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Curriculum Vitae**



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Nationality Romanian

Date of birth 21<sup>st</sup> November 1972

Gender Female

**Work experience:**

Dates 1992 → 1994

Occupation or position held Editor of "Echinox" Magazine

Name and address of employer Horea Street no 31, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania)

Dates 1994 → 1995

Occupation or position held Editor of "Pro Europa" Magazine

Name and address of employer Str. Emm. De Martonne, nr,1, Cluj (Romania)

Dates 1996 → 2001

Occupation or position held PhD student

Main activities and responsibilities	Research assistant
Name and address of employer	Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of European Studies Emm. De Martonne Street no 1, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania)
Dates	2001 → 2002
Occupation or position held	Assistant lecturer
Name and address of employer	Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of European Studies Emm. De Martonne Street no 1, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania)
Dates	2003 → present
Occupation or position held	Lecturer
Main activities and responsibilities	Fields of interest : Cultural Pluralism, Cultures of South Eastern Europe, Multiculturalism, Interethnic Relations, Jewish Communities of Transylvania
Name and address of employer	Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of European Studies Emm. De Martonne Street no 1, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania)
Dates	2008 → 2012
Occupation or position held	Manager
Name and address of employer	The Institute for Intercultural and Multicultural Studies Babes-Bolyai University Avram Iancu Street no 68, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania), policy papers on interculturalism and multiculturalism in Transylvania and Romania consultant in these matters for various local organizations
Dates	October 2011 → October 2012
Occupation or position held	Director of the Department for European Studies
Name and address of employer	Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of European Studies Emm. De Martonne Street no 1, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania) 2014- short term consultant of the World Bank- employed for retrospective and prospective analyses of grants implemented in tertiary education in Romania, qualitative approach 2016- present, Independent expert, rapporteur and Vice-Chair of the European Commission- Conducting evaluation, monitoring, analysing mainly research grants, leading international, multicultural groups of experts- since 2016 December 2022- appointed Director of the Institute for International Relations and Area Studies, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş- Bolyai University
<b>Education and training:</b>	
Dates	1987 → 1991
Title of qualification awarded	High School Diploma / "Bacalaureat" degree
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered	Literature / History
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	"Gheorghe Sincai" High-School, Cluj-Napoca Avram Iancu Street no 33, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania)

Dates	1991 → 1996
Title of qualification awarded	Graduate Diploma
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Faculty of Letters, Department of Romanian-English languages and literature "Babes-Bolyai" University Cluj Napoca Horea Street no 31, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania)
Dates	1994-1998
Title of qualification awarded	Graduate Diploma, Faculty of European Studies, BBU, Emm. De Martonne street, no1.
Dates	September 1999 → June 2000
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered	Honorary Research Assistant, Teacher Fellow in Romanian Studies Individual collaborative research in the culture, history, economics, politics, social anthropology, literature and languages of the region countries.
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES) University College London (UCL) Gower Street London WC1E 6BT
Dates	2000 → 2001
Title of qualification awarded	Postgraduate diploma/postgraduate program in Multicultural Studies
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Multicultural Studies Faculty of European Studies Cluj-Napoca (honours) Em. De Martonne Street no 1, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania)
Dates	2002
Title of qualification awarded	PhD
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	"Babes-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca Mihail Kogălniceanu Street no 1, Cluj Napoca, Cluj County (Romania)
Dates	2004 → 2005
Title of qualification awarded	Postdoctoral Studies
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Utrecht University, The Netherlands P.O Box 80125, 3508 TC Utrecht, The Netherlands
<b>Research fields:</b>	Ethnology, Cultural Anthropology, Cultural Studies: Social and Cultural Theories, Anthropology of South Eastern Europe, Interethnic Relations in Transylvania, Post communism, Social and Cultural Marginality, Property Restitution in Post-communist Romania, Migration

**National and International Conferences and Sympos**

- 1). October 1996: Symposium organized by The Romanian Society of Cultural Anthropology, Arcus - Covasna, Romania, Participant
- 2). September 1997: Symposium: "European Studies Today"- Babes-Bolyai Unive Cluj-Napoca (paper)
- 3). June 1998: Symposium : "The Anthropological Option "- Babes-Bolyai Unive Cluj-Napoca, (paper)
- 4). June 1998: Symposium : "The Anthropological Option "- Babes-Bolyai Unive Cluj-Napoca, (paper)
- 5). November 1998: "Cultura Europaea" Pamplona, Spain (paper)
- 6). March 2000: "Anthropological Perspectives on Romania"-organizer, SSE University College London, United Kingdom
- 6). June 2001- Symposium, organized by the Faculty of European Studies Michigan State University (paper).
- 7). June 2002- Symposium organized by the Romanian Academy, paper presented the Ethnological and Anthropological section
- 8). October 2002- Salzburg seminar, (American Popular Culture), participant
- 9). June, 2003, International Conference, "Re-negotiating Socio-Cultural Identity in Post socialist Eastern Europe"( paper), Faculty of European Studies, Cluj- Napoca
- 10). July, 2003- Summer School on Violence and Culture, Central European University, Budapest, participant
- 11). September, 2003 - Romanian Travellers to Occident, International Conference, Cluj-Napoca, paper
- 12). April 2004 New Democracies and New Research in Social and Historical Sciences in Bulgaria and Romania, University College, Utrecht, The Netherlands, paper
- 13). September 2004 -Globalism. Globalisation. 10 Years of European Studies Cluj, International Conference, Cluj-Napoca, paper
- 14). April, 2006 - New Frontiers in Europe, International Conference, Cluj-Napoca, paper
- 15). May, 2007- Culture Archives and the State, International Conference, Merion Center, Ohio State University, paper
- 16). May, 2008- Zilele academice, Cluj, paper presented
- 17). August , 2008, Ljubljana, Slovenia EASA Conference ( European Association of Social Anthropologists)., paper
- 18). November, 2008, Intercultural Challenge. Current Issues and Perspectives ( of the organisers, Paper presented)
- 19). July, 2009, Summer School, Magdeburg, Visual Methods in Social Science (teaching staff, 4 courses)
- 20). May, 2009, Ankara, in ASEA Conference on Migration to, from, and in Southeastern Europe: Intercultural Communication, Social Change and Transnational Ties, (paper)
- 21). October, 2009, Cultural Heritage and European Integration, International Conference, Cluj, (paper)
- 22). August, 2010, Maynooth, Ireland, The Conference of The European Association of Social Anthropologists (paper)
- 23). September, 2010, Bucharest, The National Conference of The Romanian Society for Cultural Anthropology.( paper presented)
- 24). April 2011, Regensburg, Germany, International Association for South-European Anthropology, In ASEA (paper, moderator of two panels)
- 25). April, 2011, Lisbon, Portugal, International Conference of the International So

September 2016,11-13, Basel,  
Current Approaches to Migration and Mobility in Ethnology, Folklore and  
Anthropology,  
Paper, Kinship and Migration.

September ,2016, Sofia, Balkan Life Courses: Family, Childhood, Youth, And  
Old Age in Southeast Europe.

8th InASEA Congress, paper Family in Times of Migration. A Few Case  
Studies

Septembrie, 2016,11-13, Basel,  
Current Approaches to Migration and Mobility in Ethnology, Folklore and  
Anthropology,  
Paper, Kinship and Migration.

June 2018, War Hecatomb, Effects on Health, Demography, Territory, and  
Modern Thought (19-th- 21-st centuries)-Presentation in the Plenary session

August 2018, EASA conference, Stockholm, paper presented

Fluid Works and Lives". Perspectives on Mobility in Europe.

April, 2019, SIEF Conference, Santiago de Compostella, paper presented.

October, International conference-2019 in Europe. War and Peace, paper  
presented

July 2020, EASA conference, Lisbon, on-line

March 2021, IUAES Congress, panel: Imagining Europe- Fantasies around  
Migration to  
Europe, paper presented: Fluid Europe? On Intra-European Imaginaries and  
Experiences of  
Migration, Zagreb University, on-line

March 2021, ASA conference, University of St.Andrews- paper  
presented:Riders on the Storm. On Psychoactive Agents and Lockdown  
Experiences  
University of St. Andrews.

EASA Conference , 2022, July, Belfast – Transformation, Hope and the  
Commns, Queen's

University, paper presented: Ethnographies of Metaverse. Transformation of  
Anthropological research at the encounter of virtual commons

10-th InASEA Congress- Visual Cultures in Southeast Europe: Globalization,  
Gender,

Power and Resistance, 15-18 September, Graz- paper presented -Visual  
Representation of Migration. A Comparative Approach.

- 1). February-July 1996, Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium; (Tempus)
- 2). February – July 1997, Utrecht University, The Netherlands; Cultural Anthro (Tempus)
- 3). September 1999- June 2000, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, United Kingdom; Honorary Research Assistant, Teacher Fellow in Romanian Studies, UK Embassy in Bucharest, UCL)
- 4). May 2002, Socrates exchange program, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland; teaching mobility
- 5). 2004, postdoctoral grant offered by N W O, The Netherlands, Utrecht University
- 6). 2003-2006 -HESP, RESET, Teaching Anthropology. Means and Meanings (project and training – During 3 academic years)
- 7). May, 2010, Erasmus exchange program, short term research mobility
- 8). 2009-2011. Part of a research team, granted by CNCSIS ( PNII )
- 9). 2013, Erasmus exchange program, UCL, SSEES, UK
- 10). June, 2015, short term DAAD grant, Regensburg University, Germany
- 11) June 2016 short term DAAD grant, Regensburg University, Germany
- 12) May, 2018, short term DAAD grant, Regensburg University, Germany
- 13)

**Research granted:**

- 1). 2009-2011, part of a research team, granted by CNCSIS (PNII/Ideas); project: The Reassessment of Folkloric Document, grant director: Nora Sava
- 2). 2008- part of a research team, financed by the Ministry of Culture. Research project: The Configuration of Cultural Identity in the Dynamics of Contemporary Romanian Villages.
- 3). 2004-2005- Individual research on Anthropology of Eastern Europe. Perspectives, Utrecht University, Department of Cultural Anthropology, individual research and grant: Restitution for the Jewish Communities in Cluj and Bucharest (with dr. Damian Popescu, University of Bucharest)
- 4). 2003-2006-HESP, RESET, Teaching Anthropology. Means and Meanings : research projects in this frame  
Forms of Identity Construction in the Jewish Community from Cluj Napoca ( field individual research)

**Public lectures and courses abroad:**

University College London, SSEES (2000, 2011), Utrecht University College (2004, 2005), University of Magdeburg (2009), University of Rovaniemi (2002).

**Member in national and international societies**

Member of SIEF, International Society for Folklore and Ethnology  
Member of the Association for South East European Anthropology  
Member of The Romanian Society for Cultural Anthropology  
Member EASA, European Association for Social Anthropology  
Member and correspondent for Romania of HOAN- History of Anthropology Network, part of EASA – since 2020  
Independent expert, rapporteur and Vice-Chair of the European Commission- Conducting evaluation, monitoring, analysing mainly research grants, leading international, multicultural groups of experts- since 2016

**List of publications:**

- 1). Alina Branda - *Repere in Antropologia Culturala (Main Issues of Cultural Anthropology)*, EFES, Cluj, 2002
- 2). Barbat, Virgil, Petrescu, Nicolae, Comarnescu, Petru - *American Studies (anthology)*, edited by Alina Branda, Foundation for European Studies, 2002
- 3). *Post-Communist Societies and Cultures*, volume edited by Alina Branda and Nessim Ghouas, Napoca Star, 2005
- 4). Kideckel, David, *Colectivism si singuratate in satele romanesti, Polirom, 2006* (translation, in collaboration with Serban Vaietisi and Gyula Kozak)
- 5). *Spiritualitate și cultură europeană*, main editor, Cluj, EFES, 2007
- 6). *Romania Occidentalis. Romania Orientalis*, main editor Cluj, EFES, Mega, 2009
- 7). *Teme actuale in cercetarea etnologica si antropologica*, main editor, EFES, 2011
- 8). *Antropologie și studii culturale. Perspective actuale*, main editor, Mega, 2012

**Articles:**                      **Studies**                      /

1. The Royal Destiny of Poetry ( an essay on Gellu Naum's Poetry), published in "Echinox", No. 4, 1992.
2. Argotice, review, published in "Echinox", 7-8-9, 1992;
3. Cad Godden/ the second chapter of A Historical Grammar of Poetic Myth, ame and enlarged edition.  
London- Boston, 1990. Translation , published in "Echinox", 7-8-9, 1992;
4. Poems, published in "Echinox", 7-8-9, 1992;
5. Interview with the sociologist Paul H. Stahl, published in "Echinox", 10, 1992;
6. "L'Autre Cote/ The Other Side"- review, published in "Echinox", 1-2, 1993;
7. Nuntile necesare,( "The Compulsory Weddings"- review), published in "Echinox" 6/1993; The Seasons of Rains"- review, published in "Echinox", No. 1-2, 1993;
8. A Brief Presentation on Stefan Damian's Works, published in "Echinox", N 1994; E toamna printre femei si in lume"- recenzie( "It Is Autumn among Women and in World", published in "Echinox", 9/ 1993;
9. A Brief Presentation on Nicolae Baciut's Poetry, published in "Echinox"Magazine,.1-2-3/1994;
10. Intelegerea si receptarea spatiului in mentalul si imaginarul popular, ("The Meaning of Space in the Traditional Imagery"), published in "Anuarul Arhivei de Folclor", No.XV-XVII, (1997)
11. Monica Savulescu-Voudouris, Alina Branda, Intelectualii romani din lume vazuti de acasa ("Romanian Intellectuals in the Diaspora. Views from Their Country of Origin"), in "22" / I, 1998)
12. Alina Branda, Functionalismul antropologic in viziunea lui Bronislaw Malinowski, ( "The Anthropological Functionalism in Bronislaw Malinowki's View"), published in European Traditions and Experiences, EFES, 1999
13. Monica Savulescu-Voudouris, Alina Branda ,What Is Known about the Romanian Intellectuals in the Diaspora and What Is Their Image in Their Country of Origin, in European Studies Today- International Conference. Editors Nicolae Paun and Dan Grigorescu, Cluj- Napoca,EFES 1998
14. Alina Branda, On Ethnological and Anthropological Trends in Eastern and Central Europe", Studia Europaea, nr.1/2/1998
15. Alina Branda, "From Indigenous Ethnographies to Cultural Anthropology ". Comments on the History of Social Sciences in Romania, in Studia Europaea, 2/2001.
16. Alina Branda, "From Indigenous Ethnographies to Cultural Anthropology ". Comments on the History of Social Sciences in Romania, in Studia Europaea, 2/2002.
17. Alina Branda, "The Image of the Jew in Romanian Culture", published in JSRI, NO.3./winter 2002/ ISI publication
18. Romanian Workers in the Netherlands, in Globalism, Globality, Globalization. Ten Years of European Studies in Cluj, Cluj-Napoca, EFES, 2007, coauthor
19. Workers from Former Socialist Countries. An Aspect of Globalization. Southern Vs. Northern Model. A Comparative Study; Emigration, Immigration and Return-migration of Romanians in a Few EU Countries, co author, in Romanian Migration in a 'Runaway World'. volume edited by Campbell, Wilfred; Savulescu Voudouri, Monica; Birsan Maria, EFES, Cluj-Napoca, 2007
20. Romanian Workers in the Netherlands, coauthor, in Romanian Migration in a 'Runaway World'. Emigration, Immigration and Return-migration of Romanians in a Few EU Countries, volume edited by Campbell, Wilfred; Savulescu Voudouri, Monica; Birsan Maria, EFES, Cluj-Napoca, 2007
21. Anthropology of Eastern Europe. Current Perspectives, in Performing Identities, Cluj-Napoca, EFES, 2004
22. On Anthropology at Home. "Indigenous Perspectives", in Romania Occidentalis. Romania Orientalis, EFES, Mega, 2009
23. Totalitarius tapasztalat és irodalom. Esettanulmány, in Korunk, November, 2009



**Personal skills and competences**

38. . Antropologie culturala si relativism. Câteva consideratii/ Cultural Anthropology and Relativism. , Presa Universitară CLujeană
39. On “Dramas, Fields and” ... Interpretive Communities, in Dacoromania litteraria, 3/2016
40. O microistorie a interbelicului românesc (review), in Transilvania, 8/9, 2016
41. O nouă concepție asupra sărbătorii și vieții cotidiene în ruraliate, in Miscarea literara, 2016
42. Canonizare, demitizare și realism științific. Studii despre Mircea Vulcănescu, review, Cooperativa G, April, 2018.
- 43 Abordări calitative în cercetarea culturală românească. O analiză diacronică, ,- Habilitation paper defended
44. 131 pg, BBU site, habilitation confirmation, 2018.
45. ȘCOALA SOCIOLOGICĂ DE LA BUCUREȘTI.PERSPECTIVE ASUPRA DIMENSIUNII DE GEN/ (The Bucharest Sociological School. Perspectives on Gender Dimension), Polis, Volum VII, Nr. 1 (23), Serie nouă, februarie 2019
46. Anthropological Perspectives on Romanian Socialism. A Case Study, in Territorial and Identity Development, **Volume 5 .No1, 2020**
47. "Works and Lives". On a Romanian Educational Project, Pro Universitaria, 2020
- 48.ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ROMANIAN SOCIALISM. A CASE STUDY,in TERRITORIAL IDENTITY AND DEVELOPMENT, Volume 5, nr1, DOI: <http://doi.org/10.23740/TID120201>
49. DISCIPLINARY CHALLENGES IN FOLKLORE STUDIES IN ROMANIA AFTER 1945. TWO CASE STUDIES FROM THE CLUJ FOLKLORE ARCHIVE (ARHIVA DE FOLCLOR DIN CLUJ, in TERRITORIAL IDENTITY AND DEVELOPMENT, volume 6, no.2
- 50.On Places, Emotions, Senses and Affects. A Case Study on the Cluj-Napoca Jewish Community, **Pages: 96-105**  
**DOI: 10.24193/JSSPSI.07.PATDC**, in **Special Issue**, Place Attachment during Territorial Development Challenges No. 9/2022 *Journal of Settlements and Spatial Planning*.
- 51.Book chapter: Abordări calitative în științele socio-umane: O analiză diacronică  
Privind mediul academic românesc/ Qualitative approaches in socio-human sciences. A diachronical analysis on the Romanian academic millieu, in României și România în context European. Istorie și Diplomatie/Romanians and Romania in European context, coordinators ci Ioan Bolovan și Melania Gabriela Ciot, Academia Română, Centrul de Studii Transilvane, 2022

Mother tongue(s)

**Romanian**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

Understanding	Speaking	Writing
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European level (\*)

**English**

**French**

**Italian**

Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user	B1	Independent user
A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User

(\*) [Common European Framework of Reference \(CEF\) level](#)

Social skills and competences

Computer skills and competences

Driving licence(s)

Extreme Sociability, Communicative Skills, Involved in Community oriented projects, Volunteering in different NGO-s( Patrir), Creative person

Microsoft Windows  
Internet  
Adobe Professional

B category



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