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Institutional Affiliation

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

Current position

Professor of Contemporary History and International Relations (since September 2013);

Courses taught:

Faculty of History and Philosophy

BA, Contemporary History and Security Studies,

M.A. Programme, History, Memory and Orality in XX.th century

Faculty of Political Science, Public Administration and Communication Sciences

Faculty of History, University of Bucharest, MA History of Communism

Education

November 2004: Babeș-Bolyai University; PhD in Contemporary History; Dissertation title: "First Electoral Processes in East-Central Europe after the Second World War;"

July, 1996, MA, Babeș-Bolyai University, Contemporary History and International Relations

July 1995, BA, Babeș-Bolyai University, History

Work experience:

2013 Professor, Department of International Studies and Contemporary History, "Babes-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca

June 2007- March 2018, Vice-President of the Collegium of the National Council for the Study of Securitate Archives, Bucharest

October 2006- 2018, Member of the Collegium of the National Council for the Study of Securitate Archives

1995-1998 - Research Assistant, scientific researcher at the History Institute of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca branch

1993-1994 - Documentarist at the National History Museum of Transylvania, Cluj-Napoca, Department of Contemporary History

Memberships and awards

2014 - Member of the Society for Romanian Studies (SRS);

2013 – Member of the Romanian section of the International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions

2008–2020: Member of the Board of the periodical Caietele CNSAS, edited by the National Council for the Study of Securitate Archives (CNSAS);

2018: Member of the Scientific Committee of the The Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and Memory of the Romanian Exile (IICCMER);

2007–2009: Member of the Advisory Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania (Comisia Prezidențială Consultativă pentru Analiza Dictaturii Comuniste din România);

July 2006–December 2006: expert in the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania (Comisia Prezidențială pentru Analiza Dictaturii Comuniste din România); co-author of the Final Report of the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania (Raport Final al Comisiei Prezidențiale pentru Analiza Dictaturii Comuniste în România). Bucharest: Editura Humanitas, 2007;

Member in the Editorial Board of the Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences

Member in the Editorial Board of the Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai, seria Historia

Member in the Editorial Board of the Reviews: Studii și Materiale de Istorie Contemporana, Revista Arhivelor; Anuarul IICCMER, Philobiblon, Archiva Moldavie, East European Journal of Diplomatic History.

Participation to international research projects

Member 2006–2009, Remembering Communism: Methodological and Practical Issues of Approaching the Recent Past in Eastern Europe, Project no. 1432-0144; Directors: Maria Todorova (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Stefan Troebst (University of Leipzig); funded by the Volkswagen Foundation,; <https://www.hsozkult.de/project/id/projekte-169> ; 2001-2005, Transforming Property, Persons, and State: Collectivization in Romania, National Science Foundation, BCS 0003891 and the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Council for Eurasia and East European Research, contract 816-12g, coordinators'. Gail Kligman și Katherine Verdery,

Coordinator -LEARNING HISTORY THROUGH PAST EXPERIENCES: Romanian citizens under the Surveillance of Securitate during 1970s-1980s”in the Programme "EUROPE FOR CITIZENS" 2007 – 2013, co-finanțat de EU prin Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), 2008-2009

For publications see the: [detailed CV](#)