

PERSONAL
INFORMATION**Prof. Miruna BUTNARU-TRONCOTĂ, PhD Habil.****Research interests** - EU Enlargement Policy, Western Balkans, Europeanization of EU Foreign Policy, Post-conflict Democratization, Feminism in security studies

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Sex Female | Date of birth 17.08.1986 | Nationality Romanian

WORK EXPERIENCE

February 2016 –
Present**Lecturer (2016-2021); Associate Professor (since 2021-2024)****Professor in International Relations (2024 - present)****Director of the Center for European Studies SNSPA -
habilitated to advise PhD students in International Relations (since
2019);**Department of International Relations and European Integration,
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration
(SNSPA) Bucharest, Romania

- teaching classes and seminars for MA students (in English and Romanian); teaching a seminar for BA students on “EU Policies”;
- conducting research;
- participating in international conferences;
- organising student workshops on EU studies;

Business or sector: Research in International Relations, European integration, Political Science

October 2015-July
2017**Post-doctoral Researcher**

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

Part time in a research a grant of the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research and Innovation, CNCS – UEFISCDI, project number PN-II-TE-2014-4-0534

- conducting research
- participating in international conferences
- organising an international conference (20-21 October 2016)

Business or sector: Research in International Relations, European integration. Political Science

May 2014-
November 2016**Post-doctoral Researcher**

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

Beneficiary of the „Post -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.

- conducted desk research and field work research on the PhD topic
- represented the university at international conferences and various academic events

Business or sector: Research in International Relations, European integration.

April 2014-July 2014

Political Officer, Intern

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.

2010-2013

PhD candidate, Research Assistant

SNSPA (National School for Political and Administrative Studies) Bucharest, Romania

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.

- conducted desk research and field work research on the PhD topic
- represented the university at international conferences and various academic events
- conducted seminars for undergrad students (2011)
- organised and moderated two graduate workshops with the topic *Europeanization – new trends in research* at SNSPA (2011, 2012) with more than 30 participants from different universities in Romania
- participated in the evaluation committee of the Admission exams (2012, 2013)

Business or sector Research in International Relations, European integration, Post graduate education

EDUCATION

2010-2013

Ph.D. in Political Sciences

National University for Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, Romania

Department for International Relations and European Integration

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

- 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 – conducting field research in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2008-2010

M.A .in Political Theory and Analysis

National University for Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, Romania

Faculty of Political Sciences

- 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 for Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, Romania

Faculty of Political Sciences

2008-2009 Leadership Development Programme, South East Europe Young Leaders

European Fund for the Balkans and College of Europe:

- Two-week Summer Academy in Germany (Berlin & its surroundings) in September 2008: the curriculum included topics related to the European Union and the development of its relations with Southeast Europe, as well as wider issues of international and economic relations. Practical training components focusing on negotiations, project management and presentation skills provided participants with essential leadership qualities.
- Group projects, between November 2008 and March 2009 a 2-week youth project conducted in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- Five-day Spring Seminar in Belgium (Brussels/Bruges), in April 2009: The programme included working visits to the EU institutions and NATO in Brussels and classes in the campus of the College of Europe in Bruges.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian



Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B1	B2	B1	B1	B1
Bosnian/Croat/Serbian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Selected Publications

Academic Books

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.

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

Butnaru-Troncota, Miruna, Radu Alexandru Cucută, Ali Onur Ozcelik (eds), (2024) *Reconfiguring EU Peripheries: Political Elites, Contestation, and Geopolitical Shifts*. Helsinki: Helsinki University Press. Open access here <https://hup.fi/site/books/e/10.33134/pro-et-contra-3/>

Butnaru Troncotă, M., Bărăgănescu, C., Ghincea, M., Răuță, R.V. (2024). *The (Geo)politics of EU Enlargement. Romanian perspectives on the Western Balkans*. Bucharest: Tritonic. [http://www.tritonic.ro/isbn-The_\(Geo\)politics_of_EU_EnlargementRomanian_perspectives_on_the_Western_Balkans-978-606-749-777-9.htm](http://www.tritonic.ro/isbn-The_(Geo)politics_of_EU_EnlargementRomanian_perspectives_on_the_Western_Balkans-978-606-749-777-9.htm)

Bărbulescu, Iordan-Gheorghe (coord.), Clara Volintiru, Miruna Troncotă and Nicolae Toderaș, (2018), *Regional democracy promotion. Romania in relation to the Western balkans and Eastern Partnership state*, Tritonic Publishing House, Bucharest, ISBN 978-606-8571-36-2.

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

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*, Basingtoke: Palgrave Macmillan. p 217-243.

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.

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.

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.

Academic articles

Butnaru-Troncotă, Miruna, (2024), 'In-between a dream and a nightmare? Assessing the impact of 'Wartime Politicisation' on EU enlargement policy after 2022', *Eastern Journal of European Studies* ISSN: 2068-651X.

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.

Co-authored articles

Lazăr, Aurel & 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;

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*; <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14782804.2022.2076067>

Makarychev, Andrey & Miruna Butnaru-Troncota (2022) 'Europeanisation through Education: Promoting European Studies in "Eastern Partnership" Countries.', *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, 18(2), 208-230;

Rotaru, Vasile, 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.

Poetry collections with the pseudonym Miruna Vlada

Poemextrauterine (Ectopic poems) (2004) Paralela 45 Publishing House, Bucharest

Pauza dintre vene (Break between the veins) (2007) Cartea românească publishing House, Bucharest

Bosnia, Partaj (Bosnia. Partition) (2014) re-edited in 2022, Cartea românească publishing house, Bucharest – awarded as the best Poetry book of the year 2014 in Romania

Prematur, (Premature) (2021), Cartier Publishing house, Chișinău