

## Curriculum vitae



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Place of Work: Department of Philosophy and Communication Sciences, Faculty of Political Science, Philosophy and Communication Sciences, West University of Timisoara (Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara), 4 Vasile Parvan Blvd., Room 705, Timisoara 300223, Romania

### **High School**

Dragomir Hurmuzescu HS, Deva, Romania

### **University Education:**

Institution: University of Bucharest, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Department of History and Philosophy (philosophy major, history minor)

Period : 1985-1989

Graduation Exam: University of Bucharest, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Department of History and Philosophy, 1989

### **Postgraduate Degree:**

1998-99: MSt. In Jewish Studies, OCHJS, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

### **PhD 1:**

Institution: Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Title of the Thesis: "Analysis and Interpretation in Historical Research" (2000)

### **PhD 2:**

Institution: Wales University, Swansea, United Kingdom

Title of the Thesis: "Religious Experience and Its Modes in Early Collingwood" (1999)

**Habilitation** (PhD supervision - philosophy): 2014-. Title of Habilitation Thesis:

„The importance of conceptual idealism and reflection on extreme historical events for the philosophy of history”. Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara (presented publicly on 4 May 2014).

### **Postgraduate Specialisations:**

April-May 1995: Methods of teaching philosophy and history in British higher education, Hull and Nottingham Universities.

October 2005-June 2006: Foundations of counseling, University of Edinburgh

### **Manager of European Commission funded multinational research projects (selection)**

- Education, training and lifelong learning as dynamic interventions to promote inclusion and common values in juvenile justice (EDUPRIS) Erasmus + K2: 2019-2022.
- Radicalisation Prevention Competence Development Programme for Justice Professionals (R4JUST) HORIZON 2020/JUST ACTION GRANTS: 2019-2022.
- Raising Awareness and Staff MObility on violent RADicalisation in Prison and Probation Services (RASMORAD) - HORIZON 2020/JUST ACTION GRANTS: 2016-2018.
- Radicalization in Prisons (R2PRIS) Erasmus+ K2: 2015-2018.
- Innovation, Development and Communication for a Better Staff Training in the Prison System (IDECOM) Erasmus+ Project Partner (West University of Timisoara/UVT) Manager: 2014-2017. Coordinator: Timisoara Penitentiary

### **Other roles in European Commission funded multinational projects (selection)**

- February 2011-December 2013: Expert C in the “Future University in Communication Society” project, POSDRU/86/1.2/S/6045, University of Bucharest
- January 2012-April 2013: C Expert and tutor in the „Transnational Network of Integrated Management of Postdoctoral Research in the Field of Science Communication. Institutional Construction (postdoctoral school) and scholarship program (CommScie)” project, A. I. Cuza University of Iasi

### **Member of national and international scientific and professional bodies**

- 2022 - : Director of European Logic-Based Therapy and Consultation Institute, ReCentre, Timisoara, <https://recentre.ro/en/european-logic-based-therapy-consultation-institute/>
- 2021 - : Founding member and member of Board of Directors of Center for Jewish and Israeli Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Philosophy and Communication Sciences, West University of Timisoara
- 2020 - : Member of the Holocaust Research Institute, Royal Holloway, University of London
- 2013- : Member of the Committee for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Romanian Academy, Timisoara branch
- 2014 - : Society for the Advancement of Philosophical Enquiry and Reflection in Education, Oxford
- 2010 - : Institute for Social and Political Research, West Univeristy of Timisoara (Director 2013-18)

- 2013 - : Romanian Centre for Prison Studies, West University of Timisoara (2013-: President of the Scientific Council)
- 2010 – : Romanian Society of Philosophy (SRFil)
- 2009 – : Society for Philosophy in Practice, The United Kingdom
- 1999 - : Voltaire Society, Oxford
- 1999 - : Univeristy of Wales Guild for Graduates, Cardiff
- 1994 - : „Life member” of British Idealism and Collingwood Society, Cardiff.

### **Professional positions**

- 1 Oct 2020- Professor of Philosophy and History (Philosophy of History, Philosophical Counselling Intellectual History, History of Modern Philosophy), Department of Philosophy and Communication Sciences, West University of Timisoara
- 1 Oct 2018 – 21.03.2020: Dean, Faculty of Political Sciences, Philosophy and Communication Sciences, West University of Timisoara
- 1 Oct 2017-1 Oct 2018: Associate Dean (international relations and research), Faculty of Political Sciences, Philosophy and Communication Sciences
- 1 Oct. 2016 - 30 Sept 2020: Associate Professor (Philosophy of History, Intellectual History, Philosophical Counselling, History of Philosophy), Department of Philosophy and Communication Sciences, West University of Timisoara
- 2015-: Director of the International Master of Arts programme Philosophical Counseling and Consultancy (in English), West Univeristy of Timisoara, Department Philosophy and Communication Sciences
- 2021 - : Founding member and member of Board of Directors of Center for Jewish and Israeli Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Philosophy and Communication Sciences, West University of Timisoara
- 2012-18; 2021 -: Director, Institute for Social and Political Research (ICSP), West University of Timisoara
- 1996-2002; 2012-2015: University Lecturer: West University of Timisoara, the Faculty of Letters,
- 1990-1996: Teaching Assistant: West University of Timisoara, the Faculty of Letters, Philosophy and History, Department of Philosophy, Disciplines: History of Philosophy, Intellectual History, Philosophy of History
- 1989-1990: Teacher of history and philosophy, Mathematics and Physics High School of Miercurea-Ciuc, Harghita County, Romania.

### **Member of Journal-Editing Committees and teams of reviewers (selection):**

- 2021-: Editor-en-chief of *Deliberatio: Studies in Contemporary Philosophical Challenges*, West University of Timisoara
- 2013-18: Director of *Hypothesis: Interdisciplinary journal of philosophy and sociopolitical sciences*, West University of Timisoara
- 2013-15: Co-editor for the *Political Science Forum: Perspectives on Central and Eastern Europe*, West University of Timisoara
- 1991-2002: Editorial Secretary for *Annals of the West University of Timisoara*, The Philosophy Series 1995-1998

- Member of the *Patterns of Prejudice* team of reviewers, Routledge, Oxford, 2001-2004
- 2013-Member of the Journal for Communication Studies team of reviewers, ESSACHES, France, [http://www.essachess.com/index.php/jcs/about/editorial\\_Policies#custom-2](http://www.essachess.com/index.php/jcs/about/editorial_Policies#custom-2)
- 2018-: Reviewer, Trivent Publishing, Budapest
- 2020: Reviewer, Anthem Press, London—New-York—Melbourne-Delhi
- 2020: Reviewer, Bloomsbury Academic, London—Oxford—New-York—New Delhi—Sydney.

### **Teaching, Visiting Lecturer, Fellowships and Research Associate of Universities outside Romania:**

- 2021-2022: Visiting Professor, MA Consulenza Filosofica, Challenge School, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy.
- 2001-2005; 2012-: Research Fellow (anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, and comparative genocide), Department of History, Royal Holloway, University of London.
- 2013-2018: ERASMUS Lecturer (anti-Semitism, and the Holocaust), Royal Holloway, University of London, Department of History.
- 2000-2001: “Research Associate”, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham.
- 2002: Visiting Lecturer, Wales University College, Newport, Faculty of Humanities and Science.
- 2000: Fellow (intellectual history, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, comparative genocide) the European Centre University, Budapest.
- 1998: Research Associate, European Intellectual History, Università degli Studi, Milan.
- 1992-1994: Research Associate, Central European University, Prague.

### **Selected publications**

#### ***Books and editions***

- *Victor Neumann: The Historian and His Work*, București, Editura RAO, 2020 (contributing co-editor)
- *Victor Neumann, istoricul și opera*, București, Editura RAO, 2018 (contributing co-editor)
- *Transitions to sustainable societies: Designing research and policy for changing lifestyles and communities* Timișoara, Editura Universității de Vest din Timișoara, 2017, (contributing co-editor)
- *Historiography of Philosophy: Representations and Cultural Constructions 2012, Procedia – Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Volume 71, 2013 (contributing co-editor)
- *Mind, Philosophy, History, and Psychoanalysis: Essays in Historical Understanding* (București: Editura TREI, 2014) ISBN 978-973-707-950-3
- “*Noua metafizică engleză*” - o regretabilă necunoscută (București : Editura TREI, 2002)
- *Probleme fundamentale ale filosofiei istoriei* (Timișoara: Editura Universității de Vest, 1997)
- *De la elenism la scolastica: antologie de texte filosofice*, (Timișoara: Editura Universității de Vest, 1992).

#### ***Selected articles***

- “Conceptual Idealism and Emotional Reasoning”, *International Journal of Philosophical Practice*, Volume 9, Issue 1, Spring 2023, 158-173.

- “Negative Freedom, (Overlooked) Responsibility and (Marginalised) Emotion in Weak Transhumanism: Can They Prevent Radical Eugenics and Inhumanity?”, în A. Lemeni, N. Tănase (eds.), *Transhumanism in the light of theology, philosophy and science – critical perspectives and Christian metaphysical implications*, Iași, Doxologia, 2023.
- “Cunoaștere și credință – consonanțe asupra locului misterului metafizic între Blaga și trei idealști englezi ai vremii sale, in F. Lobont, V. Sofronie, M. Vasile (eds.), *Imersiuni în opera lui Lucian Blaga* București, Editura Universitară, 2023.
- “The P4C approach as a promoter of dialogical creative thinking based on the teachers' perception” (with Mahmoud Zoabi), *Interdisciplinary Research in Counseling, Ethics and Philosophy* (IRCEP), Vol. 2 (6) 2022.
- “Cunoașterea istorică, idealismul conceptual și efabilitatea realității între *die Sache selbst*, *Doppelsatz* și *Wirklichkeit*, in E. Copilaș (ed.), *Aventurile posibilului Două secole de filosofie politică hegeliană* Iași, Editura Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, 2021, 215-232.
- “Prietenia filosofică și stilurile de atașament în filosofia cu copiii și adolescenții”, in L. Staicu (ed.) *Filosofia prieteniei*, Timișoara, Editura Universității de Vest, 2021.
- ”Gândind cu sângele”: psihanaliza freudiană și Holocaustul (“Thinking with the blood: Freudian psychoanalysis and the Holocaust”), *Revista de istorie a evreilor din România*, no. 4-5, (2020/2021).
- “Filosofia pentru comunități: dimensiuni și perspective”, in V. Hațegan (ed.), *Consilierea filosofică în organizații*, București, Eikon, 2020.
- “Children’s Bioethics, Theory of Attachment and P4C”, in Oguz Kelemen & Gergely Tari (eds.), *The Bioethics of the Crazy Ape* Budapest, Trivent Publishing, 2019.
- ”Philosophy and Counter-rationality: The Holocaust as Challenge to Philosophical Understanding”, *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy*, vol. 52, 2018 *Philosophy of History*, 35-39, <https://doi.org/10.5840/wcp232018521113>.
- ”Gândirea istorică, între fapte și concepte: fragment dintr-o biografie intelectuală”, in M. Milin, F. Lobont (eds.), *Victor Neuman, istoricul și opera*, București, Editura RAO, 2018.
- “Are modernity and antisemitism in East-Central Europe two opposite concepts?” (with Dan Stone), in A. Heinen, V. Neumann (eds.) *Conceptualizing Modernity in the Central and Southeastern European Cultures: Notions, Discourses, Languages*, București, Editura RAO, 2018.
- “Non-representationalismul, contranarațiunea și retorica absenței în memorializarea recentă a Holocaustului” (Non-representationalism, counternarrative, and rhetoric of absence in recent Holocaust memorialization), *Euroregionalia*, 5 (2018).
- “Philosophical-Ethical Alleviation of Perceptive Experience of Corporeality in Terminally Ill Sufferers” (with I. Mladin), in S. Sorgner, M. Sinaci (eds.) *Ethics of Emerging Biotechnologies: From Educating the Young to Engineering Posthumans*, Budapest, Trivent Publishing, 2018.
- “Environmental Ethics as Mind Competence Development through Philosophy for Children” in Corina Ilin, Florin Lobont (eds.), *Transitions to sustainable societies: Designing research and policy for changing lifestyles and communities* Timișoara, Editura Universității de Vest din Timișoara, 2017.
- “Religion in the public cybersphere of social machines” (with Ștefan Sarkadi), in S. Bratosin și M.A. Tudor (eds.) *Religion(s), laïcité(s) et société(s) au tournant des humanités numériques* (Les Arcs: Editions Iarsic, 2016), 453-465.
- “Knowledge as a Social Construct in Philosophy with Children” în M. Micle, C. Mesaroș (eds.), *Communication Today: An Overview from Online Journalism to Applied Philosophy*, Series: Philosophy, Communication, Media Sciences (Budapest: Trivent Publishing, 2016), 276-284.

- „Experience of faith and its communication, and the attachment theory„, (with cu A.M. Ionescu) în S. Bratosin și M.A. Tudor (eds.) *Espace public et communication de la foi* (Montpellier: Editions Iarsic, 2014), 445-452.
- “Idealismul britanic - de la tradiție la contextualism” (British Idealism – from tradition to contextualism), *Studii de istoria filosofiei universale*, XXI, București Academia Română (2013), 145-162.
- “Paradoxes of symbolic encryptions of memory in Holocaust memorialization”, *ORC-IARSIC and ESSACHES* (University Paul Valery 3, Montpellier, France) *Proceedings of the International Conference on Communication of the Symbolic and the Symbolic of Communication in the Modern and Postmodern Societies*, ESSACHES“ Iasi, Editura Institutul european, 2013, 465-483.
- “Conceptual idealism and reformed metaphysical method”, *Philosophy Today*, 2(2013), 142-9.
- “In search of meaning: philosophy before negative historical radicality”, Elsevier, *Procedia – Social and Behavioral Sciences* 71 (2013), 45-52.
- “The philosophical niches of social therapy” in G. Rață, G. Clitan and P.-L. Runcan (eds.), *Applied Social Sciences: Communication Studies*. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholar Publishing, 2013.
- “(Thinking With the Blood:) Dan Stone’s *Histories of the Holocaust*”, *Reviews in History*, The Institute of Historical Research, University of London, <http://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/> mai 2011.
- “Ontological proof and the critique of religious experience”, *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies (JSRI)*, vol. 9, nr. 27 (2010).
- “Forme filosofice ale consilierii și psihoterapiei”, Studiu introductiv la Lou Marinoff, *Platon, nu Prozac!*, București: Editura TREI, 2010.
- “Freud’s concept of transference and modern genocide”, *Revista de psihologie aplicată* (Timișoara), 10 :1 (2009).
- ”Romanian Orthodoxy, between ideology of exclusion and *sécularization amiable*”, *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies (JSRI)*, vol. 8, nr. 24 (2009).
- “Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial in Central and Eastern Europe”, in D. Stone (ed), *Historiography of the Holocaust*, Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004, pp. 440-468.
- “Modernization and Antisemitism in Romania”, *Revista de psihologie aplicata* (Timisoara), 4:2 (2002) [with Dan Stone].
- “Cries from the red shadow: the Bulgarian Gulag”, *Patterns of Prejudice*, Institute for Jewish Policy Research, vol. 36, no. 3, 2002 DOI: 10.1080/003132202128811501.
- “Antisemitism in Post-Communist Romania”, *The Jewish Quarterly* No. 184, Winter 2001/2 (with Dan Stone).

#### **Annotated book translations (selection)**

- Dan Stone, *Histories of the Holocaust / Istorie ale Holocaustului* (co-translator. Iasi: Institutul European, 2016)
- Karl R. Popper, *The Myth of the Framework / Mitul cadrului* (co-translator. TREI, 1999)
- R. G. Collingwood, *An Autobiography / O autobiografie filosofică* (co-translator. Bucharest: TREI, 1998)
- K.R. Popper, *Conjectures and Refutations / Conjecturi și respingeri* (co-translator. Bucharest: TREI, 2001)

- Karl R. Popper, *Knowledge and the Body-Mind Problem / Cunoașterea și problema raportului corp-minte* (Bucharest: TREI, 1995)

### **Languages proficiency**

- Romanian: fluent in speaking, reading, writing, (native speaker)
- English: fluent in speaking, reading, writing
- French: reading and basic conversation
- Italian: reading

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