

# Andrada FISCUTEAN

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## ASSISTANT PROFESSOR | SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY JOURNALIST

Subject-area expertise in science and technology. Narrative storytelling, audio production.  
Knight Science Journalism Fellow at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2019-2020.

### SELECTED JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present      **UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST, FACULTY OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS**      Bucharest/Romania  
*Assistant professor (October 2025 – present)*  
*Course instructor (October 2021 – June 2024)*
- *Teaching:* Planned and taught the first **Science & Technology Journalism** course in Romania. It's a writing-intensive course that helps students to gain the skills required to report stories on public health, environment & climate change, and technology. Also taught **Radio Journalism** and **Social Media**.
  - *Research:* Created **ABC Lab** (Administration, Business & Communication) with Dr. Maria-Magdalena Rosu (Faculty of Administration and Business), which aims to promote interdisciplinary research and support young researchers.
- 2014-present      **FREELANCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY JOURNALIST (EASTERN EUROPE)**  
*Science and Technology Journalist*
- Written mostly long-form pieces for outlets including **The Guardian, Nature, Foreign Policy, Ars Technica, Vice Motherboard, WIRED, Dark Reading, and the Romanian media** (Minecraft Stories)
  - Regular contributor to **BBC World Service's** science show **Unexpected Elements** (since July 2023).
  - Regular contributor to **CSO Online**, one of the Top 10 cybersecurity outlets in the world (since 2018).
  - Co-edited "**From the Field: A Science Journalist's Handbook**," the first science journalism guide in Romania, alongside environmental journalist Cristina Radu. Co-wrote the guide's chapter on **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** with science journalist Daniela Vasilache.
  - Covered technology (**focus of cybersecurity and AI**), the environment, health, science in developing countries, women in STEM, history of technology in Eastern Europe.
- 2006-2025      **PROFM RADIO (DIGI GROUP)**      Bucharest/Romania  
*Editor-in-chief (November 2014 – October 2025)*  
*News Editor and Anchor • Science and Technology Writer (March 2006 – October 2014)*
- *Leadership:* Coordinated a team of up to six news editors who worked around the clock and covered current events in Romania and abroad.
  - *Local news project:* Hired, trained and coordinated a team of 5 news editors and 1 sound editor to create daily news content for 30 towns.
  - Anchored the news on the breakfast show.
  - Trained and mentored more than 50 young journalists and journalism students.
- 2016-2019      **DIGIFM RADIO (DIGI GROUP)**      Bucharest/Romania  
*Science & Technology Show Host*
- Hosted a weekly one-hour show on the latest discoveries in science and technology.
  - Conducted included audio interviews with researchers and technology professionals who explained concepts and offered tips.
- 2011-2015      **PROTV ONLINE (PROTV GROUP)**      Bucharest/Romania  
*Science and Technology Online Journalist*
- Covered current science and technology events happening in Romania and abroad.
- 2006-2010      **PROTV (PROTV GROUP)**      Bucharest/Romania  
*News Voice-Over*
- Voice-over for ProTV's news and health segment.
- 2008-2010      **DESCOPERA.RO**      Bucharest/Romania  
*Science and Travel Writer*
- Researched and wrote long-form stories on astronomy, nanotechnology, chemistry, biology, physics.
- 1998-2006      **SON RADIO LOCAL NETWORK**      Mures County/Romania  
*News Editor and Anchor (2004-2006) | Children's Show Host (1998-2004)*
- Wrote and reported the news on Sunday (2004-2006).
  - Hosted two children's shows: 'The 60-minute recess' (1998-2002), and 'Son Junior' (2002-2004).

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2025 **Investigative Journalism for Europe**
- **Project: Exploring the Environmental Impact of a Major Energy Project** – together with journalist Ashira Morris (Bulgaria)
- 2023 **The European Excellence Exchange in Journalism (E<sup>3</sup>J) & Free Press Unlimited**
- **Project: Bringing Offshore Wind to the Black Sea** – together with journalist Ashira Morris (Bulgaria)
  - Published a series of long-form stories that covered the topic of offshore wind energy in Romania and Bulgaria, a topic that had previously received minimal media attention.
  - Analyzed policy and legislation in both countries, bridging the gap between the technical, economic, and socio-political aspects of energy transition.
- 2021 **Pulitzer Center On Crisis Reporting - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.**
- **Project: Quitting Coal in Eastern Europe (Grant)** – together with journalist Ashira Morris (Bulgaria)
  - Published a series of feature stories that provide a comprehensive look at the multifaceted ways of decarbonization, taking into account the economic, environmental, public health, and cultural identity aspects of the end of coal in Eastern Europe
- 2019-2020 **Knight Science Journalism Fellowship at MIT - Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.**
- One of ten science journalists selected from around the world for an immersive year at MIT
  - Took classes at Harvard and MIT, studying topics including: technology and social change, public health, epidemiology & infectious diseases, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, creative writing, psychology
  - Attended fellowship seminars, professional development workshops (including data and statistics for journalists), visited scientific research hubs, met scientists
- Awards**
- 2024: **Azbee Awards, USA - Regional Silver (New England) for Impact/Investigative**  
(issuer: American Society of Business Publication Editors)
- 2023: **Eddie Awards, USA - Single Article, B2B Technology**
- 2020: **Azbee Awards, USA - Regional Gold (New England) & National Bronze for Individual Profile**  
(issuer: American Society of Business Publication Editors)
- 2017: Winner of two **SuperScrieri [SuperWritings] Prizes** (the most prestigious awards for journalism in Romania): **Best Feature Story** and **People's Choice Award** for [\*Ciori versus porumbei \(Crows vs pigeons\)\*](#), a long-form feature written for Romanian magazine DoR with Sorina Vasile.
- 2012: **Technology Journalist of the Year 2011** in Romania (Freedom House)
- Grants**
- 2016: **SuperScrieri Grant for Education** for a long-form piece on how the educational system deals with children's mental health problems, including depression. (Friends for Friends Foundation, Romania)
- 2016: **Changing the Future Grant** for a long-form piece on the future of housing and the emergence of gated communities in Romania. (DoR Magazine, Romania)

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## EDUCATION

- 2022-present **UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST** Bucharest/Romania  
*PhD student, Faculty of Journalism and Communication Studies*
- Studying how journalists convey scientific uncertainty and report on on-going science, as well as how scientific uncertainty can be used in mis/disinformation campaigns.
  - *Topics of interest:* Scientific Uncertainty, Science Communication, Agnotology, History of Science & Tech in Eastern Europe.
- 2008-2010 **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION** Bucharest, Romania  
*M.A. in Communication and Public Relations, Grade 10 out of 10*  
*Thesis:* The Online Rumor. The Internet as a medium for spreading rumors
- Courses**
- 2024: **How to measure complex phenomena in the digital society?** (Florence, Italy). Methodology workshop organized by the Robert Schuman Centre.
- 2023: **GIJN - Digital Threats: Cyber Investigations Training**, online (hosted by GIJN)
- 2021: **Detangling the Craft of Writing**, Boston, Massachusetts (hosted by GrubStreet)
- 2019: **Master Nonfiction**, Boston, Massachusetts (hosted by GrubStreet)
- 2018: **Entrepreneurial Journalism**, Ukraine (organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation)
- 2010: **RELATE [Research Lab for Teaching Journalists] Science Journalism Course**, Institute of Photonic Sciences, Barcelona, Spain (awarded by the European Journalism Centre, Netherlands)
- 2009: **EICOS [European Initiative for Communicators of Science] Fellowship** – Spent three weeks in labs at the Max Planck Biophysical Chemistry Institute in Gottingen, Germany, the Max Planck Neurobiology Institute in Munich, Germany, and the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France

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## PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES, GUEST TALKS

### ARTICLES

- Fiscutean, A.**, and Rosu, M.-M. (2025). Communicating scientific uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic: A turning point for journalism?. *JCOM* 24(03), A03. DOI: 10.22323/2.24030203
- Roșu, M. M., **Fiscutean, A.**, & Paun, M. (2024). The press and government, influencers of citizens' political opinions: A quasi-experiment on Brexit. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 46(2), 272-288.
- Fiscutean, A.** (2024). Reflectarea incertitudinii științifice în mass-media: concepte și abordări. *Transilvania*, 10(2024): 40-50. DOI: 10.51391/trva.2024.10.05
- Mihai, R.-I., **Fiscutean, A.** (2024). Using sequence labeling software to tackle scientific uncertainty in journalism, *Romanian Journal of Mathematics and Computer Science* 1(14).
- Wu, J., Rajesh, A., Huang, Y. N., Chhugani, K., Acharya, R., Peng, K., **Fiscutean, A.**, ... & Mangul, S. (2022). Virtual meetings promise to eliminate geographical and administrative barriers and increase accessibility, diversity and inclusivity. *Nature Biotechnology*, 40(1), 133-137.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- Fiscutean, A.** (2025). Influențe percepute de jurnaliști. Presiunea de a informa și realitățile de zi cu zi. In Vasilendiuc, N., Bardan, A., Ionescu, C., Matei, A., Șuțu, R.M., Anghel, G., Oprea, B. & Fiscutean, A. (Eds.), *Jurnalism sub presiune. O analiză a riscurilor și incertitudinilor profesiei* (pp. 199-237). Tritonic.
- Fiscutean, A.** (2022). Cybersecurity and Protecting Your Sources. In D. Blum, A. Smart, & T. Zeller Jr (Eds.), *A tactical guide to science journalism: Lessons from the front lines*. Oxford University Press.

### ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- Fiscutean, A.**, Rosu, M.M., Mihai, R.I. (2024, Nov. 12-16) *Navigating Uncertainty. A Sentiment Analysis of COVID-19 Articles Published by General Interest vs Science-Focused Outlets* [Conference presentation]. The Barcelona Conference on Arts, Media & Culture (BAMC2024). Barcelona, Spain.
- Vasilendiuc, N., Anghel, G., Bardan, A., **Fiscutean, A.**, Ionescu, C., Matei, A., Oprea, B., Șuțu, R.M. (2024, Sept. 24-25) *Exploring risk and uncertainty in journalism: A comparative study of Romania and Moldova using findings from the World Journalism Study 2021–2023* [Conference presentation]. ECREA2024. Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Fiscutean, A.**, (2024, July 4-5). *The pressure to inform - internal factors. The workday realities of journalists* [Part of Panel: Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Journalism in the Digital Age. Insights from the World Journalism Study 2023 on the Romanian Media Landscape]. Public Communication and Artificial Intelligence: Impact and Consequences, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania.
- Fiscutean, A.**, Rușu, M.M., & Băsu, C.E. (2023, June 29-30). *What makes science journalism click? Case study of MindcraftStories.ro headlines* [Conference presentation]. CEECOM2023, Brno, Czechia.
- Fiscutean, A.**, Stiegelbauer, A., Hera, C., Împușcatu, R., Sălan, A. Stancu, A.M., Horeanu, C., & Gulpe, A.M. (2023, June 15-16). *Online dietary supplement communication by Romanian pharmacies. The role of emotions and metaphors in influencing behaviour* [Conference presentation]. International Graduate Conference in Communication, Școala Națională de Studii Politice și Administrative, Bucharest. Romania.

### GUEST TALKS

**Delivered lectures, guest talks and workshops on science, technology and journalism topics:** George Washington University (2021), Harvard University (2020).

- Keynote speaker**
- **PyData Berlin (2018)** (one of the largest data science conferences in Europe): *Hacking the Iron Curtain. From smuggling computer parts to owning the world*
  - **BSides Bucharest (2018):** *The adventures of Lab ED011*

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Membership** [World Federation of Science Journalists](#) • [Association of British Science Writers](#) • [Society of Environmental Journalists](#) • [Balkan Network of Science Journalists](#) (board)

**Languages** English (Full professional proficiency) • Romanian (Native) • French (Working knowledge) • Italian (Basic)