

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2017 - 2024 National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, Romania
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science
- 2019 - 2020 Columbia University, New York, NY
Fulbright Scholar, affiliated at the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies (Sept.-June)
- 2015-2017 National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, Romania;
MA in Security and Diplomacy
Thesis: *Counterinsurgency and the Information Revolution in Military Affairs. Iraq and Afghanistan, the tactical and strategic fallacies of high-tech COIN* (prof. Radu Cucută, supervisor)
- 2012-2015 National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, Romania;
BA in Political Science
Thesis: *Stability and Growth Pact. The Sovereign Debt Crisis in the Euro Zone* (prof. Claudiu Crăciun, supervisor)
- 2009-2012 Faculty of Journalism and Communication Studies (FJSC) Bucharest, Romania; BA in Journalism and Communication Studies
Thesis: *Political Parties in Post-Communist Romania and their Media Outlets* (prof. Marian Petcu, supervisor)

PUBLICATIONS / ARTICLES

- 2022 “Norms of protection in IR: humanitarian wars and the ironic creation of pre-Westphalian states”, *The International Journal of Human Rights*, Volume 26-1, 2022
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13642987.2021.1988933>
- 2020 “The State and its Competitors Facing a Global Pandemic: the US, EU and Failed States”
International Affairs Review, George Washington University
<https://iar-gwu.org/blog/2020/05/26/the-state-and-its-competitors-facing-a-global-pandemic-the-us-eu-and-failed-states>
- 2019 “The Rise of Mercenarism. Avoiding International Responsibility”
E-International Relations online journal (May 2020)
<https://www.e-ir.info/2020/05/01/the-fall-and-rise-of-mercenarism-avoiding-international-accountability/>
- 2019 “Cloaking Strategic Interests in Morality: How Turkey Discredits Armed Humanitarianism”

Columbia Journal of International Affairs (Nov. 2019)

<https://jia.sipa.columbia.edu/authors/oana-cosmina-mihalache>

- 2019 „The Responsibility to Govern: The Normative Process of Reshaping the State in the Case of Libya”
Academos vol. 6 “Political and Economical Unrest in the Contemporary Era”
- 2018 “Intervention and Governance. Defining Sovereignty in Post-Conflict Power Agreements.
The case of Bosnia”
Academos vol. 5 “Development, Democracy and Society in the Contemporary World”
- 2018 “State-building in Multiethnic States: Democratization as a Bargain Tool for the Cessation of Conflict”
New Challenges to Security and Development in the Balkans, Vol. 5 (Conference
Proceedings, Bulgaria)
- 2017 “NATO’S out of area operations – a two track approach. The normative side of a military alliance”
Croatian International Relations Review, Vol 23, No. 80, 2017 (print edition)
<http://cirr.irmo.hr/en/previous-issues/>

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Humanitarian Intervention and Sovereignty: Samuel Pufendorf’s Via Media”
120th American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, Sept. 5-8
- 2023 “The Republican Road Not Taken: Humanitarian Intervention and Sovereignty”
119th American Political Science Association (APSA), Los Angeles, Aug.31-Sept. 3
- 2022 “The Power of Prosecution Patterns. Addressing Antisemitism in Romania, Bulgaria and
Germany”
54th Annual Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Meeting, (Boston,
November 10-12)
- 2019 “The Responsibility to Govern: The Normative Process of Reshaping the State in the Case of
Libya”
Academos International Conference, 6th edition “ Political and Economical Unrest in
the Contemporary Era”
- 2018 “Interventions and Democratization. Sovereignty and Governance after the Cold War:
towards a new Political Order”
ECPR Conference „Politics and Policy: History, Implementation and Future
Strategies” (16-18 Nov. 2018, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
- 2018 “Intervention and Governance. Defining Sovereignty in Post-Conflict Power Agreements. The case of
Bosnia”
Academos International Conference, 5th edition “Development, Democracy and Society in
the Contemporary World”
- 2017 “State-building in Multiethnic States: Democratization as a Bargain Tool for the Cessation of
Conflict”
International Conference “New Challenges to Security and Development in the
Balkans”, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria
- 2017 “Democratization and Transitology as part of post-intervention efforts after the Cold War”
ECPR Conference „Politics and Policy: History, Implementation and Future Strategies” (20-
22 Oct. 2017, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania)
- 2017 “Counterinsurgency and the Information Revolution in Military Affairs”

- GSARI Conference at National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, entitled "Patterns of Violence Across Political Communities", SNSPA, Bucharest
- 2017 „Security culture – between isolationism and the risk of contagion regarding vulnerabilities. România: between its East-European identity and that of EU and NATO member” Conference „Peace, Power, Security, 4th edition”, Palace of the Parliament, Bucharest, Romania

TEACHING EXPERIENCE / ACADEMIC PROJECTS

- 2021-2023 Member, research project – “When the Law is Silent: Hate Crime Prosecution and Implicit Bias in Law Enforcement Agencies” (Winner of the first grant competition launched by the CIVICA consortium, funded through Horizon Europe). May 2021-January 2023
- 2022, August Guest Lecture, University of South Australia, UniSA, invited by prof. Daniel Biro
Course on Roma People and Marginality in International Relations
- 2020, August Guest Lecture, University of South Australia, UniSA, invited by prof. Daniel Biro
Course on Roma People and Marginality in International Relations
- 2019, academic year Instructor, GSARI seminar series for undergraduate and graduate students
Lectures on Political Science and International Relations theory, Methodology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 - Present Third Secretary, Embassy of Romania to the United States, Romanian MFA (Oct. -Present)
- 2020-2021 Political Advisor, Romanian Presidency, Cotroceni Palace in Bucharest (Oct. – Sept.)
- 2017-2019 Political Advisor, Chamber of Deputies, Romanian Parliament (Nov. – Aug.)
- 2017-2018 Short Term Consultant, World Bank Office Romania (Nov. - June)
- 2015-2016 Political Advisor (collaboration), Chamber of Deputies, Romanian Parliament (Nov. – Dec.)
- 2015-2017 Political Blogger/ Editorialist (collaboration based), www.adevarul.ro
- 2015 Communication Executive, Marketing Insiders Group, Expo Media Agency, Bucharest, Romania (April-Oct.)
- 2014-2015 Business and Politics Journalist, Wall-Street.ro, Internet Corp (May - April)

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

- 2019 Summer School – Prishtina International Summer University 2019 (July)
Organized by: University of Prishtina “Hasan Prishtina”, course: American Government and Politics
- 2019 Transatlantic leadership seminar entitled “Friend or Foe? How Tech is Transforming Democracy”
Organized by: Aspen Institute Socrates Program (USA), organized in Romania, May 24-26
- 2018 Intensive training - “Security and Responsibility. Making and Justifying Decision Making” (Sept. – Nov.)
Organized by: New Strategy Center (think tank), Romania
- 2014 Summer School – “The prison of silence, an experience in communism”

2012 The National Institute of Communism Crimes and Memory of the Romanian Exile (IICMER) and
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Bucharest, Romania (August)
Seminar: "Global Perspectives, Global Learning: Global Education & The Mass Media"
Organized by: Civil Society Development Foundation, Romania (March)

CERTIFICATIONS

Cambridge Certificate, Advanced English (2009)
Toefl Certificate (116/120) (2019)
Goethe Institut, Certificate, A2.1 Online-Kurs (2021)

LANGUAGES

English	20+ years (proficient user)
German	4 years (intermediate user)
Spanish	5 years (intermediate user)
French	2 years (basic user)