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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2014–Present

Lecturer

Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

Weekly lectures and seminars, Editor of Academic Journal for European Studies

Courses and seminars: "Religion in World Politics," "The Role of Religion in International Relations", "Terrorism and State in the 21st Century," "Religion and Society in the USA," "Geopolitics," "History of International Relations", "Introduction to the Study of International Relations", "Europe in International Politics."

Research and teaching activities.

Coordinator of dissertations and final papers.

Business or sector Education

2008–2014

Assistant Ph.D

Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

Research and teaching activities.

Courses and seminars: "Religion in the Globalization Era," "The Role of Religion in International Relations," "Philosophy of European Unification," "Theory of Argumentation. Logic," "History of International Relations," "Europe in International Politics."

Supervisor of final dissertations and seminar papers.

Business or sector Education

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2003–2007

Ph.D in Contemporary Philosophy

Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

"European Identity," "Philosophy of Religion," "Political Philosophy," "European Philosophy," "Religion in the International Relations."

2002–2003

MA in American Studies

Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

"History of the American Civilization," "American Pragmatism," History of the USA," "American Literature."

1998–2002

BA in History and Library Science

Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

"Modern History," "Contemporary History," "History of Romania."

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	C1
Italian	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

Good ability to adapt to a multicultural environment, gained through the Erasmus teaching mobilities, work as partner in a number of international projects (including EU and regional level projects) and conferences in various countries such as Spain, France,Germany, Italy, Poland, Ukraine, Russia, U.S.A., Bulgaria etc.

Organisational / managerial skills Member of the Organizing Committees for national and international conferences between 2006-2015.

Digital skills Good command of Microsoft Office tools (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), as well as CRM and Microsoft Dynamics, acquired through training, work and seminars / lectures as well as through research activities.

Other skills Volunteer experience: *Caritas* Romania (Cluj-Napoca branch): voluntary fundraiser, Department of Education (e.g. after school activities); social work activities.

Driving licence B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

Books:

Monica Meruțiu, *Moștenirea iudeo-creștină a Europei* [The Judeo-Christian Heritage of Europe], Casa Cărții de Știință, Cluj-Napoca, 2008, ISBN 978-973-133-231-4, 248 pp.

Editor, co-editor:

Monica Meruțiu, Ch. Schuster, Ciprian Bogdan (eds.), *Cha(lle)nging Democracy at the Beginning of 21stCentury*, EFES, Cluj-Napoca, 2012, 308 pp.

Monica Meruțiu, (ed.), *Reason and Faith at the Beginning of the Third Millennium*, EFES, Cluj-Napoca, 2011, 372 pp.

Bechina Friedrich, Monica Meruțiu (eds.), *Universitatea Azi. Universitat Heute*, Editura Fundatiei pentru Studii Europene , Cluj-Napoca, 2010, P. 182

Monica Meruțiu, B. Dicher, (eds.), *The Philosophy of Pragmatism. Religious Premises, Moral Issues and Historical Impact*, EFES, 2007, 321 pp.

Monica Meruțiu, H. Crișan (eds.), *Teorii, fapte, interpretari*, EFES, Cluj, 2005, 254 pp.

Chapters in Edited Books/Conference Volumes:

"*Soft Power* in World Politics: The Holy See", in I. Boldea (Editor), *Literature, Discourses and the Power of Multicultural Dialogue*, section "History, Political Sciences and International Relations", Tg.-Mures, The Alpha Institute for Multicultural Studies, July 2019.

"The Role of Religion in International Relations", in I. Boldea (Editor), *Literature, Discourses and the Power of Multicultural Dialogue*, section "History, Political Sciences and International Relations", Tg.-Mures, The Alpha Institute for Multicultural Studies, eISBN: 978-606-8624-12-9, December 2017, pp.

356-363.

"Religious Justifications for Terrorism", in *Redefining Community in Intercultural Context*, vol.6, 1, Bari, June 2017, pp. 199-204.

"EU Cloud: A Genuine Answer to Clashes Between Security and Privacy?", in *Technology and crime: law, privacy and policy in the era of Big Data*, 7thFramework Program, Barcelona: Universitat de Barcelona, 2014.

"Challenges for the European Union in the New Millennium: A Crisis of Identity?", *The European Union at a Crossroad*, Sofia: Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"and "Hans Seidel" Foundation, 2014, pp. 37-47.

"Religious Identity and Secularization in Europe", in Branislav Radeljic (ed.), *Debating European Identity*, Peter Lang: Oxford, Bern, Berlin, Bruxelles, Frankfurt am Main, New York, Wien, 2014, pp. 295-316.

"Civilizația Vestică într-o lume globalizată: resurgență religioasă și secularizare", in Marius Jucan, *Statele Unite într-o lume a crizei. Democrație, excepționalism, globalizare*, Cluj-Napoca: EFES, 2013, pp. 355-383.

"Identitatea religioasă a Europei", in Liviu Țîrău, Ștefan Melancu (eds.), *Interferențe euro- atlantice*, Cluj-Napoca: EFES, 2013, pp. 117-130.

"Religion and Democracy in Contemporary Europe", in *The Development of Political Science: European Practices and National Perspectives*, Cernăuți/Chernivitsi: Bukrek Publishing House, 2013.

"Does Democracy Need Religion?", in Monica Meruțiu, Ch. Schuster, Ciprian Bogdan (eds.), *Cha(lle)nging Democracy at the Beginning of 21 Century*, EFES, Cluj-Napoca, 2012, pp. 55-63.

"Reason and Faith in an Age of Science", in Monica Meruțiu, (ed.), *Reason and Faith at the Beginning of the Third Millenium*, EFES, Cluj-Napoca, 2011, pp. 343-351.

"Dilemmas of the European Constitution", in A. Marga (eds.) *Living in Truth...*, PUC, Cluj-Napoca, 2008.

"Religion and Science Dialogue. Pragmatic Perspectives", in *Actual Problems of Science and Orthodox Traditions*, Armavir, Russia, February 2008, pp. 16-21.

Articles:

"Politics and Religion in America: From Barack Obama to Donald Trump," in 'Journal of Romanian Literary Studies,' nr. 18, 2019, pp.

"Christian Heritage and Democracy in Europe," in *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Dialogue*, Vol. XXI, No. 1/2 (September 2009): 15, USA, pp. 51-65.

"*Iudeo-Creștinism*, componenta esențială a unității și identității Europei", in *Contemporanul*, XX, Nr. 7 (688), București, 2009, p. 12.

"Dezbaterea Habermas-Ratzinger", in *Contemporanul*, XX, Nr. 6 (687), București, 2009, p. 30.

"Superioritatea voinței de putere", in *Contemporanul*, XIX, Nr. 3 (672), București, 2008, p. 14.

"The Judeo-Christian Dialogue", in *Studia Europaea*, 2, Cluj-Napoca, 2008, pp. 12- 22.

"Pentru o teorie a dialogului. Reflecții și concepte", in *Verso* ("Dosar Stiinta si religie"), anul 3, nr. 40-41, 2008, pp. VI-VII.

Reviews:

"Pope Francis and The Caring Society", in *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Dialogue*, Vol. XXX, 2018, USA, pp. 197-200.

"From the First World War to the Arab Spring: What's Really Going on in the Middle East?", in *Studia Europaea*, Cluj-Napoca, LXII, 1, 2017, pp. 195-200.

"Politics of Religion/Religions of Politics", in *Studia Europaea*, Cluj-Napoca, LXI, 3, 2016, pp. 195-200.

"Conflict and Complexity: Countering Terrorism, Insurgency, Ethnic and Regional Violence", in Studia Europaea, Cluj-Napoca, LX, 4, 2015, pp. 167-172.

"C.S. Lewis and the Arts. Creativity in the Shadowlands", in *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Dialogue*, Vol. XXVII, 2015, USA, pp. 204-206.

"Philosophy in a Time of Terror", in *Romanian Review of International Studies*, VII, nr. 2, Cluj-Napoca, 2014, pp. 115-120.

"Bringing Religion into International Relations", in *Romanian Review of International Studies*, VI, nr.1, Cluj-Napoca, 2014, pp. 139-142.

"Christians as Political Animals", in *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Dialogue*, Vol. XXV, 2013, USA, pp. 191-193.

"O viziune catolică asupra contemporaneității", in *Apostrof*, anul XXII, nr. 9 (256), Cluj-Napoca, 2011, p. 4.

"Joseph Ratzinger Benedict the XVIth: Selected Works", *Lingua. Language and Culture*, Issue 2/2011 (in French), pp. 163-168.

"The Europeanization of the World. On the Origins of Human Rights and Democracy", in *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies: An International Journal of Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Dialogue*, Vol. XXII, (September 2010), USA, pp. 197-199.

"Frații mai mari. Întâlniri cu iudaismul", in *Tribuna*, Cluj-Napoca, 2010, p. 2.

"Rațiune și credință", in *Apostrof*, An XX, Nr. 2 (225), Cluj-Napoca, 2009, p.24.

"Dialoguri exemplare", in *Tribuna*, Cluj-Napoca, 2009, p. 5.

"Jürgen Habermas, Joseph Ratzinger -The Dialectic of Secularization. Of Reason and Religion", *in Studia Europaea*, Cluj-Napoca, 2005, pp. 479- 481.

Conferences

Presentations:

"Religious Freedom and Terrorism: A Comparative Analysis between Europe and the USA," *Conceptions of Freedom in a 'Post-Truth' World. Religious and Philosophical Perspectives*, 5th International Conference RELIGION, KNOWLEDGE, SOCIETY, 1-3 July, 2019.

"Islam in Europe: A Challenge to Democracy?", *Visions of Democratic Europe under Debate*, University of Bucharest, May 2019.

"*Soft Power* in World Politics: The Holy See", in the International Conference "GLOBALIZATION, INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND NATIONAL IDENTITY (6th Ed.)", section "History, Political Sciences and International Relations", Tg.- Mures, Mai 2019.

" Diplomacy and Religion. The Vatican's Foreign Policy", in the International Conference "GLOBALIZATION, INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND NATIONAL IDENTITY", section "History, Political Sciences and International Relations", Tg.- Mures, Mai 2018.

" The Role of Religion in International Relations", in the International Conference "GLOBALIZATION, INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE AND NATIONAL IDENTITY", section "History, Political Sciences and International Relations", Tg.- Mures, December 2017.

" The European Identity and the Immigrant "Other", in the International Conference "Ex-Nihilo", Bologna, June 2017.

"Religious Justifications for Terrorism", in the International Conference "Redefining Community in Intercultural Context", Bari, June 2017.

"The European Identity and the Refugee Crisis", in the International Scientific Conference "Globalization, Intercultural Dialogue and National Identity", Tg.-Mures, May 2017.

"The Destiny of Europe: Democracy with(out) Religion?", in the International Scientific Conference "Communication, Context, Interdisciplinarity", Tg.-Mures, October 2016.

"EU Cloud: A Genuine Answer to Clashes Between Security and Privacy?" (co-authors Gheorghe Cosmin Silaghi & Monica Iuliana Ciaca), in the international workshop "Respect 2 Policy Workshop", Barcelona, 17-18 September, 2014.

"Tradiția iudeo-creștină a Europei" ("The Judeo-Christian Tradition of Europe"), Sesiunea de comunicări științifice Holocaustul evreilor din Transilvania de Nord - 70 de ani" (The Holocaust of the Jews from Northern Transylvania-70 years"), Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca branch and The Institute of History of the Romanian Academy George Barițiu", Cluj-Napoca (Romania), 13 June 2014.

"Challenges for the European Union in the New Millennium: A Crisis of Identity?", *The European Union at a Crossroad*, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"and "Hanns Seidel" Foundation, Sofia, 14-15 May, 2014.

"Secular Identities and Religion in an Enlarged Europe", *12th conference "European Culture"*, Barcelona, Spain, 24-26 October 2013.

"Religion and Democracy in Contemporary Europe", *The Development of Political Science: European Practices and National Perspectives, Theory and History of Political Science: Evolution of Methodological Paradigms and Formation of New Concepts*, 1 March 2013, Chernivitsi (Ukraine).

"Does Democracy Need Religion?", *Cha(lle)nging Democracy at the Beginning of the 21st Century*,

Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, 2011.

"Reason and Faith at the Beginning of the Third Millennium. *Pathologies of Reason* and *Pathologies of Faith*", 6 Joint Conference of Society for European Philosophy, 7-10 July, Loyola University Chicago, John Felice Rome Center, 2010.

"Reason and Faith in an Age Of Science", *Reason and Faith at the Beginning of the Third Millenium*, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, 7-9 October, 2008. Conference organized in cooperation with UNESCO-Cepes and Istituto Italiano di Cultura.

"Christian Heritage and Democracy in Europe", *The Impact of Worldviews-Secular and Religious-on the Sustainability of Democracies*, Assisi, Italy, August 2008.

"Religion and Science Dialogue. Pragmatic Perspectives", *Actual Problems of Science and Orthodox Traditions*, Armavir, Russia, February 2008.

"Dilemmas of the European Constitution", *Living in Truth. A Conceptual Framework for a Wisdom Society and the European Construction*, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș- Bolyai University, September 2007. in cooperation with UNESCO-Cepes and DAAD.

"Religion and Science. From a Pragmatic Standpoint", *Philosphy Of Pragmatism. Salient Inquiries*, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, Septembrie 2007.

"Pragmatic Religion", *The Philosphy of Pragmatism.Religious Premises, Moral Issues and Historical Impact*, Faculty of European Studies,Babeș-Bolyai University, September 2006.

Member of the Organizing Committee:

Disintegration and Integration in East-Central Europe (1919-post-1989), 2nd edition, organized by the Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, in cooperation with Groupe de liaison des historiens auprès de la Commission Européenne, 23-25 October, 2014.

Disintegration and Integration in East-Central Europe (1919-post-1989), 1st edition, organized by the Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, in cooperation with Groupe de liaison des historiens auprès de la Commission Européenne, 21-23 February, 2013.

Cha(lle)nging Democracy at the Beginning of the 21st Century, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, 2011.

Europe in Today's world Crises, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, 8-10 October, 2009.

Reason and Faith at the Beginning of the Third Millennium, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, 7-9 October, 2008. Conference organized in cooperation with UNESCO-Cepes and Istituto Italiano di Cultura.

Living in Truth. A Conceptual Framework for a Wisdom Society and the European Construction, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, September 2007. In cooperation with UNESCO-Cepes and DAAD.

The Philosophy of Pragmatism. Salient inquiries, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, September 2007.

The Philosophy of Pragmatism. Religious Premises, Moral Issues and Historical Impact, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University, September 2006.

Memberships

Member of the *European Academy of Religion*, Bologna, Italy.

Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies (ISSN 0890-0132), USA, Member of the editorial board.

Studia Europaea (ISSN 1224-8746), Romania, Member of the editorial board.

Member focus-group SMART: Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania and The University of Malta.

Associate member of *Council for Research in Values and Philosophy*, USA.

Fellow of the *Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies*, USA.

International activity

Erasmus teaching mobility: Piraeus University, Greece, May, 2019.

Erasmus teaching mobility: Yuriy Fedkovich University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine, June, 2018.

Erasmus teaching mobility: Piraeus University, Greece, May, 2018.

Erasmus teaching mobility: Obuda University, Budapest, Hungary, September, 2017.

Erasmus teaching mobility: National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary, April, 2016.

Visiting Professor, The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., 17 August-18 September, 2015.

Paper presented: "The Role of Religion in International Relations."

Participant in the Erasmus Intensive Programme, "Summer School on Democracy: innovation and change in the private and public sectors", Wroclaw, Poland, June, 2014.

Paper presented: *Environmental and economic public policies in Romania: collision or reconciliation?*

Participant in the Erasmus Intensive Programme, "Summer school of Democracy": *How old and new democracies cope with the economic crisis*, Wroclaw, Poland, June, 2013.

Erasmus teaching mobility: Universita di Pisa, Italy, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, July, 2013.

Projects

COST Action CA16211 REAPPRAISING INTELLECTUAL DEBATES ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE (RECAST), 2017 – 2022, 245498 Euro, CA-16211; Nr. inregistrare - 33997/19.07.2017, Comitet Management România: UBB (Balosin Miruna Andreea), Univ. Al. Ioan Cuza (Laura Pricop, Diana Margarit), U.B. (Alexandru Volacu)

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME, Jean Monnet Information Project, BORDERS, IDENTITIES, COMMUNITIES: The Road to Reconciliation and Partnership in Central and Eastern Europe (D.I.E.C.E. IIIRD EDITION), 2015-2016, 35820 EUR, Team Member. Project Director – Prof. Nicolae Păun, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University.

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME, Jean Monnet Information Project, European Culture, 2015-2016, 43372 EUR, Team Member. Project Director– Prof. Vasile Puşcaş, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University.

International and Erasmus program activities:

The classes I teach include Romanian students as well as international and Erasmus students from various geographical areas such as Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Brazil, Turkey, France, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Sweden, Poland, U.S.A., Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

I have been actively involved in national and international conferences, both as participant and main organizer (e.g. Cluj-Napoca, 2006-2015; Barcelona, 2013, 2014; Sofia, 2014; Cernăuți, 2013; Rome 2010; Assisi 2008 etc.), lecturing at summer schools (e.g. "Summer School on Democracy", Wroclaw, Poland, 2013, 2014), part of teaching mobilities (e.g. Universita di Pisa, Italy, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, 2013), and Visiting Professor at the Catholic University of America, 17 August-18 September, 2015. As part of the organizing committee of various national and international conferences I collaborated with members of UNESCO-Cepes, DAAD, The Italian Cultural Institute in Romania, as well as The European Union Liaison Committee of Historians.

Erasmus teaching mobility: National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary,18-22 April, 2016.

Visiting Professor, The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., 17 August-18 September, 2015.

Paper presented: "The Role of Religion in International Relations."

Participant in the Erasmus Intensive Programme, "Summer School on Democracy: innovation and change in the private and public sectors", Wroclaw, Poland, 22-28 June, 2014.

Paper presented: "Environmental and economic public policies in Romania: collision or reconciliation?"

Participant in the Erasmus Intensive Programme, "Summer school of Democracy": *How old and new democracies cope with the economic crisis*, Wroclaw, Poland, 23- 27 June, 2013.

Erasmus teaching mobility: Universita di Pisa, Italy, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, 9-12 July, 2013.

Participant in the International Research Project on *Christian Thought and Its Engagement(s) With the Plural Dimensions of Modernity: Perspectives and Challenges* (COMIUCAP), 2015-2017.

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME, Jean Monnet Information Project, BORDERS, IDENTITIES, COMMUNITIES: The Road to Reconciliation and Partnership in Central and Eastern Europe (D.I.E.C.E. IIIRD EDITION), 2015-2016, 35820 EUR, Team Member. Project Director – Prof. Nicolae Păun, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University.

ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME, Jean Monnet Information Project, European Culture, 2015-2016, 43372 EUR, Team Member. Project Director– Prof. Vasile Puşcaş, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University.

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