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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science**, *University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign*, specialization: International Relations and Comparative Politics, 2011

*Dissertation Title*: “Creating Global Synergies: Inter-Organizational Cooperation in Peace Operations” (Dissertation supervisor: Paul Diehl, PhD)

**Master of Arts in Political Science**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, 2008

**Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Resolution**, *Sabanci University* in Istanbul, Turkey, 2006

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**, *University of Bucharest* in Bucharest, Romania, 2004

## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

**Coordinator (Chair)**, International Studies Program, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland), August 2013-present

- Coordinate the work of the International Studies Faculty Advisory group
- Develop and update the curriculum of the International Studies Program
- Advise most International Studies majors and minors

**Director**, Clark Center for Global Engagement, *State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland)*, August 2013-present

- Organizing projects and activities to internationalize the campus; Programming of international events; Organizing faculty development workshops; Internationalization of the curriculum; International Grants; Promoting Study Abroad
- Contributed to COIL Center’s Stevens’ Initiative Grant Successful Application (2015)
- In spring 2014 SUNY-Cortland received the American College of Education “Internationalization Through Technology” Award for being a leader in this field; Clark Center for Global Engagement coordinated the award application process

**Coordinator, European Union Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module at SUNY Cortland**, *State University of New York-Cortland (SUNY-Cortland)*, August 2015-August 2018

## OTHER INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

**2024-2025 Fulbright U.S. Scholar**, Babes-Bolyai University, College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences (taught courses on International Relations Theory, Cross-Cultural Communication, conducted research and gave public lectures)

**SUNY Cortland’s Coordinator, European Union Erasmus+ Key Action 1** partnership with Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, January 2016 – present (faculty contact person for the MoU developed with Babes-Bolyai University and the Key Action 1 implementation)

**Mentor and Workshop Leader, Sustaining Yourself as a Writer – Classroom, Scholarship, and Grants – Pilot Project, Faculty Development Center, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland),** August 2015- December 2016

**Mentor, Myanmar Higher Education Partnership, Connecting with the World: International Relations for Higher Education Institutions, Institute for International Education,** November 2015 – May 2016

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**2024-2025 U.S. Fulbright Scholar,** Faculty (College) of Political, Administrative, and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

- Teach Inter-Cultural Relations and International Relations Theory
- Gave Public Lectures

**Global Visiting Professor,** Social and Cultural Studies College, Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Fulda, Hesse, Germany, April-July 2024

- Taught International Negotiation and Mediation & European Union Common Foreign and Security Policy
- Hosted workshop “Getting Published” for PhD students
- Hosted workshop “Career Opportunities for MA Graduates from European Union and Human Rights Studies Programs”
- Delivered public lecture titled “Conflicts in a World in Turmoil”, June 19, 2024

**Professor,** International Studies Program, *State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland),* September 2023-present

- Led groups of students to the SUNY Model European Union 2017 & 2019 (New York) and 2018 & 2020 & 2024 (Brussels), 2021 & 2022 (virtual), 2023 (New York)
- Faculty Adviser for the Model United Nations Club, 2013-2015 & 2018
- Courses taught:
  - International Relations
  - International Negotiation and Mediation
  - Introduction to the European Union
  - Model European Union
  - Foundations of the Modern World, 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - The Making of the Modern World, 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> century
  - Culture through Film
  - Model United Nations

- Computers and Society

**Associate Professor**, International Studies Program, *State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland)*, August 2018-2023

**Assistant Professor**, International Studies Program, *State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland)*, August 2013-2018

**Instructor of Political Science and International Studies**, Department of Political Science and the International Studies Program, *Loyola University Chicago*, August 2012-July 2013

- Administrative duties for the International Studies Program (organizing events)
- Faculty member on the Undergraduate Studies and Model United Nations committees
- Courses taught:
  - Introduction to International Studies (inter-disciplinary course)
  - Introduction to International Relations

**Consultant (Lecturer)**, Human Rights Center and the Center for Executive and Professional Education, *University for Peace*, May 2011 – December 2017

- Online courses taught:
  - Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
  - Human Rights and Alternative Dispute Resolution
  - Skills for Effective Negotiations

**Lecturer**, Department of Political Science, *University of Vermont*, August 2011 – July 2012

- Courses taught:
  - Introduction to International Relations
  - International Organizations
  - Politics of European Integration

**Lecturer**, Open Society Foundations’ Pre-Academic Summer Program, June 2012 – July 2012, June 2013-July 2013, June 2014-July 2014 (*Bilgi University*, Istanbul, Turkey), July-August 2018 (Caucasus University, Tbilisi, Georgia) & July-August 2019 (King’s Academy, Amman, Jordan)

- Courses taught:
  - Global Peace Operations
  - Conflict Analysis and Resolution
  - International Negotiation and Mediation
- Advised Middle Eastern, Central Asian, Afghan, South-East Asian, and South Asian MA / PhD students, going to study in US, European, Canadian, Hong-Kong and Indian universities

**Independent Instructor**, Department of Political Science, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, June 2010 – May 2011

- Courses taught:

- Introduction to International Relations (writing intensive course)
- Global Peace Operations
- Introduction to International Relations (online)

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, January 2010 – May 2010 & January 2009 – May 2009

- Courses taught:
  - International Diplomacy and Negotiation
  - Introduction to Political Science

**Teaching Assistant**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, *Sabanci University*, Turkey, September 2004 – June 2006

- Courses taught:
  - Introduction to Social and Political Science

## **TEACHING AWARDS**

**2019-2020** *State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)*

- Online Teaching Faculty Fellow, Institute for College Teaching

**2017-2018** *State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)*

- Awarded the *Excellence in Teaching Award for Tenure-Track Faculty* (1 Award Given Each Year to a Professor), Faculty Development Center
- Nominated for the Student Affairs Faculty Connection Award - Finalist
- Nominated for the Advisement Award - Finalist

**2014** *State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)*

- Teaching Innovation Award for an International Negotiation and Mediation course taught jointly online with a partner at Zirve University, Turkey

**2009 – 2011** *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
- Graduate Teacher Certificate
- List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent through the Center For Teaching Excellence
  - Recognizes teachers who receive excellent student evaluations
  - Inducted to the list four times: Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, & Spring 2011

## **PUBLICATIONS & PUBLIC LECTURES**

### PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS

*Sharing the Burden of Peace: Inter-Organizational Cooperation in Peace Operations*, New York: Peter Lang, May 2022

*Muslims in Europe. The European Union Solving Social Conflicts*, (Iasi: Editura Lumen, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2020)

*The Puzzle of Peace. The Evolution of Peace in the International System* (with Paul Diehl and Gary Goertz), (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016)

- 2017 winner of the J. David Singer Book Award by the International Studies Association-Midwest
- One of seven finalists for American Political Science Association's 2017 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award for the best book on government, politics, or international affairs (out of over 150 books).

*Peace Operations*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (with Paul Diehl), (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2014)

*Muslims in Europe. The European Union Solving Social Conflicts*, (Iasi: Editura Lumen, 2008)

#### PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

“*European Union and Conflict Resolution in Central Asia in the 21st Century*” (book chapter published in edited volume titled “EU Governance in Central Asia: A Sectoral Approach”, London: Routledge, 2024)

“*The Adventures of a Transylvanian Doctor in Constantinople, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and Iraq (1815-1838)*” (book chapter published in edited volume *Travellers in Ottoman Lands II: The Balkans, Anatolia and Beyond*, Oxford, UK: Archaeopress, 2024)

“*European Union's Use of the Outermost Regions (ORs) and the Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) to Promote its Geopolitical Interests in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Indian, and the Pacific Regions*” (book chapter accepted for publication in edited volume *EU Geopolitical Actorness in a Shifting World Order*, Palgrave, forthcoming 2025)

“*Wallachia: A Christian-European Hub for Books, News, and Diplomatic Correspondence Within the Ottoman Lands (1688-1714)*” (book chapter accepted for publication in edited volume *Patrimonio Escrito en Circulación: Redes Culturales y Comerciales en la Edad Moderna*, Mexico City: Universidad Autonoma de Mexico, forthcoming 2025)

#### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Book Review of *Changing Indian Images of the European Union Perception and Misperception*, Palgrave MacMillan Singapore, 2019, 162 pp., & *India and the European Union in a Turbulent World*, Palgrave MacMillan Singapore, 2020, 220 pp., Rajendra K. Jain (Editor), *Romanian Journal of Indian Studies*, September 2023

“Book Note” for *The Peace Continuum: What It Is and How to Study It* (authored by Christian Davenport, Erik Melander, and Patrick Regan, Oxford University Press, 2018), *Journal of Peace Research*, November 2018

- “Crossing the Ocean: Identity, Teaching, and Research Challenges for an European Scholar in U.S. Universities”, *Modelling the New Europe*, issue 17, December 2015: 143-163
- “Demanding Peace: The Impact of Prevailing Conflict on the Shift from Peacekeeping to Peacebuilding”, *Peace and Change* 37(2), April 2012: 195-226 (with Andrew Owsiak and Paul Diehl)
- “It Takes Two (or More): Multiple Simultaneous Peace Operations”, *Journal of International Peacekeeping* 15(3-4), September 2011: 384-421

#### PEER-REVIEWED ROLE-PLAY SIMULATIONS

*European Council Simulation “Global Europe? Deciding Canada’s Membership Application to the European Union*, Role-Play Negotiation (co-authored with Noam Ebner and Andreas Kotelis), submitted for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaching Case and Simulation Competition, E-PARCC 2021, Syracuse University, Maxwell School’s Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC)

*European Council Simulation “European Agenda on Migration”* Role-Play Negotiation (co-authored with Noam Ebner, and Andreas Kotelis), (Washington, D.C.: European Union Delegation in the United States, 2017). Available on the European Union website at: [https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/sim1-european\\_council\\_simulation\\_migration-110917-eu\\_file.pdf](https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/sim1-european_council_simulation_migration-110917-eu_file.pdf)

- **Winner of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaching Case and Simulation Competition, E-PARCC 2018, Syracuse University, Maxwell School’s Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC)**

*Council of the European Union Simulation “Negotiation Mandate for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Tradeland”* Role-Play Negotiation (co-authored with Noam Ebner, and Andreas Kotelis), (Washington, D.C.: European Union Delegation in the United States, 2017). Available on the European Union website at:

[https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/sim2-council\\_of\\_the\\_eu\\_trade-111317.pdf](https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/sim2-council_of_the_eu_trade-111317.pdf)

*Council of the European Union – European Parliament – European Commission Simulation “Anti-Terrorism EU Legislation”* Role-Play Negotiation & Mediation (co-authored with Noam Ebner, and Andreas Kotelis), (Washington, D.C.: European Union Delegation in the United States, 2017). Available on the European Union website at:

[https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/sim3-large\\_model\\_eu\\_simulation\\_terrorism-110917-eu\\_file.pdf](https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/sim3-large_model_eu_simulation_terrorism-110917-eu_file.pdf)

Note: These three projects above were made possible through funding from the European Union through Service Tender (reference No. PPD-EEAS-023-2016).

#### OTHER ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Who Do We Vote For? With the Israelis, With the Palestinians, or Do We Abstain”, *Foreign Policy Romania*, issue 24, September 2011: 48-49

#### EXTERNAL GRANTS

**2023 European Union Delegation in U.S.A. and GOPA Worldwide Consultants, Model European Union Simulation Updates** (update three MEU simulation packages and create three new MEU simulations) - **funded**

**2022-2023 European Union Delegation in Canada and Business and Strategies in Europe S.A. 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Model European Union Conference** (organizer) - **funded**

**2022 European Union Delegation in U.S.A. and GOPA Worldwide Consultants, Model European Union Workshops Updates** (organized two workshops with individuals who have used the 2017 MEUs for their courses/conferences, and provide a list of suggested updates)

**2019 European Union Delegation in Canada and Business and Strategies in Europe S.A. Model European Union Conferences in Canada Package** (contains role-play simulations tailored for students in Canada and a guidebook for organizing Model EU conferences at Canadian universities), Project Coordinator/Leader - together with Andreas Kotelis, University of Malta, and Noam Ebner, Creighton University – **funded**

**2017 National Endowment for the Humanities, Dialogues on the Experience of War**, The Long War Paradigm: Queen Victoria's Little Wars and America's Wars for Democracy and Freedom, Project Director and Principal Investigator (with Andrew Fitz-Gibbon, David Duryea, Edward Erickson, Evan Faulkenbury, and John Sheehan) - **not funded**

**2016 European Union Service Tender (reference No. PPD-EEAS-023-2016)** – Model European Union Simulations, Project Coordinator/Leader – (together with project assistants Andreas Kotelis, SUNY Cortland, and Noam Ebner, Creighton University) - **funded (31,000 Euros)**

**2015 “European Union Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Module” (2015-2018)** Project coordinator, Clark Center for Global Engagement and International Studies Program, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland) – **funded (30,000 Euros)**

**2011 “Engaging the European Union: Institutions, Networks, and Policies in Transatlantic Relations.”** Project organizer, European Union Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Grant received from the Graduate College – **funded**

#### REPORTS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

*Global Model European Union Guidebook*, co-author, SUNY, 2021-present

*Challenges Facing Immigrants in Cortland County, NY*, Syracuse, NY: InterFaith Works of Central New York, May 2019

*General Perspective on Court-Related Alternative Dispute Resolution and Methods for its Integration into the Legal Framework*, Istanbul: Open Society Institute Turkey, 2005, (with Esra-Cuhadar Gurkaynak)

*Peace and Development. The New Challenges for South East European NGOs*, Editor. (Bucharest: Foundation for Democratic Change, 2004)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS & ROUND-TABLES

- “Romanian Travelers’ Perspectives on the Eastern and Western Mediterranean (1826-1939)”*, 27th Annual Mediterranean Studies Association Congress, University of Gibraltar, May 2025 (accepted)
- “Transylvanian Travelers to the Ottoman and British (India and Africa) Empires (1815-1869)”*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress of the Global 19<sup>th</sup> Century Studies Society, Kuwait, January 2025 (accepted)
- “Missed Opportunity? The Relations Between the EU and India”* (co-authored with Associate Professor Ana Pantea, Babeş-Bolyai University) at *“The EU After the European Elections: Priorities, Challenges, Relations with the World”*, EUXGLOB IV Conference, College of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj, December 2024
- “Seen from Two ‘Ends’: How European were Wallachia and Moldova? Ottoman and English Travelers’ Perceptions (1570s-1760s)”*, CIH VII Symposium: "Uncertain Boundaries", December 2024 (forthcoming)
- “EU-India: Natural Partners?”*, 30<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, Lyon, July 2024
- “European Union’s “Aircraft Carriers”?: Are the Overseas Countries And Territories (OCTs) and Outermost Regions (ORs) Willing to Promote EU's Global Geopolitical Interests?”*, CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference, Rijeka, June 2024 (accepted)
- “European Union’s “Aircraft Carriers”: How the EU Promotes Its Geopolitical Interests in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Indian, and Pacific Regions Through Its Overseas Countries And Territories (OCTs) and Outermost Regions (ORs)”*, 12th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, Lisbon, June 2024 (accepted)
- “Inter-Cultural Conflict Resolution in Cosmopolitan Mediterranean Cities in the 19th Century”*, Society for the Global 19th Century Studies Symposium, June 6-8, 2024 (accepted)
- “The Perspectives of a Transylvanian Traveler in the Eastern Mediterranean (Turkey, Lebanon, Palestine, and Egypt) in the 19th Century”*, Mediterranean Studies Association, May 28-31, 2024
- “England's ‘Soft Power’ in Eastern Europe, 1588-1821: Relations with Wallachia and Moldova”*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2024 (accepted)
- “European Union’s Use of The Overseas Countries And Territories (OCTs) to Promote Its Geopolitical “External Governance” Interests in the Atlantic, Caribbean, and the Pacific”*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2024 (accepted)
- “European Union Education Outreach Program, Opportunities for Students and Educators”*, California Council for the Social Studies, March 7-10, 2024
- “Overseas Countries and Territories Association (OCTA): The Global South’s Still-Existing ‘Dependencies’ and Their Activities in International Organizations,*



- International Studies Association-Global South Caucasus, Bangkok, December 2023 (online)
- “*Small ‘Global South’ States’ Contributions to International Organizations’ Peace Operations (Fiji, Nepal, Rwanda, and Uruguay)*”, International Studies Association-Global South Caucasus, Bangkok, December 2023 (online)
- “*The Production and Consumption of Books in Moldova and Wallachia during the 17th and 18th Centuries: The Books’ Production for Eastern Christianity (Levant, Balkans, Caucasus) and the Consumption of (Mostly) Western European Books.*”, Conference Circulation of Written Heritage: Local Production, Global Knowledge, Sevilla, December 2023
- “*The Escalating Water Disputes of Central Asia: The View from Brussels*”, Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference 2023, Ft. Lauderdale, November 2023
- “*The European Microstates*”, Non-EU Europe Workshop, Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, October 2023 (online)
- “*European Union’s Use of The Overseas Countries And Territories (OCTs) to Promote Its Geopolitical ‘External Governance’ Interests in the Atlantic, Caribbean, and the Pacific*”, International Political Science Association Global Convention, July 2023 (accepted)
- “*The Relations of the EU with the U.S. as Seen from the Caribbean*”, Aruba Institute for Good Governance and Leadership, University of Aruba, July 2023
- “*Inter-Organizational Cooperation in Peace Operations*”, Aruba Institute for Good Governance and Leadership, University of Aruba, July 2023
- “*Teaching the EU Outside Europe: Simulation Experiences With US And South Korean Students*”, 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, Iceland, June 2023 (presented by co-author)
- “*When ‘Elephants’ Fight, ‘Ants’ Survive by Mediating the Conflicts: The Role of Diplomats from Wallachia & Moldova in the Peace Treaties Between the Ottoman-Russian-Habsburg Empires (1772-1878)*”, Congress of the Society for the Global Nineteenth Century Studies, Singapore, June 2023
- “*Eastern Partnership vs the Wider Neighborhood: Evaluating European Union’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Effectiveness in the Caucasus and Central Asia*”, From the EU’s Eastern Partnership to the EU’s Central Asia Policy: Continuity and Change, Baku, Azerbaijan, February 2023 (online)
- “*Wallachia: A Christian-European Hub for Books, News, and Diplomatic Correspondence Within the Ottoman Lands (1688-1714)*”, Circulation of Written Heritage: Cultural and Commercial Networks in the Early Modern Period, Bogota, Colombia, December 2022 (online)
- “*Andorra and the European Union (1986-2022): the Negotiating Power of an European Micro-State*”, 15<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations, European International Studies Association, September 2022
- “*Mixing Western and Eastern Medical Practice in the Ottoman Empire. The Adventures of a Transylvanian Doctor in Constantinople, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and Iraq (1815-1838)*”, Travellers in Ottoman Lands: the Balkans, Anatolia and Beyond Conference, ASTENE, August 2022
- “*European Union Addressing Environmental Disputes in Central Asia*”, 28<sup>th</sup> International

- Conference of Europeanists, Lisbon, June 29-July 1 2022
- “*Teaching the EU Outside Europe: Simulation Experiences with US and South Korean Students*” (co-authored with Giulia Tercovich), 11<sup>th</sup> Bienale Conference of the Standing Group on the European Union, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), June 2022 (presented by co-author)
- “*European Union and Conflict Resolution in Central Asia in the 21st Century*”, at the conference ‘The European Union in Central Asia: An Uninvited Guest in China’s and Russia’s Backyard?’, University of Groningen, May 19-20, 2022
- “*England’s ‘Soft Power’ Influence on the Outskirts of Europe (1691-1702)*”, conference ‘Territories of Diplomacy: The Anglo-American World and International Relations’, 48th Annual Conference of the Society of Anglo-American Studies (SEEA), January 21-22, 2022 (online)
- “*Wallachian and Moldovan Phanariot Diplomats Negotiating Their Autonomy Between the Ottoman-Russian-Habsburg Empires*”, Splendid Encounters IX, Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 2021
- “*Twenty Years After: Evaluating the Success of Peace Operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 1999-2019*”, 26<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science, Lisbon, Portugal, July 25-27, 2021 (accepted)
- “*Romanian-Salvadoran Cooperation to Save People During the Holocaust*”, Trans-Atlantic Studies Association Conference, Virtually, July 2021 (accepted)
- Youth Forum For the Future of the Humanities*, Lisbon, Portugal (virtual), March-May 2021
- UACES Teaching Workshop, Lisbon, European Studies Syllabus Clinic: Best Practices and Hands-On Innovation*, 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES), Lisbon, September 2019
- “*Building Global and International Studies Programs: Challenges and Opportunities*”, 2019 Inaugural Atlanta Global Studies Symposium, April 2019 (panelist)
- “*Romania’s Contributions to Peace Operations. Comparative Study with other Central and Eastern European EU Member-States*”, Society for Romanian Studies, Bucharest, June 2018
- Roundtable in Honor of Best Book Award Winner, “The Puzzle of Peace: The Evolution of Peace in the International System”*, International Studies Association-Midwest, St. Louis, November 2017
- “*Cross-Cultural Negotiations - COILing Negotiation Skills Around the World*”, Global Learning Conference: Transcending Boundaries through COIL, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Conference, Chicago, October 2017
- “*Double Agent*” *Negotiators at the Ottoman-Russian-Austrian Peace Negotiations (1699-1878): Applying a Negotiation Analysis Framework to the 18th and 19th Century “Eastern Question” Negotiations*, International Studies Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 2016
- “*The Decline of Violence and the Rise of Peace in the International System*”, Roundtable, International Studies Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 2016
- “*UN-Regional Collaboration: Achievements, Stumbling Blocks, and the Way Forward*” *Roundtable*, International Studies Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 2016

- “Transatlantic and International Cooperation in Higher Education”* Roundtable, 2015  
European Union Studies Association Annual Convention, Boston, March 2015
- “Central and Eastern Europe’s Contributions to Peace Operations,”* 2015 International  
Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, February 2015
- “From Peacekeeping to Civilian Protection: The Politics of UN Peace Operations”* Round  
Table, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, April 2012
- “Peaceful dyads: interstate relationships, 1946-2005,”* study presented at the 2011 Peace  
Science Society Meeting, Los Angeles, October 2011 (with Gary Goertz and Paul  
Diehl)
- “Steps to Peace. Getting to Peace After the Guns Fall Silent,”* study presented at the 69<sup>th</sup>  
Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, April 2011
- “European Union’s Cooperation with other IOs in Peace Operations,”* study presented at the  
New Horizons in International Security Graduate Conference, University of Illinois,  
April 2010
- “The Long and the Short of It: The Effects of Conflict Context on the Duration of Peace  
Operations,”* study presented at the 67<sup>th</sup> Midwest Political Science Association  
National Conference, Chicago, April 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (with Andrew Owsiak)
- “Rough Neighborhoods Lack Institutions,”* study presented at the International Studies  
Association-Midwest 2008 Annual Meeting, St. Louis, November 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

- “The Negotiating Power of European Micro-States (Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, and the  
Vatican) in Their Relations With the European Union (EU)”* (book chapter accepted  
for publication in edited volume *Non-EU Europe: Patterns of interaction between the  
EU and its European Neighbours*, Palgrave-Macmillan)
- “When Good People Do Something. The Actions of Two Romanians (George Mantello and  
Florian Manoliu) and a Salvadoran (Jose Arturo Castellanos) During the Holocaust”*  
(manuscript to be submitted for publication)
- “Double Agent” Negotiators at the Ottoman-Russian-Austrian Peace Negotiations (1699-  
1878): Applying a Negotiation Analysis Framework to the 18th and 19th Century  
“Eastern Question” Negotiations*
- “Eastern Partnership vs the “Wider Neighborhood”: Evaluating European Union’s 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Party Effectiveness in the Caucasus and Central Asia”*
- “Assessing the “Nearby” External Governance of the European Union in the Overseas  
Countries and Territories (OCTs)”*

#### INVITED KEYNOTE SPEECHES

- “Building Peace: Internal Wellbeing and External Conflict Resolution”*, Sustainable  
Development Goals: Confluence of Local, National, and Global Actions International  
Conference, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, Karnataka, India (technical session keynote  
speaker), January 2025

*“Reflections on 20 Years in Conflict Resolution”*, 4<sup>th</sup> Crisis Communication and Conflict Resolution Conference, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania, April 2024

### PUBLIC LECTURES

- “Central Asia. Conflicts and Cooperation”, College of European Studies, Babes-Bolyai University (online)
- “Current Major International Conflicts”, Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara College, Ujire, Karnataka, India, December 2024 (online)
- “Missed Opportunity? The Relations Between the EU and India”, Sapientia University, November 2024
- “Presidential Elections in the United States”, College of European Studies, Babes-Bolyai University, November 2024
- “U.S. 2024 Elections. Transatlantic Views” Panel, College of Political, Administrative, and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University, November 2024
- “Contemporary Conflicts in an Unstable World”, College of History and Philosophy, Department of International Studies, November 2024
- “The Middle East in Turmoil”, The Century Club, Syracuse, NY, September 2024
- “Conflicts in a World in Turmoil”, Hochschule Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Fulda, Germany, June 2024
- “Conflicts in a World in Turmoil”, Hochschule Rhine-Wall University of Applied Sciences, Kleve, Germany, June 2024
- “Getting Published” for PhD students, Hochschule Fulda University of Applied Sciences, May 2024
- “Job Opportunities for Graduate Students from the Faculty of Social and Cultural Studies”, Hochschule Fulda University of Applied Sciences, May 2024
- “Historical Detective/Mystery Novels: Learning About Cultures Through So-Called ‘Low Brow’ Literature?”, English Department, SUNY Cortland, November 15, 2023 & April 10, 2024
- “Relations Between Tibet and Peoples’ Republic of China”, Brooks Lecture, SUNY Cortland, March 2024 (panelist)
- “When Good People Do Something. The Actions of Two Romanians and a Salvadoran During the Holocaust”, University of Suceava, November 9, 2023
- “Sportswashing”, Sport Management Department, SUNY Cortland, October 23, 2023
- “Thoughts on Global Media Consumption, Fake News (Lies/Propaganda), and Artificial Intelligence”, Journalism Department, Babes-Bolyai University, June 2023
- “Buddhism, Peace, and International Relations”, European Studies Department, Babes-Bolyai University, June 2023
- “EU-US Relations”, International Studies and Contemporary History Department, Babes-Bolyai University, June 2023
- “European Energy Union”, Faculty Expert, Global Model European Union Conference, New York, January 2023
- “European Union in Your Lives in Upstate New York”, Sennightly Literary Club, Homer, New York, November 2022
- “European Union -Saudi Arabia Relations”, Faculty Expert Panel, Global SUNY Model

- European Union Conference, April 2021
- “Cross-Cultural Negotiations. Indian Style of Negotiation”, talk given to Global Health Management students interning remotely at health facilities in India, SUNY Cortland, April 2021
- “The World Beyond the Pandemic”, SUNY Cortland, (panelist), March 2021
- “When Good People Do Something. The Actions of Two Romanians and a Salvadoran During the Holocaust”, Le Moyne College, February 18, 2021
- “Wellbeing Poetry” Panel (Moderator), SUNY Cortland, October 2021
- “Poetry of Resistance” Panel (Moderator), SUNY Cortland, October 2021
- “Himalayan Rivalry. The India-China Conflict”, SUNY Cortland, September 2020
- “Himalayan Rivalry. India-China Relations”, A.V. Kamamma College for Women, Davangere, Karnataka, India, September 2020
- “Hybrid Teaching and Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), Institute for College Teaching, SUNY Cortland, August 2020
- “Small Powers at the League of Nations”, Project on Eastern and Central Europe, SUNY Cortland, February 2020
- “Global Conflict and Peace Levels: An Assessment”, St. Joseph College, Bangalore, India, January 2020
- “The History of European Union Integration”, St. Joseph College, Bangalore, India, January 2020
- “India’s Contributions to Peacekeeping Operations”, St. Joseph College, Bangalore, India, January 2020
- “Global Conflict and Peace Levels: An Assessment”, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “Conflicts and Security in South Asia”, Karnataka Theological Research Institute, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “European Union – Its History and Politics”, Civil Service Academy, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “United Nations, International Law and Genocide”, Political Science Department, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “US Under the Trump Administration”, Political Science Department, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “Conflicts and Security in South Asia”, Psychology Department, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “EU-India Relations”, Political Science Department, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “India’s Contributions to Peacekeeping Operations”, University College, Mangalore University, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “Eurocrisis and EU Integration”, Business Administration Department, St. Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “Cybersecurity”, Information Technology Department, St. Aloysius Institute of Management and Information Technology, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “History and the Politics of European Integration”, History Department, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “Conflict and Security in South Asia”, Political Science Department, St. Aloysius College,

- Mangalore, India, January 2020
- “Thinking About Teaching, Study and Research Abroad? International Opportunities for Faculty”, April 29, 2019, SUNY Cortland (panelist)
- “The State of the European Union: Current Challenges and Opportunities”, Keynote Address, SUNY Model European Union Conference, Brussels, Belgium, January 2020
- “CALP: An Applied Learning Community of Practice”, April 24, 2019, SUNY Cortland (panelist)
- “When Good People Do Something. The Actions of Two Romanians and a Salvadoran During the Holocaust”, February 6, 2019, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- “1<sup>st</sup> European Council Model Simulation in Brazil” (expert, guest speaker, and judge), November 2018, University Center of Brasilia (UNICEUB), Brasilia, Brazil
- “EU Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding, and Mediation” Workshop , November 2018, War College, Ministry of Defense of Brazil, Brasilia, Brazil
- “When Good People Do Something. The Actions of Two Romanians and a Salvadoran During the Holocaust”, 2018 Holocaust Remembrance Events, May 2018, SUNY Cortland
- “International Opportunities for Cortland Faculty”, panelist, April 2018, Faculty Development Center, SUNY Cortland
- “UN, International Law, and Genocide”, guest speaker, April 2018, Seven Valley New Tech Academy, Cortland, NY
- “Nuclear North Korea and Iran. Practitioners’ View”, moderator, November 2017, SUNY Cortland
- “Getting the Most Out of your Graduate Studies in U.S.: Tips from an OSF Alumni”, workshop leader, August 2017, Open Society Foundations Pre-Departure Summer School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- “Conflicts in EU’s Neighborhood: Erdogan’s Turkey in a State of War”, guest lecture in May 2017 at the Dual Master's Degrees in Conflict Resolution and Mediterranean Security of George Mason University and the University of Malta / Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, Malta
- “U.S. Under the Trump Administration – Thoughts on 21st Century Populism”, guest lecture in May 2017 at the Political Science and European Studies Departments, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- “Lessons from the United Nations”, May 2017, Seven Valleys New Tech Academy, Cortland, NY
- “Talking to Terrorists. Non-Violence and Counter-Terrorism. Lessons for Gaza from Northern Ireland. Panel”, moderator, April 2017, SUNY Cortland
- “Thinking about Teaching, Study, and Research Abroad? International Opportunities for Faculty”, panelist, April 2017, SUNY Cortland
- “UK May “Brexit” the European Union” Panel, panelist, March 2017, SUNY Cortland
- “Understanding the Civil War in Syria”, November 2016, Homer High-School, Homer, NY
- “Turkey: At the Crossroads of a Coup D’Etat” Panel, panelist, September 2016, SUNY Cortland
- “Brazil’s Rio Olympics: Sport Management, Socio-Economics, and Refugees”, moderator, April 2016, SUNY Cortland

“Best Practices in Internationalization at SUNY Cortland”, guest lecture (webinar) in September 2015, at Lynchburg College, Virginia, USA  
“Turkey and the European Union”, guest lecture in May 2015 at the Political Science Department, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
“Peace and Security in Europe’s Southern Neighborhood”, guest lecture in May 2015 at the European Studies Department, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
“ISIS Forum”, panelist, April 2015, SUNY Cortland  
“Ebola Epidemic in West Africa. Etiology and Socio-Cultural Factors,” moderator, November 2014, SUNY Cortland  
“Internationalization Efforts at SUNY Cortland,” presentation at the Cornell International Education Network, April 2014, Cornell University  
“Revolution: Solution or Mistake?”, Forum participant, March 2014, SUNY Cortland  
“Turkey and Europe: Cultures in Conflict?”, presentation part of the Brooks Lecture Series, February 2014, SUNY Cortland  
“Putin’s Games. Sports, Society, Politics, and Economy,” moderator, February 2014, SUNY Cortland  
“Conflict in Syria: How Should the U.S. Respond?,” panel participant, September 2013, SUNY Cortland

## WORKSHOPS/WORKGROUPS

Organized "EU Digital Policy and Artificial Intelligence" Model European Union Simulation at the "Conflict Resolution from Theory to Practice. An International and Multidisciplinary Approach" European Student Conference, April 15-16 & 22-26, 2024, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
Workshop Leader, Workshop on the “Use of Model EU Simulations in Education”, EU Delegation in USA, April 2022  
Workshop Leader, “Inequalities within the EU and Integration Challenges”, Fulda University of Applied Sciences International Autumn School "Global Inequalities and Human Rights”, November 2021

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Resident Fellow**, *Institute of American Universities*, Barcelona, October 2021-June 2022 (awarded, but unable to use due to the COVID pandemic)

- Research on Cosmopolitan Mediterranean Port Cities

**Sustainability Fellow**, *University of Vermont*, August 2011 – July 2012

- Research on international relations and sustainability

**Fellow**, Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security, *University of Vermont*, August 2011 – July 2012

- Research on environmental security and the role of international organizations

**Research Assistant**, Department of Political Science, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, August 2007 – December 2010

- Researched diplomatic history for Rivalry Dataset for Dr. Paul Diehl & Dr. Gary Goertz
- Coded Militarized Interstate Disputes for the Correlates of War's MIDs dataset

**Visiting Scholar**, Leuven Center for Global Governance Studies, *Catholic University of Leuven*, Belgium, May 2009 – August 2009

- Conducted interviews with EU and NATO officials
- Presented research project on inter-organizational cooperation in peace operations

**Research Assistant**, Cline Center for Democracy, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, August 2006 – May 2007

## **ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS/MEETINGS**

European Union Jean Monnet Network in the U.S. Coordination Meeting, Washington D.C., December 2016

SUNY Global Center, Comprehensive Internationalization Workshop (with Dr. Hudzik), December 2013

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Peace Operations; EU as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party; European Union Foreign Policy in a Global Context; Buddhism, Peace, and International Relations; Security in South Asia; Holy Roman Empire Comparison with the EU; EU Negotiations with Micro-States; EU's Relations with ORs and OCTs; Developing and Assessing the Effectiveness of Model EU Role-Play Simulations in Teaching; Historical International Negotiations; Travelers from Eastern Europe to India 1750s-1950s; The Role of Yoga in the International Community; Conflict Resolution in Cosmopolitan Cities of the Mediterranean (1400s-present); Central American Regional Integration Processes

## **INTERNAL SUNY CORTLAND GRANTS**

**2024-2025 Faculty Research Program**, Research and Sponsored Programs Office, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY Cortland) - *funded (\$3,000)*

**2020-2021 Faculty Research Program**, Research and Sponsored Programs Office, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY Cortland) - *funded (\$3,000)*

**2018-2019 Community of Applied Learning Practitioners (CALP)**, Institute for Civic Engagement, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY Cortland) – *funded (\$1,000)*

**2018 Sesquicentennial Grant**, Sesquicentennial Committee, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY Cortland) – *funded (\$2,500)*



**2023 (Spring), 2022 (Fall), 2021 (Spring), 2020 (Spring & Fall), 2019 (Spring & Fall), 2018 (Spring & Fall), 2017 (Spring & Fall), 2016 (Spring & Fall), 2015 (Fall), 2014 (Spring & Fall) College Artist and Lecture Series (CALIS) Grant, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland) – *funded (each \$500)***

**2017 Small Grants Program, Faculty Development Center, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland) – *funded (\$500)***

**2015 Faculty Research Program at the State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland), “Double Agent” Negotiators at the Ottoman-Russian-Austrian Peace Negotiations (1699-1878): Applying a Negotiation Analysis Framework to the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century “Eastern Question” Negotiations, Principal Investigator, International Studies Program, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland) – *not funded***

**2015 Small Grants Program, Faculty Development Center, State University of New York – Cortland (SUNY-Cortland) – *not funded***

**2014 Teaching Innovation Grant, Faculty Development Center, State University of New York-Cortland (SUNY-Cortland) – *funded (\$500)***

## **AWARDS**

**2024 State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)**

- Individual Development Award – funded

**2023 State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)**

- Individual Development Award – funded

**2020 & 2019 State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)**

- Individual Development Award (IDA)

**2020 State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)**

- Online Teaching Fellow, Institute for Teaching and Learning

**2018 11th Annual Teaching Case and Simulation Competition, E-PARCC 2018, Syracuse University, Maxwell School’s Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration (PARCC)**

- Winner of the Role-Play Negotiation Simulation Competition with the simulation “Model EU- European Council – European Agenda on Migration”

**2018 State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)**

- Presidential Discretionary Award (PDA)

**2016 State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)**

- Presidential Discretionary Award (PDA)
- Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Outreach from the Research and Sponsored Programs Office

**2015** *State University of New York College at Cortland (SUNY Cortland)*

- Presidential Discretionary Award (PDA)
- Individual Development Award (IDA)

**2006 – 2011** *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
- George T. Yu Award, Department of Political Science
- Nelle Signor Graduate Scholarship in International Relations
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign - Catholic University of Leuven (KUL) Faculty Exchange Program Award
- Graduate Fellowship Award

**2004 – 2006** Sabanci University Graduate Scholarship

**2003 – 2004** National Performance Scholarship from University of Bucharest

**2002 – 2003** Open Society Institute Undergraduate Exchange Program Scholarship

## **HONORS SOCIETY INDUCTIONS**

- Phi Beta Delta – International Honors Society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education (member since fall 2016)
- Phi Kappa Phi – Honors Society recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others (member since spring 2018)

## **CONFLICT RESOLUTION & CONFERENCE ORGANIZING PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**International Academic Partner**, *Sustainable Development Goals: Confluence of Local, National, and Global Actions International Conference*, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, Karnataka, India, January 2025

**Conference Co-Organizer**, *Crisis Communication and Conflict Resolution 2024 Conference*, Babes-Bolyai University-SUNY Cortland-University of Johannesburg, April 2024

**Co-Director**, Global Model European Union Conference, January 2020 (Brussels), April 2021 (online), January 2022 (online), January 2023 (NYC), January 2024 (Brussels)

**Facilitator**, West-Arab/Middle Eastern Student Dialogue, Connect Program, *Soliya*, January 2009 – May 2009 & January 2007 – December 2007

- Facilitated inter-cultural dialogue between Middle Eastern, European, & American students

**Appointed UN Youth Spokesperson** for the *Millennium Development Goals by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace*, 2006 – 2008

- Lectured on the Millennium Development Goals

**Delegate of Romania** to the *United Nations' 61<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Session*, 2006 – 2007

- Represented Romania's youth, chaired working sessions, and wrote draft proposals

**Delegate of Romania** to the *United Nations' Global Youth Leadership Summit* in New York City, NY, 2006 & to the *United Nations' European Union Youth Leadership Summit* in Vienna, Austria, 2006

- Represented Romania's youth, chaired working sessions, and wrote draft proposals

**Facilitator** of the Workshop Session at "*Turkey's EU Membership Observatory*" Annual Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, 2006

- Facilitated dialogue between Turkish and European current and former politicians

**Project Manager**, Conference on "*European Union and Turkey: Cultures in Conflict?*" at Sabanci University in Istanbul, Turkey, 2005-2006

- Secured grant from the European Commission & Workshop Facilitator

**Project Manager** of the workshop on "*Political Processes*" at the conference "*Ethnic Diversity: Provoking Conflicts? A Forward-Looking Analysis of the Kosovo Conflict*," AEGEE Passau, Germany, 2005

**Project Manager** of the workshop on "Muslim Minorities in Europe" at the conference "Islam and Europe; Eye contact," in Ankara, Turkey, 2004

**Project Manager**, "*Addressing Common Needs Through Regional Partnerships*" Conference, part of the program "*South East European NGOs in Support of the Stability Pact*," Foundation for Democratic Change, Mangalia, Romania, 2004

**Project Manager**, *Foundation for Democratic Changes* (conflict resolution think-tank) in Bucharest, Romania, 2003-2004

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Fluent            *Romanian, English, French, Italian*

Proficient      *Spanish, Catalan*

Basic            *German, Arabic, Turkish, Portuguese*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Peace Science Society, International Studies Association, European Union Studies Association, Association of International Education Administrators, The Academic Association of Contemporary European Studies (UACES), Council for European Studies (CES), Society for Global Nineteenth Century Studies, European Union International Studies Association

Campus Contact Person for the following institutional memberships: National Association of Fellowship Advisors, United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)

## **REVIEWER & OTHER DISCIPLINE SERVICE**

*External Evaluator, International Studies, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, April 2025*

*External Evaluator, Peace and Global Studies Program, Le Moyne College, March-April, 2023*

*External Referee for Tenure and Promotion for Prof. Isil Akbulut (Political Science and Global Studies), Sacred Heart University, October 2021*

*External Evaluator, Global Studies Program, Sacred Heart University, February-March, 2021*

*External Evaluator, International Studies Program (new program), SUNY Fredonia, April 2019*

*“Multi-Actor Peace Operations: Approaching a Standard Operating Procedure Theoretically and Empirically”, International Studies Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 2015 (panel discussant)*

Manuscripts reviewed for *Mediterranean Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Interactions*, *Journal of International Peacekeeping*, *Strategic Analysis*, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Uluslararası İlişkiler (International Relations)*, *Peace and Conflict Studies Journal*.

Scientific Research Evaluator, Romanian Ministry of Education and Research - National Council for Scientific Research (CNCS), Executive Agency for Higher Education Research Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI), May 2020-present

Member of the Scientific Committee for *Astra Salvensis*.

## **SOFTWARE**

Online Teaching: Webex, Zoom, WizIQ, Microsoft Teams, Skype for Business, Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, Blackboard, Moodle, Canvas, 8x8.vc, Discord, Slate, Piazza, Brightspace.

Statistical Analysis: STATA, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Mathematica

Website Development: dotCMS

## **POTENTIAL LECTURES I COULD DELIVER *(updated fall 2024)***

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION-RELATED

*“Building Peace: Internal Wellbeing and External Conflict Resolution. Of An Assessment Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3 and 16”*

*“Himalayan Rivalry. The India-China Conflict”*

*“Conflicts and Security in South Asia”*

*“Buddhism, Peace, and International Relations”*

*“Romania’s Contributions to Peace Operations. Comparative Study with other Central and*

*Eastern European EU Member-States”*

*“When ‘Elephants’ Fight, ‘Ants’ Survive by Mediating the Conflicts: The Role of Diplomats from Wallachia & Moldova in the Peace Treaties Between the Ottoman-Russian-Habsburg Empires (1772-1878)”*

*“Eastern Partnership vs the Wider Neighborhood: Evaluating European Union’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Effectiveness in the Caucasus and Central Asia”*

*“European Union and Conflict Resolution in Central Asia in the 21st Century”*

*“EU Relations with Central American Regional Integration Processes”*

*“Wallachian and Moldovan Phanariot Diplomats Negotiating Their Autonomy Between the Ottoman-Russian-Habsburg Empires”*

*“Small Powers at the League of Nations”*

*“Elena Vacarescu, The Only Woman Ambassador at the League of Nations”*

*“Global Security in the Aftermath of the War in Ukraine”*

*“Conflicts in a World in Turmoil”*

*“Turmoil in the Middle East”*

#### ROMANIA-RELATED

*“When Good People Do Something. The Actions of Two Romanians and a Salvadoran During the Holocaust”*

*“Wallachia: A Christian-European Hub for Books, News, and Diplomatic Correspondence Within the Ottoman Lands (1688-1714)”*

*“Mixing Western and Eastern Medical Practice in the Ottoman Empire. The Adventures of a Transylvanian Doctor in Constantinople, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and Iraq (1815-1838)”*,

*“England’s ‘Soft Power’ Influence on the Outskirts of Europe (1691-1702)”*

#### EUROPEAN UNION-RELATED

*“EU-India Relations”*

*“European Union’s Use of The Overseas Countries And Territories (OCTs) to Promote Its Geopolitical ‘External Governance’ Interests in the Atlantic, Caribbean, and the Pacific”*

*“Andorra and the European Union (1986-2022): the Negotiating Power of an European Micro-State”*

*“EU-US Relations”*

*“Teaching the EU Outside Europe: Model EU Simulation Experiences With US, Canadian, Brazilian, And South Korean Students”*

*“Building your Own Model European Union Conferences” – at university, city, regional, or national level (for faculty & staff)*

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS RELATED

*“Building Global and International Studies Programs: Challenges and Opportunities”*

#### MISCELLANEOUS

*“Thoughts on Global Media Consumption, Fake News (Lies/Propaganda), and Artificial Intelligence”*

*“Historical Detective/Mystery Novels: Learning About Cultures Through So-Called ‘Low brow’ Literature?”*

*“Sportswashing”*

*“Cybersecurity, the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence, and Geopolitics”*

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Henning Larsen Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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