaos Pasamitros, (eds.), *An Agenda for the Western Balkans. From Elite Politics to Social Sustainability*, pp 95-119, Ibidem Verlag, Stuttgart, ISBN 978-3- 8382-0668-4.
9. Troncotă, Miruna, 2015, "Europeanizarea Balcanilor de Vest. Experimente politice și lecții încă neînvățate", în George Angheloiu (ed.), *Europeanizarea: studii de guvernare și de securitate*, C.H.Beck Publishing House, Bucharest, pp 169-198.

Academic articles

- Butnaru-Troncotă, Miruna, 2020, "European Green Deal and the New Policy Goals in Transport and Mobility - How Gamification can influence Pro-environmental Behaviour for Cutting Carbon Emissions in the EU", *Europolity*, vol. 14, no. 2, 2020, <http://europolity.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/VOL-14-2-4.-Butnaru-Troncota.pdf>
- Butnaru Troncotă, Miruna, 2019, "The challenges of 'sitting on two chairs'- testing Serbia's neutrality policy in the Ukrainian Crisis", *Europolity* vol 13/ nr 2, pp 31-64; <http://europolity.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/VOL-13-2-02.-Butnaru-Troncota.pdf>
- Troncotă Miruna, 2018, 'The association that dissociates' – narratives of local political resistance in Kosovo and the delayed implementation of the Brussels Agreement, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, Volume 18, 2018 - Issue 2: External Governance of State-Building in Post-Conflict Kosovo, pp 219-238.
- Troncotă, Miruna, 2015, "Sarajevo – A Border City Caught between Its Multicultural Past, the Bosnian War and a European Future", in *Eurotimes Journal of the Institute for Euroregional Studies "Jean Monnet" European Centre of Excellence*, Volume 19, pp 119-138, ISSN 2247 / 8450.
- Troncotă, Miruna, 2014, "The Formation of the Juncker Commission and its Impact on the Western Balkans, *Europolity. Continuity and Change in European Governance*, vol 8 nr 2, pp153-178, ISSN 2344-2247.
- Troncotă, Miruna. 2011. "Balkanization of the Europeanization Process": How state-building was affected by axiological matters in the Western Balkans", in *Western Balkans Security Observer*, 6:21, pp 64-91. ISSN 1452-6115.
- Troncotă, Miruna, 2011. "Bosnia Herzegovina, Forever at Cross Roads? Constructing "the Other" in Brčko District", in Ioan Horga, Adrian-Claudiu Popoviciu (eds), *Journal of the Institute for Euroregional Studies "Jean Monnet" European Centre of Excellence, Supplement of Eurotimes*, vol 11, autumn 2011, University of Oradea, pp 47-65. ISBN 978-606-10-0709-7.
- Troncotă, Miruna, 2010. "The Western Balkans revisited - an Island of "otherness" in Europe? Building Identity in an Era of Post Identity", in Partiumi Egyetemi Szemle, IX. évfolyam – 2010/2, pp 11-37, ISSN 1582-9952.

Co-authored articles

- Butnaru Troncotă, Miruna & Dragoș Ioniță, 2022, EU's 'Eastern discontents' – when 'top-down' and 'bottom-up' politicisation collide – the case of Romania in the future of Europe debate, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, Taylor and Francis DOI: [10.1080/14782804.2022.2076067](https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2022.2076067)
- Aurel Lazăr & Miruna Butnaru-Troncotă, 2022, Assessing a decade of Romania-Turkey strategic partnership in an era of ambivalence and 'De-Europeanisation', *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 22:1, 165-185, DOI: [10.1080/14683857.2021.2024989](https://doi.org/10.1080/14683857.2021.2024989)
- Troncotă, Miruna and Alexandra Loy, 2018, "EU Crises as 'Catalysts of Europeanization'? Insights From Eurobarometer Data in Romania on The Impact of the Refugee Crisis and Brexit", *Europolity* vol. 12, no. 1, 2018, pp 171-232. http://europolity.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/VOL-12-NO1_Troncota_Loy_Europolity_12_1_2018.pdf
- Rotaru, Vasile and Miruna Troncotă. 2017. "Continuity and Change in Instrumentalising 'The Precedent'. How Russia Uses Kosovo to Legitimize the Annexation of Crimea", in *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* Pages 325-345 Volume 17, 2017 - Issue 3, ISI web of science.
- Bărbulescu, Iordan, Miruna Troncotă. 2013. EU's "Laboratory" in the Western Balkans. Experimenting Europeanization without Democratization. The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*. Núm. 31, Marzo 2013, pp. 63-99. ISSN 1575-6548.
- Bărbulescu, Iordan, Miruna Troncotă. 2012. "The Ambivalent Role of the EU in the Western Balkans - "Limited Europeanisation" between Formal Promises and Practical Constraints. The Case of Bosnia-Herzegovina", *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, 12:1, March 2012, edited by European Institute of Romania, pp 5-27. ISSN 1582-8271.

Articles in Conference Proceedings

1. Troncotă, Miruna, 2016, "The European Union and the 'New War' from its Eastern borders", în EURINT proceedings "EURINT 2016 - The Eastern Partnership under strain – time for a rethink?", disponibil la: <http://cse.uaic.ro/eurint/proceedings/eurint2016.htm> ISSN 2393-2384 ISI Web of science
2. Troncotă, Miruna, 2015, "Can EU and NATO build a "Security Community" in the Western Balkans?", in Nicolae Iancu, Irena Chiru, Intelligence in the Knowledge Society. Proceedings of the XXth International Conference, editura Academiei Naționale de Informații "Mihai Viteazul", ISSN 2392-7542.
3. Troncotă, Miruna, 2012, "Who is Balkanizing the Europeanization of Bosnia and Herzegovina?", in Peter Jordan (ed.) *Der Donauraum. In-Equality, Political, Economic, gender and Spatial Aspects*, nr 3-4/2012, pp 353-389, Bohlau Verlag, Wien, ISSN 0012-5415
4. Troncotă, Miruna, 2010, "Bosnia Herzegovina, the Political Space of In-Betweenness - A Constructivist Analysis of Bosnia Herzegovina", in Istvan Tarossy, Susan Milford (eds) *The Western Balkans lessons from the Past and Future Prospects*, editura Publikon, Budapesta, pag 69-85, volum publicat în urma școlii de vară 7th Danube Rector's Conference Summer School, Pecs, Hungary. ISBN 978-615-5001-26-0.