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EDUCATION

- 2015 PhD (*Doctorat en histoire* – “très honorable avec félicitations”) “Centre d’études byzantines, néo-helléniques et sud-est européennes” – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris).
PhD Supervisor: M. Paolo Odorico
- 2004 Master of Advanced Studies (*Diplôme d’études approfondies*)
École Doctorale en Sciences Sociales (Agence universitaire de la Francophonie – Bureau de l’Europe Centrale et Orientale / University of Bucharest)
- 2004 Interdisciplinarity Master Program “Theory and Practice of Images” (All But Dissertation)
Centre of Excellence in Image Study (CESI) – University of Bucharest
- 2003 Master in South-East European History (*Master*)
Faculty of History – University of Bucharest
- 2001 Diploma (Bachelor’s Degree)
Faculty of History – “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iași

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2019 – Post-doc Researcher – Institute of Modern and Contemporary Historical Research of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (Vienna)
- 2016 – Senior Researcher – “N. Iorga” Institute of History of the Romanian Academy (Bucharest)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2015-2018 Associate Researcher (*Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter*) – Department of History (History of the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey), Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- 2010-2016 Junior Researcher – “N. Iorga” Institute of History of the Romanian Academy (Bucharest)

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2010 École française d’Athènes (Feb.)
- 2009 Scaliger Instituut – Leiden University Library (Oct.-Nov.); École française d’Athènes (June)
- 2008 “Regard” fellowship – Institut d’Histoire de la Réformation, Geneva (Oct.-Nov.)
- 2007-2008 New Europe College – Institute for Advanced Studies (Bucharest)
- 2004-2007 *Bourse de formation à la recherche* – AuF (Paris – Bucharest)
- 1999-2000 Socrates / Erasmus scholarship (Università degli Studi di Perugia)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2018 International Visiting Scholar – University of Wisconsin Green Bay & St. Norbert College (De Pere, WI) [<https://www.uwgb.edu/ivsp/visiting-scholars/>] (15-19 Sept.)
- 2017-2018 Undergraduate Seminar – “Orientalism before Orientalism. Translating the Qur’ān and Writing Ottoman history in Early Modern Europe”, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

- 2016 [\[http://www.ort.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/lehre/lehre.html.de\]](http://www.ort.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/lehre/lehre.html.de)
Invited Speaker – Kavala, *VII^e École d'été de Byzantinologie* (“Religion d’État, religion pour l’État”) organized by EHESS (3-10 July)

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2019 International workshop “History on the Margins. Marginalia in Early Modern Southeast Europe, 15th-18th Centuries”, funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation (Vienna, 3 Oct.)
- 2016 International workshop “Writing History in Ottoman Europe, 15th-18th Century”, funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Bochum, 10-11 May) – co-organizer with Markus Koller and Konrad Petrovsky

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

- 2018 – Editorial Board – *Revista istorică* (Bucharest) [<http://iini.ro/Revista%20Istorica.htm>]
- 2017 – Scientific Committee – *Museikon. A Journal of Religious Art and Culture / Revue d'art et de culture religieuse* (Alba Iulia) [<https://www.ceeol.com/search/journal-detail?id=2118>]
- 2012 – Advisory Board – *Journal of Early Modern Studies* (Bucharest) [<https://www.zetabooks.com/journals/journal-of-early-modern-studies.html>]

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2016 – Romanian Society for Byzantine Studies (Bucharest)
- 2015 – Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (<http://aseees.org/>)

MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

- Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Affiliated Researcher) – “A Bibliographical Database of Historical Writing in Ottoman Europe (15th-18th Century)” / “Bibliographische Datenbank zur Geschichtsschreibung im Osmanischen Europa (15.-18. Jh.)” [<http://www.ub.rub.de/oh/team.html>]
- Romanian Academic Society (SAR) [<https://sar.org.ro/about-us/>]
- The Institute for the History of Religions of the Romanian Academy (Bucharest) [<http://www.ihr-acad.ro/institut/cercetatori/>]
- Vestigia Manuscript Research Centre / Zentrum für die Erforschung des Buch- und Schrifterbes (Graz) – “Kommentar und Edition der trilinguen Handschrift (Bukarest, Bibliothek der Akademie der Wissenschaften, ms. rum. 1790)”, project leader Erich Renhart [<https://vestigia.uni-graz.at/de/arbeitsbereiche-projekte/editionen/eine-trilingue-handschrift/>]

BOOKS

- La boutique de Théophile. Les relations du patriarche de Constantinople Kyrillos Loukaris (1570-1638) avec la Réforme*, Paris: Centre d'études byzantines, néo-helléniques et sud-est européennes – EHESS 2019 (“Autour de Byzance” 6), 400 pp.
- Răzbunare împotriva tiranilor. Teoria politică a protestantismului francez* [Vindiciæ contra Tyrannos. The Political Theory of the French Protestantism], Bucharest: Nemira 2007 (“Idei politice fundamentale”), 299 pp. [review: Hajnalka & François Boulet, *Bulletin de la Société de l'Histoire du Protestantisme Français* 154/4 (2008) 649-650]
- Împăratul înaripat. Cultul arhanghelului Mihail în lumea bizantină* [The Winged Emperor. The Cult of the Archangel Michael in the Byzantine World], Bucharest: Anastasia 2004 (“Eikona”), 286 pp. [review: Cristina Bogdan, *Revue des Études Sud-Est Européennes* 45/1-4 (2007) 585-586]

CRITICAL EDITIONS OF PRIMARY SOURCES

- Documenta Romanicæ Historica B.Țara Românească XXVIII (1641-1642)*, Bucharest: Editura Academiei Române 2018 [with Oana Rizescu, Elena Bedreag, Ruxandra Lambru, and Lidia Cotovanu]
- “Les confessions de foi de Kyrillos Loukaris († 1638)”, in Marie-Hélène Blanchet / Frédéric Gabriel (ed.), *L'Union à l'épreuve du formulaire. Professions de foi entre Églises d'Orient et d'Occident (XIII^e-XVIII^e siècle)*, Louvain-Paris-Bristol: Peeters 2016 (Monographies 51), pp. 271-310
- “« Je suis le bon pasteur... ». Notes sur la pensée politique de Kyrillos Loukaris”, in Viviana Nosilia / Marco Prandoni (ed.), *Trame controluce / Blacklighting Plots. Il patriarca “protestante” Cirillo Loukaris / The “Protestant” Patriarch Cyril Loukaris*, Florence: Firenze University Press 2015, pp. 3-30
[https://www.fupress.com/archivio/pdf/2709_16321.pdf]
- Documenta Romanicæ Historica B.Țara Românească XXVII (1639-1640)*, Bucharest: Editura Academiei Române 2013 [with Vioelta Barbu, Gheorghe Lazăr, Constanța Vintilă-Ghițulescu, and Oana-Mădălina Popescu]
- Arhieraticon trilingv. Ms. rom. 1216 de la Biblioteca Academiei Române – Cluj*, Bucharest: Paideia 2013 [with Cătălina Velculescu, Zamfira Mihail, and Ileana Stăculescu]

STUDIES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- “« The Father and his Eldest Son ». The Depiction of the 1667 Muscovite Palm Sunday Procession by the Metropolitan of Gaza Paisios Ligaridis and its Significance”, *Revue de l'Histoire des Religions* 235/1 (2018) 5-36
- “« Un trésor enfoui ». Kyrillos Loukaris et le Nouveau Testament en grec publié à Genève en 1638 à travers les lettres d'Antoine Léger”, *Cahiers du Monde Russe* 58/3 (2017) 341-370

PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

- “Confession-Building and Authority: The Great Church and the Ottoman State in the First Half of the Seventeenth Century”, in Tijana Krstić (ed.), *Entangled Confessionalizations?*, Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press (forthcoming) [with Eleni Gara]
- “Orthodoxy and Politics: The Patriarch Nikon of Moscow, the Prince Mihnea III Radu of Walachia and the Great Church of Constantinople”, in Ines G. Županov / Pierre Antoine Fabre (ed.), *The Rites Controversies in the Early Modern World*, Leiden-Boston: Brill 2018, pp. 233-263
- “Corruption and Anticorruption in the Romanian Principalities: Rules of Governance, Exceptions, and Networks, Seventeenth to the Nineteenth Century”, in Ronald Kroeze / André

Vitória / Guy Geltner (ed.), *Anticorruption in History. From Antiquity to the Modern Era*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2018, pp. 225-238, 366-371

“Prophecy and History in the Greek-Romanian World. Matthew of Myra, Paisios Ligaridis, and Chrysanthos Notaras”, in Radu G. Păun (ed.), *Histoire, mémoire et dévotion. Regards croisés sur la construction des identités dans le monde orthodoxe aux époques byzantine et post-byzantine*, Seyssel: La Pomme d’or 2016, pp. 364-388

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2018 (Nov.) “The Unicorn in the City of Lust: The Ottoman Empire in the Works of Prince Dimitrie Cantemir († 1723)” – funded by the Romanian *Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding* UEFISCDI (PN III-P1-1.1-MC-2018-1089)
- 2012-2016 “Rules of Governance, Exceptions and Networks in Southeastern Europe. Case Study: The Romanian Principalities, 17th-19th Centuries” – funded by the European Commission; part of ANTICORRP (Anticorruption Policies Revisited: Global Trends and European Responses to the Challenge of Corruption), Work Package 2: History of Corruption in Comparative Perspective (FP7-SSH-2011-1 / No 290529/29.03.2012)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2018 “Entangled Confessionalizations? Dialogic Perspectives on Community and Confession-Building Initiatives in the Ottoman Empire, 15th-18th Centuries” – Central European University (Budapest), 1-3 June
- 2017 “Global Reformations: Transforming Early Modern Religions, Societies, and Cultures” – Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies at Victoria College, University of Toronto, 27-30 Sept.
- 2016 ASEES Annual Convention “Global Conversations” – Washington, D.C., 17-20 Nov.
- 2015 “Погляд зі Сходу: Європа в арабських джерелах / Sous l’œil de l’Orient: l’Europe au prisme des sources arabes” – Taras Ševčenko University, Kiev, 22-23 Sept.
- 2013 “The Moscow Patriarchate (1589-1721). Power, Belief, Image and Legitimacy” – Centre for Area Studies, University of Leipzig, 19-20 Sept.

RESEARCH GRANTS (MEMBER)

- 2017-2019 “The Mental Imagery of Eastern Christianity and Islam According to Western Travel Descriptions during the Second Half of the 16th Century” [project leader Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie – University of Bucharest], funded by UEFISCDI (PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2016-0628)
- 2015-2017 “Romanian Ceremonial Literature (17th-18th Centuries). Texts and Terminologies” [project leader Emanuela Timotin – Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy], funded by UEFISCDI (PN II RU-TE-2014-4-2162)
- 2010-2013 “The Unknown Works of an 18th Century Romanian Scholar: Vlad Boțulescu’s Translations from Italian and German. Critical Edition with Philological and Historical Studies” [project leader Emanuela Timotin – Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy], funded by UEFISCDI (PN II-RU TE 58/2010)

ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROJECTS OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY

- 2013-2014 “Eastern Travellers in the Romanian Principalities and Russia (Text and Documents)” – Romanian Academy / Russian Academy of Sciences [project leaders Ioana Feodorov (Institute of South-East European Studies, Bucharest) & Serguei A. Frantsouzoff (Institute of Oriental Manuscripts, St. Petersburg)]