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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations: Recent developments in international studies (digital technologies in international affairs, gastrodiploacy); The role of the normative-representational factors in international relations (culture, identity, and reputation-building in international relations); Policies and theories of international cooperation (democratization and international development; the UN agenda on development and a better quality of life; regional cooperation & integration); External action of the European Union (institutional and discursive features); Current debates in International Relations Theory; *Research methodology*: Qualitative methods, with a focus on discourse analysis and elite interviewing; Methodological tools for policy reporting; Experimental research in international studies; *The Study of Political Science as a Discipline*: evolution of political science in non-democratic environments, structural vulnerabilities of political science as discipline and profession.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Romanian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (active), Italian (reading), Portuguese (reading), German (reading)

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science (*magna cum laudae*)
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (oct 2003-nov 2008, in English)

Certificate of Studies in International Relations
Oxford University, St. Antony's College, Oxford, Great Britain (sept 2005-jun 2006, in English)

MA, Political Science (*with distinction, rank 1/40*)
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (oct 2002-jun 2003, in English)

BA, Political Science (*rank 1/200*)
University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania (oct 1998-jun 2002, in French)

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

VOLUMES

- Luciana Alexandra Ghica (2006) *România și Uniunea Europeană* [Romanian and the European Union], Bucharest: Meronia, 254 pp. (ISBN 978-973-7839-08-4)
- Luciana Alexandra GHICA, ed. (2007) *Enciclopedia Uniunii Europene* [Encyclopaedia of the European Union], 3rd revised and extended edition, Bucharest: Meronia, 448 pp. (ISBN 978-973-7839-16-9)
- Luciana Alexandra GHICA, Marian ZULEAN, coord. (2007), *Politica Națională de Securitate: Concepte, instituții, procese* [National Security Policy: Concepts, institutions, processes], Iași: Polirom, 326 pp. (inside: 1 authored chapter, 2 co-authored chapters and 1 translation from English into Romanian). (ISBN 978-973-46-0624-5)
- Silviu NEGUȚ, Horia C. MATEI, Ion NICOLAE, Caterina RADU, Ioana VINTILĂ RĂDULESCU, Luciana Alexandra GHICA, Valentin BURADA, Adrian CHIROIU, Alina VRÂNCEANU (2007) *Statele Uniunii Europene. Mică enciclopedie* [The Member States of the European Union: An Encyclopaedic Survey], Bucharest: Meronia, 304 pp. (ISBN 978-973-7839-30-5).
- Luciana Alexandra GHICA, ed. (2006) *Enciclopedia Uniunii Europene* [Encyclopaedia of the European Union], 2nd revised and extended edition, Bucharest: Meronia, 436 pp. (ISBN 973-8200-87-3)
- Luciana Alexandra GHICA, ed. (2005) *Enciclopedia Uniunii Europene* [Encyclopaedia of the European Union], Bucharest: Meronia, 382 pp. (ISBN 973-8200-82-2)

Translations

Alexander WENDT (2011) *Teoria socială a politicii internaționale*, Iași: Polirom, 424 pp., editor of the Romanian translation of Alexander WENDT (1999), *Social Theory of International Politics*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (ISBN 978-973-45-1278-9)

STUDIES AND ARTICLES

Articles in scientific journals

Editorials and interviews

- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2023) Is It Worth Publishing a Scientific Journal of Political Science? The first 25 years of the 'Annals of the University of Bucharest. Political Science Series'. *Analele Universității din București. Științe Politice* 25(1) <https://doi.org/10.54885/AUB-SP-CJGC2799>
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2021) What are academic journals good for? An editorial outlook on the possibilities of contemporary political research. *Analele Universității din București. Științe Politice* 23(1): 3-16 <https://doi.org/10.54885/GVOG8437>
- CLEMENTE, Felipe, Luis DE SOUSA, Luciana Alexandra GHICA (2021). Opportunities and challenges of contemporary corruption research: An interview with Donatella Della Porta. *Analele Universității din București. Științe Politice* 23(2): 153-172 <https://doi.org/10.54885/SVBJ9572>

Research & state-of-the-art articles

- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra, Claudiu D. TUFIS (2025) The landscape of political science journals in Romania. *European Political Science* (online first), <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41304-025-00547-3>
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2021) Who Are We? The Diversity Puzzle in European Political Science. *European Political Science* 20(1): 58-84, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41304-021-00319-9>
- FURNESS, Mark, Luciana-Alexandra GHICA, Simon LIGHTFOOT, Balazs SZENT-IVÁNYI (2020) EU Development Policy: Evolving as an Instrument of Foreign Policy and as an Expression of Solidarity. *Journal of Comparative European Research* 16(2): 89-100, <https://doi.org/10.30950/jcer.v16i2.1156>
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2015) "Foreign Policy of Post-Communist Countries after the EU Enlargement: From Post-Accession Fatigue to Exporting the Democratic Transition", *Analele Universității din București. Seria Științe Politice*, vol. XVII, no.2, pp. 119-128.
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2014) "Academic Bovarism and the Pursuit of Legitimacy: Canon-Building in Romanian Political Science", *European Political Science*, vol.13, no.2 (June), pp.171-186, advance online publication, March 14, 2014; doi:10.1057/eps.2014.3.
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2013b) "Discourse Analysis and the Production of Meaning in International Relations Research: A Brief Methodological Outline", *Analele Universității din București. Seria Științe Politice*, vol. XV, no.2, pp. 3-9.
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2013a) "Beyond Regional Integration? Social Constructivism, Regional Cohesiveness and the Regionalism Puzzle", *Studia Politica-Romanian Political Science Review*, vol.XIII, no.4, 733-752.
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2008) "Rhetorical strategies, institutional dilemmas: The Visegrád Group and the Baltic Cooperation facing the European Union and NATO accession processes", *Analele Universității din București. Seria Științe Politice*, vol. X, pp. 75-86.
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2006) "The Rise (and Fall) of a Pragmatic Central Europe: Regional Cooperation Initiatives after 1989", *Studia Universitatis Petru Maior. Seria Historia*, vol. 6, pp. 209-222.
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2005) "Imagining the Boundaries: In Search of the Political Correctness of European Identities", *Anuarul Institutului de Cercetări Socio Umane al Academiei Române "Gheorghe Șincai"*, vol.7, 2005-2006, pp.266-279.

Studies and chapters in collective volumes

- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2024) „Transforming International Development: Navigating the Shift Towards Digital Cooperation”, in *The Oxford Handbook of Digital Diplomacy*, eds. Corneliu Bjola, Ilan Manor, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp.250-268 (ISBN 978-0192859198)
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2020) "From Imagined Disciplinary Communities to Building Professional Solidarity: Political Science in Postcommunist Europe", in *Political Science in Europe: Achievements, Challenges, Prospects*, eds. Thibaud Boncourt, Isabelle Engeli, Diego Garzia, Washington: ECPR Press (Rowman & Littlefield), pp. 159-178. (ISBN 978-1785523113)

- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2012/2016) "Regionalism at the margins: East Central European and Black Sea regional cooperation initiatives in comparative perspective", in *New regionalism or no regionalism: Emerging Regionalism in the Black Sea Area*, ed. Ruxandra Ivan, Aldershot: Ashgate / London: Routledge, pp.175-204. (ISBN 978-1-4094-2213-6)
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2011) "Prestigiu și canon în teoria relațiilor internaționale: Constructivismul lui Alexander Wendt", [Prestige and canon within the theory of international relations: Alexander Wendt's constructivism], introductory study for the Romanian edition of Alexander WENDT, *Social Theory of International Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), Iași: Polirom, pp. 13-28. (ISBN-978-973-46-1278-9)
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2010) "Studiul factorilor culturali în analiza politicii externe" [The role of cultural factors in Foreign Policy Analysis research], in *Manual de analiză a politicii externe* [Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis], eds. Iulia Motoc, Șerban Filip Cioculescu, Iași: Polirom, pp.213-230. (ISBN 978-973-46-1515-5)
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2007a) "Politica prieteniei (aproape) întâmplătoare. Dinamica proceselor de cooperare regională a fostelor state comuniste" [The politics of (almost) accidental friendship: The dynamics of regional cooperation processes among former communist states] In *Direcții principale de cercetare în studiul relațiilor internaționale în România* [Main research directions in the study of international relations in Romania], ed. Ruxandra Ivan. Iași: Institutul European, pp. 220-260. (ISBN 978-973-611-498-4)
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra (2007b) "Securitatea regională. Contexte, agende, identități" [Regional security: Contexts, agendas, identities], in *Politica Națională de Securitate: Concepte, instituții, procese* [National Security Policy: Concepts, institutions, processes], eds. Luciana Alexandra Ghica, Marian Zulean. Iași: Polirom, pp. 99-116. (ISBN 978-973-46-0624-5)
- GHICA, Luciana Alexandra Marian ZULEAN (2007) "O agendă pentru dezvoltarea studiilor de securitate", in *Politica Națională de Securitate: Concepte, instituții, procese* [National Security Policy: Concepts, institutions, processes], eds. Luciana Alexandra Ghica, Marian Zulean. Iași: Polirom, pp. 27-33. (ISBN 978-973-46-0624-5)
- CHECA HIDALGO, Diego and Luciana Alexandra GHICA (2007) "Gestionarea crizelor și conflictelor internaționale", in *Politica Națională de Securitate: Concepte, instituții, procese* [National Security Policy: Concepts, institutions, processes], eds. Luciana Alexandra Ghica, Marian Zulean. Iași: Polirom, pp. 205-246. (ISBN 978-973-46-0624-5)

Translations (from English into Romanian)

- WOLFF, Stefan and Annemarie PEEN RODT (2007) "Reactive management of conflicts: The European Union in the Western Balkans", in *Politica Națională de Securitate: Concepte, instituții, procese* [National Security Policy: Concepts, institutions, processes], eds. Luciana Alexandra Ghica, Marian Zulean. Iași: Polirom, pp. 247-272. ISBN 978-973-46-0624-5

Research presented at international institutions (selected)

Guest lectures

- "New Flavours in Global Politics Research: Digital Gastro-Diplomacy", University of Urbino, 29 April 2025.
- "Where next? Gastrodiploamacy and gastronationalism in digital contexts", Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, 6 March 2025.
- "Quand la gastronomie se fait politique(s)", Aix-Marseille Université, 12 April 2024.
- "The Urgent, the Fashionable and the Necessary in Contemporary International Studies: Rethinking Aid, Sustainable Development and Democracy in Europe and Latin America" (with B. Radu), University of Goa, Center for Latin American Studies, 5 January 2018.
- "New Actors, Old Habits? Democratic Accountability and Reputation-Building of Emergent Official Development Aid Donors", University of California Irvine, Political Science Department, 5 September 2017.
- "Reputation-Building of Emergent ODA Donors from Europe and Latin America", *Global Governance & Public Diplomacy Speaker Series*, University of Oxford, Department of International Development, 27 February 2017.

Studies presented at international conferences

- "Feast and Fast Feed: Contemporary Practices and Analytical Possibilities of Digital Gastro-Diplomacy", 18th Pan-European Conference of International Relations, European International Studies Association (EISA), Bologna, 25-29 August 2025
- "Scientific Integrity in Political Science: Publishing in the Era of Artificial Intelligence" (with B.Radu. C. Tufiş, and A. Zotti), 28th World Congress of Political Science, International Political Science Association (IPSA), Seoul, 12-16 July 2025
- "What Should the New Gatekeepers do to Safeguard Democracy? A Pilot Study on Trust, Corruption and Public Accountability of the IT Sector" (with B. Radu & C.Tufiş), *Democratization and Autocratization: IPSA's 75th anniversary conference*, Lisbon, 11-13 September 2024.

"Digital diplomacy and the contestation of geopolitical narratives", *Digital Diplomacy: a New Tool for Contemporary Stratcraft*, CERI - SciencesPo Paris & Ecole Pratique des Métiers de la Diplomatie du Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Etrangères, 26 April 2024 (<https://www.sciencespo.fr/agenda/ceri/fr?event=5430>).

"Contemporary Taxonomies, Innovation Capacity and Impact on Multilateralism of the Emergent Donors of International Cooperation for Development". *26th World Congress of Political Science of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)*, University of Lisbon (virtual), 10-15 July 2021.

"The Role of Political Science Associations in the development of political science in Romania", *The Future of Democracy: Ideologies, values and political behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe*, 17th edition, Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara, Timisoara, 7 November 2019.

"Democracy and International Development Narratives in Post-Cold War Central and Eastern Europe", *Transformation in Central-Eastern Europe 1989-2019*, University of Warsaw, Varsovia, 24-25 October 2019.

"Political Science in Central and Eastern Europe", *Workshop ECPR anniversary volume*, European University Institute, Florence, 3-4 June 2019.

"The EU Development Cooperation through the Lenses of the EU Members' National ODA Social Media Channels", *Workshop on EU International Development Cooperation post-2020*, Aston University – Birmingham, 8-9 November 2018.

"Academic performance and the economic vulnerability argument in Romanian political science", *Society for Romanian Studies*, Bucuresti, 25-30 June 2018.

"Romania's Government Social Media Presence in Development Cooperation," *The Quest for Legitimacy: Actors, Audiences and Aspirations - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2017*, San Francisco (USA), 31 August - 3 September 2017.

"iMAD @demoAID: A New Digital Instrument for the Study of Democracy & Foreign Aid" (with B.Radu, F.Fesnic and C. Tufis) *The Quest for Legitimacy: Actors, Audiences and Aspirations - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2017*, San Francisco (USA), 31 August - 3 September 2017.

"Discourses on Democracy and Conditionality in Foreign Policy-Making: Official Development Aid Commitments of Central and East European states within EU and UN in comparative perspective." *Effects of Conditionality and Post-Conditionality on the Quality of Democracy in EU Member States and Beyond*, Central European University, Budapest (Hungary), 8 November 2016.

"Discursive Patterns and Political Agendas in the Representation of the Profession and Study of Political Science in Europe (1945-2015)". *24th World Congress of Political Science of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)*, Poznan (Poland), 23-28 July 2016.

"Foreign policy of post-communist countries after the EU enlargement: From post-accession fatigue to exporting the democratic transition", *Democracy in East Central Europe before and after EU Integration: A debate about pre- and post-accession conditionality*, Central European University, Budapest (Hungary), 6 October 2015.

"Global Citizenship, Glam Dirt and the Right-Left Debate: The Invention of International Development Studies in Post-Communist Romania", *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Congress*, San Francisco (US), 3-6 September 2015.

"Democracy, Protest Movements and Cosmopolitan Attitudes in EU Emergent Donors States", University of Aveiro (Portugal), 19 June 2015.

"Do Emergent Donors Exist? ", ISA Global South Caucasus International Conference *Voices from Outside: Re-shaping International Relations Theory and Practice in an Era of Global Transformation*, Singapore (Singapore), 8-10 January 2015.

"Imagining International Economy and a Better World: Non-business Related Perspectives on CSR in EU Emergent Donors of International Development Aid", *4th Organisational Governance Conference*, Academy of Economic Studies Bucharest (Romania), 15-16 September 2014.

"The ODA Policies of EU Emergent Donors", Annual Thematic Conference *Reflections on MDG1: Decent Work for All. Where Do We Stand?*, International Center for Development and Decent Work, University of Kassel (Germany), 3-4 July 2014.

"Beyond Conditionality: Development Policies of the EU 'Emergent Donors' in Comparative Perspective", ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Salamanca (Spain), 10-15 April 2014.

"The 'Democratisation Experience' Argument in International Development Policy Design: Central and Eastern European Countries as Emerging ODA Donors", UACES 43rd Annual Conference, Leeds (UK), 2-4 September 2013.

"Investing Eastwards: International Aid Policies of the New EU Members towards the Former Soviet Space", UACES 43rd Annual Conference, Leeds (UK), 2-4 September 2013.

"US foreign aid in Eastern Europe after the Cold War", guest lecture, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal), 25 May 2012.

"Egocentric complexes under the siege of peripheric specters: The world according to the European Union after the crisis", *Eastern-Western Europe: Centre-periphery dynamics* international research program, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris (France), 3 December 2011.

- "Bridging the Cassandra syndrome after the EU accession? East Central European regionalism facing the post-Soviet conflicts", University Association of Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Annual Conference, Cambridge (UK), 5-7 September 2011.
- "The Asian World according to the European Union: Priorities on the EU External Affairs agenda in Asia after the Lisbon Treaty", National Chengchi University, Institute of International Relations, 27th Taiwan-European conference, Taipei (Republic of China Taiwan), 1-2 December 2010.
- "Challenges and prospects of international regionalism: A social constructivist reconstruction of an ontological problem", *A dimensão subnacional da integração regional na Europa et na América Latina* international conference, University of Lisbon, Lisbon (Portugal), 21-22 October 2010.
- "The use of memory in state strategies for managing traditional and new minorities in post-communist Romania", Association for the Study of Nationalities, World Congress, Columbia University, New York (US), 15-17 April 2010.
- "(Re)invention of the East? Identity constructions of the European Union's Eastern borders", *Eastern-Western Europe: Centre-periphery dynamics* international research program, Pecs (Hungary), 25-30 August 2009.
- "Regional intergovernmental approaches to conflict management in Central and Eastern Europe", International Peace Research Association, Leuven (Belgium), 15-19 July 2008.
- "The European Union's Constitutional Process: The Anniversary Alternative." European Studies Centre and the Law Department, Oxford University (UK), 8-9 May 2006.
- "Why Go Regional and How to Get It Wrong: Romania's Problems with Regional Cooperation." Political Science Department, Central European University, Budapest (Hungary), 13-14 April 2006.
- "A Tale of Two Worlds: Exploring International and Domestic Expectations Concerning Regional Cooperation in South Eastern Europe," Center for European Studies and the JFK School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge (US), 2-3 February 2006.

Policy papers

- Luciana Alexandra GHICA, Bogdan Mihai RADU (2021) *CSO Development Effectiveness Principles for the Black Sea region*, report within the CPDE-SIDA Programme „Promoting the Universal Application of EDC for The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness - CPDE an FOND- Federația Organizațiilor Nonguvernamentale din Dezvoltare. <https://blackseango.org/study-cso-development-effectiveness-principles-for-the-black-sea-region/>
- Luciana Alexandra GHICA, Bogdan Mihai RADU, Andreea VORNICU (2018) *Relations between Civil Society Organization (CSOs) from the Wider Black Sea Region and their Donors*, report within the project Enhancing Civil Society Role in Development Partnerships Post-2015 (financed by the European Commission). CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness - CPDE an FOND- Federația Organizațiilor Nonguvernamentale din Dezvoltare. <http://www.balkancsd.net/relations-between-csos-from-the-wider-black-sea-region-and-their-donors/>
- Luciana Alexandra GHICA (2017) [The Use of Social Media for Communicating the National Agenda and Governmental Activity in Matters of International Cooperation for Development: The Case of Romania](http://idc.fspub.unibuc.ro/projects/demoaid/publications). University of Bucharest: Centre for International Cooperation and Development Studies [http://idc.fspub.unibuc.ro/projects/demoaid/publications].

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

European Commission, Jean Monnet module: Project Director for the project *EU as a Global Digital Actor (EU-GlobalDigi)* implemented fully at the University of Bucharest (project no. 101177125, 35 000 EUR), 2024-2027

European Commission, European Research Executive Agency – Horizon Europe: Researcher in the project *Trust in European Democracies – TrueDEM* (HORIZON-CL2-2022-DEMOCRACY-01, project no. 101095237, 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2025, 2 977 273.50 EUR of which 170 375 EUR for the University of Bucharest) in the consortium between Institute for Comparative Survey Research Vienna - Austria (leading partner), Metropolitan University Prague (Czech Republic), Grenoble Alpes University (France), Leuphana University Luneburg (Germany), University of the Peloponnese (Greece), University of Salerno (Italy), University of Silesia in Katowice (Poland), University of Bucharest (Romania), Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Institute for Future Studies (Sweden), V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University (Ukraine) – 2023-2025

European Commission, Erasmus+ KA220: Project Director for the Romanian team and researcher for the project *Digital Diplomacy: Building the Common Future with Technology – DD-Tech*(2021-1-TR01-KA220-HED-000027609, 234 743 EUR of which 26 058 EUR for the University of Bucharest) in the consortium between University of Istanbul (Turkey, project administrative coordinator), University of Tartu (Estonia), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Universita

Catolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy), Istanbul Commerce University (Turkey) and University of Bucharest (Romania) – 2022-2025

Romanian Ministry of Education, National Agency for Scientific Research

- Research grant of 122 000 EUR for the project *New Actors and Mechanisms of Democratic Accountability in International Development: Reputation Building for ODA Emergent Donors* (PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4-2851), as Principal Investigator (2015-2017)
- Research grant of 70 000 EUR for the project *Institutional Features, Discourse Analysis and Impact of EU Emergent Donors in International Development* (PN-II-RU-PD-2012-3-0356), as Principal Investigator (2013-2015)
- Project manager for several mobility grants for diaspora researchers wishing to collaborate with Romanian universities, in the field of digital diplomacy (Corneliu Bjola – University of Oxford: 2016: PN-III-P1-1.1-MCT-2016-0026; 2017: PN-III-P1-1.1-MCD-2017-0162; 2019: PN-III-P1-1.1-MCD-2019-0054; 2023: PN-IV-P2-2.2-MCD-2023-0150; 2024: PN-IV-P2-2.2-MCD-2024-0349; 2025: PN-IV-P2-2.2-MCD-2025-0457)

United Nations Development Program & the European Commission, Kapuscinski Lectures on international development program: Funding of 43 000 USD for organizing international conferences and related activities on international development and global affairs (2009-2019)

European Commission & Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Funding of 13 000 USD for implementing the project *Prinde TRENdul-Train4AID: Training and Raising Awareness Campaign on Global Solidarity and Development* (June-October 2015)

Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs: "Book of the month" for the volume *Politica Națională de Securitate: Concepte, instituții, procese* [National Security Policy: Concepts, Institutions, Processes] (Iași: Polirom, 2007), co-edited with Marian Zulean.

US Department of State: *Summer Institute on United States Foreign Policy Program*, Fellow, June-August 2011

Open Society Foundation/International Higher Education Support Program: *Academic Fellowship Program* (AFP/HESP)

Returning Scholar, 2006-2009, Facilitator for the Political Science and International Relations Discipline Group, 2009-2010

Open Society Foundation/International Higher Education Support Program: *Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching* (RESET/HESP), Trainee on the "South Eastern Europe and the New Euro-Atlantic System of Security", 2005-2008

OSI/FCO Chevening Program: *Research Fellow*, 2005-2006, University of Oxford, St. Antony's College, European Studies Center

Central European University: *Outstanding Academic Achievement in Political Science Award*, June 2003

Romanian National Council for Audio-Visual: "Best TV show on media issues" for the TV show edited, presented and partially produced at Realitatea TV (Romanian News Channel) together with investigative journalist and editorialist Mircea Toma, 2002-2003

University of Bucharest: *Outstanding Academic Achievement in Political Science Award*, June 2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At the University of Bucharest, Political Science Faculty (since 2004)

Conflict and Cooperation in International Relations BA level, in English: 2017/2018; *Contemporary Issues in International Relations* BA level, 3rd year, in English: 2009/2010; *Contemporary Political Puzzles of International Public Affairs: Norms, Institutions, Diplomatic Practices and Emergent Global Challenges* MA level, 1st year, in English: 2025/2026; *Diplomacy and diplomatic negotiation* MA level, 1st year, in Romanian: 2015/2016-2025/2026; *European Union as a Global Digital Actor* MA level, 2nd year, in English: 2024/2025-2025/2026; *External Action of the European Union* MA level, 2nd year, in English: 2010/2011-2011/2012; *External Action of the European Union* BA level, 3rd year, in English: 2021/2022-2024/2025; *Fundamental Puzzles of International Security* BA level, 2nd year, in Romanian: 2012/2013-2025/2026; *Gastro-Diplomacy and the International Politics of Food* MA level, 1st year, in English: 2025/2026; *History of European Integration* BA level, 1st year, in English: 2014/2015; *International Conflict Analysis*

and Management BA level, 3rd year, in French: 2008/2009-2011/2012; *International Conflict, Negotiation and Mediation* BA level, 3rd year, in English: 2016/2017; *International Cooperation for Development* MA level, 1st year, in English: 2010/2011-2016/2017; *International Organizations* BA level, 2nd year, in French: 2014/2015-2016/2017; *International Relations Discourse Analysis* BA level, advanced undergraduates, in English: 2004/2005; *International Relations Theory* BA level, 2nd year, in English: 2004/2005-2007/2008, in French: 2004/2005-2007/2008, in Romanian: 2004/2005-2007/2008; *International Security and Development* BA level, 3rd year, in Romanian: 2013/2014-2014/2015; *Introduction to European Studies* BA level, 1st year, in English: 2014/2015; *Introduction to the study of International Relations* BA level, 1st year, in English: 2010/2011-2013/2014; in French: 2008/2009-2013/2014, in Romanian: 2008/2009; *Introduction to the European Union as a Global Digital Actor* BA level, 3rd year, in English: 2024/2025-2025/2026; *Introduction to the study of International Relations, Security and Development* BA level, 1st year, in English: 2014/2015-2019/2020, In French: 2014/2015-2020/2021; *Introduction to International Studies and Global Governance* BA level, 1st year, in English: 2020/2021-2025/2026; BA level, 1st year, in Romanian: 2022/2023; *Migration in International Relations* MA level, 1st year, in Romanian: 2009/2010; *Political Discourse Analysis* BA level, 3rd year, in English: 2004/2005, in French: 2004/2005, in Romanian: 2004/2005; *Politics and Governance in Asia and Australasia* BA level, 3rd year, in English: 2020/2021-2025/2026; *Public Communication and Risk Management in International Environments: Fundamentals of Diplomacy, Protocol, Negotiations, Lobby and Advocacy* MA level, 1st year, in English: 2018/2019-2023/2024; *The European Union and the Global Economic Governance* MA level, 2nd year, in Romanian: 2008/2009-2009/2010; *The European Union as an International Actor* BA level, 3rd year, in English: 2006/2007-2010/2011, in Romanian: 2013/2014; *The Global Agenda of Equal Opportunities* MA level, 1st year, in Romanian & French: 2011/2012-2016/2017; *The Global Agenda of International Cooperation for Development and Equal Opportunity* MA level, 1st year, in Romanian: 2017/2018-2021/2022; *The Global Agenda of Diversity and Equal Opportunity* MA level, 1st year, in Romanian: 2022/2023-2025/2026; *The Global Agenda of International Public Affairs: Concepts, Institutions, and Analytical Tools* MA level, 1st year, in English: 2018/2019-2024/2025; *Theories and Theoreticians in International Relations* MA level, 1st year, in Romanian: 2012/2013.

At the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Issues in Transatlantic Relations BA level, 3rd year (In English: 2007/2008-2010/2011)

International Organizations MA level, 1st year (In English: 2008/2009-2010/2011)

At the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Business and Administration

International Conflict Management MA level, 1st year (In Romanian: 2013/2014)

At the University of Bucharest, Centre for Life-Long Learning

Institutional, Financial and Policy Infrastructures in the Field of Digital Technologies and Science Diplomacy at European and Global Level (in Romanian: 2024-2025, peer-learning course)

At the Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences

Theories of International Development MA level, 1st year (In English: 2012/2013, a module as pro bono guest lecturer)

At the European Institute of Romania

European Union Institutions (Dec. 2017, Mar. 2018, Jun. 2018), training course for the staff that prepared the Romanian presidency of the Council of the European Union (2019). Updated version offered online in 2020-2025.

At the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romanian Diplomatic Institute

Analysis of Diplomatic Discourse (Jun. 2013), *Commercial Policy of the European Union* (Oct. 2013), *Cooperation for International Development* (Sept.-Nov. 2010), *European Union Institutions* (Jun.-Jul. 2009), *International Development Policy of the European Union* (Oct. 2013), *Contemporary Global Agenda of International Cooperation for Development* (Apr.2015, Oct.2015, Nov.2016)

Guest lectures for the MA course *Central European Politics* (András Bozóki, University Professor, Central European University, Political Science Department):

Romania's path from dictatorship to EU membership (2005/2006), *EU enlargement and its impact on Central European Regional Cooperation* (2004/2005), *Regional identities and organizations in Central Europe* (2003/2004)

Guest lecture for advanced doctoral seminars in social sciences (University of Aveiro)

Elite interviewing techniques (2014/2015, 2015/2016)

International cooperation for development (2015/2016)

Guest lectures for advanced doctoral seminars in social sciences (University of Lisbon, Institute of Social Sciences)

Elite interviewing techniques (2011/2012)

Challenges and prospects of international regionalism (2010/2011)

Trainer within the 3rd Research Methods School on Corruption and Corruption Control Analysis – CORAN (University of Lisbon, Institute of Social Sciences)

Interviewing institutional actors (September 2021)

OTHER

More than ten years of fieldwork experience as researcher, international consultant and project evaluator in over twenty countries from Europe, Southeast Asia and Latin America in the areas of development cooperation, EU external affairs and global civic education (since 2006).

Initiator, founding member and director of the Centre for International Cooperation and Development Studies (IDC), research centre at the University of Bucharest (since 2013)

Initiator and coordinator of *ProRISE – Professionals in International Relations and European Studies* Program (Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest), a pilot project aiming to promote critical reflection and dialogue between the academic and professional milieus in areas relevant for Romania as international actor and as member of the European Union (since February 2009). ProRISE was the core program that led to the creation of IDC in 2013.

Trainer on the evolution of the institutional, legal and normative framework of the global agenda for development in the context of the SDGs for RoAID – Romanian Agency for International Development Cooperation, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (2018)

Trainer on MDGs and poverty for WorldVision Romania (GRUNDTVIG project, “The faces behind statistics – How can the Millennium Development Goals influence your life”, 2012)

Author of learning kits on MDGs 1 & 8 for WorldVision Romania as part of a European consortium (EuropeAid project “Raising Awareness for Development Cooperation, 2011-2012)

Founding member and coordinator of *Future Continuous*, a multidisciplinary network of social scientists and projects from Romania and Hungary that seeks reconciliation between the two countries through academic, political and social dialogue (2005-2008)

Partners: University of Bucharest (Romania), University Babeş-Bolyai (Cluj, Romania), Center for Ethnocultural Resources (Cluj), Central European University (Budapest, Hungary), University Corvinus (Budapest, Hungary), Teleki Institute (Budapest, Hungary), University of Pecs (Hungary).

Initiator and coordinator of a training program on political journalism for political science students (2004/2005)

Partners: Radio France International, BBC Romania, Active Watch/Media Monitoring Agency, Centre for Independent Journalism, International Advertising Association.

Research assistant for a project on migration in German cities, conducted at the Central European University, Sociology and Anthropology Department (2003-2004)

Translation of interviews with migrants from Halle/Salle, from German into English; analysis of large sets of qualitative data (Atlas.TI) and data-reporting based on grounded-theory assumptions.

Presenter Editor for a weekly TV show on media and politics, for *TVR 1* (The Romanian National Public Broadcaster, 2000-2001) and *Realitatea TV* (Romanian news channel, 2001-2002)

Media Analyst and Project Coordinator for Media Monitoring Agency *Academia Cațavencu* (currently Active Watch/Media Monitoring Agency, 2000-2003)

Projects on hate speech, nationalism in mass media, and representation of the Romanian public life in the national and international press; development of methodology and weekly reports on media-monitoring (quantitative data).

Intern, Analysis of legislation and major lobby themes in the field of audio-visual, Romanian Parliament, Committee for European Integration (2000-2001)

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Initiator and co-coordinator, long life-learning study program in *Diplomacy and International Public Representation* (in Romanian), Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, since April 2025 (first generation admitted 2025-2026)

Initiator and coordinator, Master of Arts in International Public Affairs (in English), Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, since February 2017 (first generation admitted 2018-2019)

Initiator and coordinator, Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and European Studies (in English), Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, since March 2014

Coordinator, Office for International Relations and Communication, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, 2012-2020

Coordinator for International Relations and general academic coordinator, *SCOPE: Science of Politics – Interdisciplinary International Conference of Political Research* (2014-2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024) (www.scienceofpolitics.eu)

ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Editor-in-chief, *Analele Universității din București. Științe Politice*, since July 2021

President of the Board of Research Committee 33, International Political Science Association (IPSA), since July 2025 (since 2012, Member of the Board)